



Peninsula Tramping Club (inc)

FOOTNOTES

Monthly newsletter of PTC. Affiliate of Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ Inc.

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CORRESPONDENCE, including changes of address etc. can be sent to the club secretary—see above

OUR CLUB consists of people of all ages who tramp for recreation. Regular trips are organised, ranging from 'easy' to 'hard', day trips to long weekends. Various instruction courses run each year to improve members' skills for back-country tramping. In addition to a monthly club meeting, a variety of social events are held.

CLUB NIGHTS are held on the **second Tuesday** of each month at the **Baptist Church Hall, 286 Oxford Terrace (corner of Madras Street and Oxford Terrace)** starting promptly at 7.45 pm. Doors open 7.30.

Tue 11 Aug



WHAT'S THAT IN MY BILLY - a trumper's guide to freshwater critters
Angus McIntosh's will cover related to NZ freshwater environments by introducing a number of the animals trampers come across in their travels. Angus is a freshwater ecology researcher and teacher at the University of Canterbury
 See <http://www.biol.canterbury.ac.nz/ferg/> Angus is also a photographer
 See <http://www.ecologylive.com/> so you can expect plenty of photographs, and maybe some video from above and below-water.
Supper Duty: Geoff Spearpoint, Pam Steele, Liz Stephenson

Tue 8 Sept



FOLLOWING IN SHACKLETON'S FOOTSTEPS

Lorraine and Malcolm Wilmshurst spent three weeks in January visiting the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula. They were able to retrace part of Ernest Shackleton's 1914-15 expedition and the epic voyage of the James Caird lifeboat.

Supper Duty: Joy Schroeder, Russell Taylor or Barbara Brown, Bill or Wendy Templeton

New Venue for Peninsula Tramping Club Nights

PTC club nights are now held at the **Baptist Church Hall at 286 Oxford Terrace**, on the corner of Madras Street and Oxford Terrace, just south of the Avon River and Kilmore Street.

COMING TRIPS

Day Trips

Depart from and return to a convenient point on the side of town nearest to the destination. Non-members are asked to phone the trip leader in advance. If you doubt your suitability for a day-trip, or if the weather is turning bad, contact the trip leader beforehand. A phone inquiry does not oblige you to go on the trip.

Weekend Trips

May leave on a Friday night (usually for base camps) or Saturday morning. Please book with the trip leader by the closing date. Be certain you want to go on the trip when booking, as it is not fair on the leader to withdraw after the closing date (good excuses excepted). Numbers on some weekend trips are limited, so book promptly.

8 Aug

Saturday



QUAIL ISLAND PLANTING

Maps BW20,K34

Enjoy a few hours on Quail Island planting natives as part of the Quail Island/Otamatua restoration project. The planting season covers the first four weekends of August. Tools and the free launch trip are provided. Take lunch, water and gardening gloves if you have them. Book with Kerry Moore 359 5069, moorekj@xtra.co.nz by **Thur 6 Aug**

9 Aug

Sun



MT CLOUDSLEY

Maps BW20,K34

Merv Meredith 322 7239

Moderate walk up this 2100m peak on the Craigieburn Range. Ascending Long Spur from behind Castle Hill Village.

Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd

Approx cost \$16

15-16 Aug

Sat-Sun



HANMER BASE CAMP

Maps BU24,25,M31,N31,N32

Glenda & Merv Meredith 322 7239

We went to Hanmer last year and it was popular, so we will go back this year—doing it in style, staying again at the Forest Trust Camp on Jollies Pass Road. We have three bunkrooms booked in the modern Ensor Lodge, plus our usual kitchen and lounge, the Reid kitchen, which has just had the heating ungraded. Friday night, drive up there when it suits. A full range of trips on offer from an easy few hours to moderate hard all-day. Be in early to book a place.

List closes 5 August

16 Aug

Sun



CHILDREN'S BAY - NGAIO POINT - ONAWE PENINSULA

Maps BX25,BY25,N36

Maureen Thompson 377 2482

Easy trips to various walkways around Akaroa Harbour.

Start: 9:30am Halswell School 437 Halswell Rd

Approx cost \$10

23 Aug

Sun



BLACK HILL, RAKAIA

Maps BX20,K35

Calum McIntosh 376 6133

A moderate-hard trip, hopefully in good snow, to this 2067m peak. Up the south bank Rakaia Road, to start up a farm track behind Redcliffe Station and over Redcliffe Hill. A round-trip south to point 1934m and down it's spur back to the farm track. Ice axe and crampons required.

Start: 7:30am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd

Approx cost \$20

29-30 Aug

Sat-Sun



AVALANCHE – CROW

Maps BV20,K33

Kerry Moore 359 5069

A classic moderate trip ascending Avalanche Peak from Arthurs Pass then following the ridge before dropping down a scree slope to Crow Hut. Sunday, walk out to Klondyke Corner

List closes 22 August

- 30 Aug Sun** ■ **HAMILTON PEAK** **Kevin Hughes 3326281** **Maps BW21,K34**
 We'll let our cars do the hard stuff, then walk up the Broken River ski field road. This will give us time to make a **moderate** ascent to this 1922m peak on the Craigieburn Range via Nervous Knob. Returning the same way. Snow will still be present, so take your ice-axe.
Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$17**
- 5-8 Sep Sat-Tue** ■■■■ **CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, PISA RANGE** **Calum McIntosh 376 6133** **Maps CB12,F40,41**
 Cross country skiing originated in Scandinavia thousands of years ago. It's the great-great-grandfather of all ski sports. If you are an intermediate down-hill skier with moderate tramping fitness you will enjoy cross country skiing. Phone Calum to discuss.
List closes 22 August
- 6 Sep Sun** ■ **CHARING CROSS** **Margaret Clark 348 4993** **Maps BU 24,M32**
Easy-moderate tramp to this 999m peak in the Tekoa Range behind Culverden in North Canterbury.
Start: 9am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St **Approx cost \$16**
- 12-13 Sep Sat-Sun** ■■ **HAWDON - EAST HAWDON** **Kerry Moore 359 5069** **Maps BV21,K33**
 Not a long trip, but **moderate-hard** in difficulty. Crossing over the tops between the heads of the Hawdon and East Hawdon valleys, probably via the summit of 1700m Smooth Peak (a misnomer) and along Blackball Ridge to the Hawdon.
List closes 22 August
- 12 Sep Saturday** ■ **MT FOWERAKER** **Gary Huish 332 7020** **Maps BV21,K33**
Moderate-hard trip in Arthurs Pass National Park to this 1804m peak between Sudden Valley and Red Beech Stream. Now this peak, recently named after UC's first professor of forestry, can stand tall opposite Pyramid. It is very conspicuous as you go west along the Cass straight.
Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$20**
- 19-20 Sep Sat-Sun** ■■ **PUDDING HILL STREAM BASE CAMP** **Keith McQuillan 384 6164** **Maps BX20,K35,K36**
 Base camp at the Salvation Army's Camp Koromako near Mt Hutt forest with a variety of **easy to easy-moderate** walks
List closes 12 September
- 20 Sep Sun** ■ **LAGOON SADDLE - MID HILL** **Calum McIntosh 376 6133** **Maps BV20,K34**
Moderate trip at Arthurs Pass heading up to Lagoon Saddle and continuing on to climb 1831m Mid Hill.
Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$20**
- 26-27 Sep Sat-Sun** ■■ **HENRY RIVER - ANNE - BOUCHER** **Merv Meredith 322 7239** **Maps BT23,M31**
 This moderate hard trip starts on The St James Walkway, before climbing to the Henry Saddle to cross the Libretto Range to the Anne Hut. Returning via Boucher Stream to Foleys Track.
List closes 16 September

- 26 Sep Sun** ■ **QUAIL ISLAND** **Maps BX24,M36**
TBA Please contact Kerry Moore 359 5069 if you would like to lead this trip
 An easy tramp around Quail Island with some stunning cliff top views. A chance to look at all the trees we have helped to plant over the years.
Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church) **Approx cost \$0**
- 3-5 Oct Sat-Sun** ■■ **WOOLLEY RIVER** **Maps BT19,20,L30,31**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
 Three day **moderate-hard** round-trip on the east side of the Victoria Range, north of Springs Junction. Untracked travel through beech forest with camping at the bush line. Some tops travel before returning via another valley.
List closes 23 September
- 3 Oct Saturday** ■ **LEITH HILL** **Maps BW21,K34,35**
Ruth Barratt 335 0010
Easy-moderate trip to the 1384m peak behind Castle Hill Villiage. Possibility of round trip behind the Castle Hill scenic reserve.
Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$16**
- 10-11 Oct Sat-Sun** ■■ **POTTS RIVER - DOGS RANGE - MYSTERY LAKE** **Maps BX18,J35,J36**
TBA Please contact Kerry Moore 359 5069 if you would like to lead this trip
 Moderate tramp up Potts River to the historic Potts River Hut. Return traversing Dogs Range and Mystery Lake.
List closes 22 August
- 11 Oct Sun** ■ **MT BEALEY - AVALANCHE PK** **Maps BV20,K33**
Calum McIntosh 376 6133
 This **moderate-hard** trip, traversing the range from the ridge to Mt Bealey to Avalanche Peak in Arthur's Pass, makes an excellent moderate-hard round trip. Expect a long day.
Start: 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$25**

SOCIAL EVENTS

Tues 18 Aug Mum's 24 Restaurant



Relax and enjoy a Korean or Japanese meal with your PTC friends. There are 4 menus as well as wine/beer and the meals are reasonably priced from \$8-\$25
 See for yourself at www.mumsrestaurant.co.nz/menu
 Meet at the restaurant at 62 Manchester St (between St Asaph and Moorhouse) at 7.00 pm.
 Bookings to Maureen by Sunday 16 Aug.
 Contact Maureen Thompson, mothompson@xtra.co.nz or text/phone 021 266 5778

Tues 15 Sep Spring Campus Walk



Come for a walk around the spring gardens of the uni grounds, Ilam. Walk will start at 6pm from the intersection of Homestead Lane and Ilam Road. Dinner at 7.15pm at a restaurant, yet to be decided. Please let Margot know by **12 September** if you are coming to dinner.
 Contact Margot Bowden, margot.bowden@gmail.com or phone 332 7020

NOTES

Deadline for the Sept newsletter Mon 31Aug

Next committee meeting 7:30pm Tue 25 Aug at Merv's

TRIP REPORTS



Lake Daniells. 27-28 June 2015

Five keen trampers drove toward Lewis Pass, Saturday morning. This was the weekend after heavy snowfalls. A week before Lewis Pass was closed with snow and a week of black ice on Canterbury roads resulted. So the views of snow on the mountains through the pass were stunning. We passed an upturned 4WD that had spun off the road and saw ambulances passing for another accident. Graeme knew to drive very carefully after losing traction on his way to pick up his passengers. He said there'd been snow in the Sheffield area all week. We arrived at the Marble Hill rest area, late morning, and headed off towards Lake Daniells with the DoC sign predicting a 3hr walk to the hut. It was a stunning stroll—over the deep blue water at the Sluice Box, through beautiful beech forest, and moss-covered land. The path was so nice. It was great to be able to look at the bush, the stream, and waterfall views, instead of our feet.

We found a cosy lunch spot, and we weren't worried about the group of young people following behind us, as the hut has over 20 beds—very luxurious. Arriving at the hut in under 3hr gave us extra time to start the fire from the damp wood in the wood (and coal) shed. We got it going well enough for the lower part of the

chimney to glow a dull red, and shared a yummy few cuppas, and delicious whiskey-flavoured mud-cake, made by Jane. This was a lovely peaceful time in the hut.

When the youngsters arrived we made them responsible for the fire, and we walked to the end of the lake where we were able to look back to see the hut 1¾ km away. The lake looked stunning in calm weather with a group of small black scaup paddling around. There was a lot of windfall of beech trees but we basically followed the edge of the lake, for an hour. As daylight was fading we returned briskly to the hut. The track would be hard to find in the dark, especially around windfalls. Before we went indoors we gathered wood, hoping it would be drier for the next group than the fuel we had to use.

It was a cosy night in the hut, feasting on my spaghetti bolognese, and Kerry's delicious, gingernut, custard and sago delight dessert which tasted just as good the next morning for breakfast. Thanks to Mary for doing the dishes, Graeme for being the fire master, Jane for the mud cake, and Kerry for organising. We were:
Graeme Hunter, Mary McKeown, Jane Smith, Kerry Moore and Gayle O'Halloran 🚶 GO

Camp Creek Hut 4 - 5 July 2015

Six enthusiastic trampers left Avonhead at the very civil hour of 8am. Our leader had been concerned the weather might not be very kind to us but it turned out to be splendid - not a streak of cloud in the sky. The drive to Arthurs Pass was absolutely stunning with snow capping most of the mountains. Every now and then we saw a white paddock with an almost unrecognisable mound - presumably the remains of snow-men made the previous week, making our journey very pleasant and joyful.

Our drivers Dan and Derek demanded a coffee shop stop when we arrived at Arthurs Pass Village. Of course the rest of us had to comply since they were VIP's. Dan ordered a meat pie with his coffee. I ignorantly implied that was his lunch. Wow! In mock outrage he swore that he would have me slaving around the hut for making such a comment.

We turned off to the right, just past Jacksons pub where the sign pointed to Lake Brunner. After driving about 6 km, we crossed Camp Creek Bridge and turned into the car-park. We were on the track before noon. Although the track has been recently cut by DoC, there were still some rough edges and hanging branches so our leader thought to make his contribution, snipping with his heavy duty secateurs all the way up to the hut.

Camp Creek runs quite rapidly and is deep in places. Twenty minutes from the car park we dipped into the ice-cold water, the deeper part of the water being up to my middle thigh. We leaped over a few big boulders, and pulled ourselves up the banks. Around a corner we stepped up onto some stone steps and a very delightful surprise come into sight - a very welcoming rustic looking but extremely well made letter box complete with a receptacle for a milk bottle! Made by stacking up stone and a few old logs, it indicated that our destination would soon be sighted. I have to salute the creator of this incongruous structure which added humour and light to our journey.

A very fresh, newly-painted white Lockwood building resides in the valley and when we arrived we could still glimpse the last of the setting sun. The hut has been taken over from Landcare by DoC and they've done a bit of refurbishing. There is a steel bath near the hut. I was quite intrigued that DoC had not just preserved the bath but even improved it by installing a running tap, chimney and a space underneath for a fire to heat up the water - with an underground chimney, no-less. The hut has 6 bunks in two rows.

It was 3:20 when we arrived at the hut and the cold and shadows were creeping in. Although it was a fine day, inside the forest, under the thick canopy it was quite damp and dark. Derek diligently went around the hut gathering more fire wood to add to the wood shed, and sawed and stacked some big logs. When it came to lighting the fire Geoff wasted no time. He had even gone to the extent of carrying a big bag of coal just for the purpose of firing up the bath. His pack weighed 22kg, and I had a go at carrying it, but could hardly straighten my back, let alone walk.

Since I was idling around, I proposed that I redo Aarn's portrait - an unfinished art-work from a few years ago on the Garden of Eden trip. I got out my torch to supplement the fading light, and successfully finished the



The hut as it was in 2011, bath-tub chimney in foreground

“masterpiece”. I tried to refrain from feeding the log burner because on previous trips I have been unjustly accused by Kevin many times of being a pyromaniac. In fact Geoff is also obsessed with fire but denies any such fixation. Dan became my next portraiture victim and had to sit dead still by candle light. I used some artistic licence to give him a Roman hero look, hoping he would say he resembled Julius Caesar, but instead he claimed to look more like Brutus the villain. Beauty is indeed in the eye of the beholder.

Our leader could hardly wait to dive into the bath as soon as the water had warmed up. He was the first and also the last to remain for hours. He also reported hearing a kiwi calling in the distance. What an amazing experience to have a bath in the open wilderness. Lying down and gazing blissfully at the universe.

Rain came in the middle of the night, pounding down on the roof. The noise resonated with my fellow trampers’ sleeping sound. It eased to showers in the morning. We had a good sleep-in and lazed around the hut for hours before setting off on the way out. The rain made the track quite slippery, and luckily the river level had not risen much, and we could still cross with ease.

We stopped at Otira Hotel for a very early afternoon tea. The place has very interesting historic pictures and artefacts. Time seems to have stood still there, it felt like we were still back in the 50s or 60s. As we walked in, there were a few people sitting around, all focussed on a big screen TV. We stood waiting for a few minutes before a woman reluctantly looked away from the box and distractedly dragged herself off the couch towards the counter. Nevertheless the big open-fire warmly welcomed us and defrosted our still frozen toes.

Thank you to our leader Geoff, for a well-organised and a fantastic trip! The magnificent six were: **Geoff Spearpoint, Aarn Tate, Dan Pryce, Derek Gane, Kevin Hughes and Yvette So.** 🏠 YS

Flagpole Hill—Sun 26 July 2015

Five PTC members set out from Christchurch for Whitecliffs with a little bit of uncertainty regarding the weather forecast. An hour and half after leaving the car in the farm at the end of Flagpole Road, we reached the summit Trig, having passed a couple of female pig hunters heading out with two pigs on the back of their quad bike. Unfortunately the view was spoiled by rain which had reached us from the west.

Nevertheless we headed down the back to the pine trees for lunch and shortly after leaving the summit, the sun came out and stayed out for the rest of the day. On the away back we had a short side-trip exploring a long horizontal mine-shaft. Although some of the walk was in pine forest and most on farm or forestry tracks, the views of snowy hills in the background and the pleasant scenery of the upper Selwyn River flats made for a very enjoyable tramp.

Thanks to Stuart for a great trip and his local knowledge of the surrounding terrain. 🏔️ RB



From left: Sandra White, Ruth Barratt, Joy Schroeder, Stuart Payne. Photo by Jillian Fulcher

Mt Torlesse – Wed 22 July 2015

Torlesse was scheduled on our PTC programme for Sunday 19th July but yet again this winter nor'west gales were forecast. So I canned it. But Wednesday's weather looked ideal. A Communicator message elicited a 'yes please' from Milan and an email from John Allan to say Over Forties TC had Torlesse scheduled for Wednesday, so why not go with them?

Why not indeed. Consequently I was at the Yaldhurst Pub at 8am, but there was only Ian Fussell there with a message from John saying the cross-town traffic was crawling. John arrived then we then picked up Milan in Sheffield. On to Springfield where Ian was confident the "Springfield T.C." would be waiting. And they were. Our leader Bridget, plus Helen, Murray and Neil. So we had a good group of eight.

Walking from the pine trees at 9.10am it was obvious that despite the weekend fall, the remaining snow was higher up and boney, courtesy of the norwester—mostly soft as well, so not easy climbing. But who would complain on a near-perfect day like that. Except I got cramp! But let's forget that.

On top just before 2pm for late lunch, we then descended the eastern spur. Hadn't been down there for ages. And dropped behind the research hut about 5.10pm. Out to the vehicles in the dark at 6.25pm.

Thanks for having us OFTC and for your company. 🏔️ Merv Meredith