



# Peninsula Tramping Club (inc)

## FOOTNOTES

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

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### October 2015

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**New Member Enquiries** Please contact Stan Wilder, 021 255 3880 or [swilder@clear.net.nz](mailto:swilder@clear.net.nz), to request an info-pack. You will also receive three complimentary newsletters

**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 13 Oct



#### **MOUNTAIN HUTS - WHAT IS THEIR FUTURE?**

Huts are a significant part of our outdoor culture. **Geoff Spearpoint** will look at huts generally, but focus on recent developments in maintaining huts, his experience with Tunnel Creek Hut and several others. He will include Consortium Funding, how volunteers are fixing huts, and look at how others could get involved.

**Supper Duty: Terry Thomsen, Sophie Toutain, Peter Umbers**

Tue 10 Nov



#### **LOOKING UP**

**Graham Townsend** will present, Looking Up—a light-hearted trampers' view of the night sky, with a few bits of cosmology thrown in.

As a bonus: A selection of images from the 2015 FMC Photo Competition will be shown

**Supper Duty: Barbara Brown, Wendy Wallace, Pam Steele**

## 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.

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| <b>11 Oct<br/>Sun</b>        | <b>MT BEALEY - AVALANCHE PEAK</b><br><b>Gary Huish 332 7020</b>   | <b>Maps BV20,K33</b>     |
| ■                            | This <b>moderate-hard</b> trip, traversing the range from the ridge to Mt Bealey to Avalanche Peak in Arthur's Pass, makes an excellent round-trip. Expect a long day. Take ice-axe and crampons.<br><b>Start: 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd</b>                                   | <b>Approx cost \$25</b>  |
| <b>17-18 Oct<br/>Sat-Sun</b> | <b>HURUNUI HUT, BIKING</b><br><b>Chris Leaver 322 6445</b>  | <b>Maps BU22,L32,L33</b> |
| ■■                           | <b>Easy-moderate</b> overnight biking trip to this comfortable hut to the west of Lake Sumner. Start from the Lake Taylor road. The Hurunui hot springs are a short ride from the hut.<br><b>List closes 7 October</b>  |                          |
| <b>18 Oct<br/>Sun</b>        | <b>BROKEN HILL</b><br><b>Evelien Baas 358 5521</b>  | <b>Maps BW21,K34,L34</b> |
| ■                            | <b>Moderate</b> trip to this peak near Flock Hill Resort. Splendid views of Castle Hill Basin and the Craigieburn Range.<br><b>Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd</b>  | <b>Approx cost \$16</b>  |
| <b>24-26 Oct<br/>Sat-Mon</b> | <b>BARKER HUT - MT HARPER, MT SPEIGHT</b><br><b>Raymond Ford 261 9310</b>   | <b>Maps BV20,K33</b>     |
| ■■■<br>Labour                | <b>Hard</b> trip at the head of the Waimakariri River. Walk to Barker Hut on Saturday. Climb Mt Harper or Mt Speight on Sunday and walk out Monday. Ice axe and crampons are required<br><b>List closes 7 October</b>   |                          |
| <b>24-26 Oct<br/>Sat-Mon</b> | <b>FREEHOLD CREEK - DUMB-BELL CREEK</b><br><b>Merv Meredith 322 7239</b>  | <b>Maps BZ14,H38</b>     |
| ■■■<br>Labour                | <b>Moderate</b> tramp onto very nice tops near the Ohau skifield. Friday night 6pm departure, camping by Lake Ohau. Walk up Freehold Creek to Dumb-bell Lake for two nights. A variety of options for Sunday depending on weather. Driving home Monday<br><b>List closes 14 October</b> |                          |
| <b>25 Oct<br/>Sun</b>        | <b>TIROMOANA BUSH - KATE VALLEY</b><br><b>Colin Wilmshurst 383 2471</b>   | <b>Maps BV24,N34</b>     |
| ■                            | <b>Easy</b> coastal trip east of Waipara, through bush and wetlands to a remote beach. Great views to Pegasus Bay and Banks Peninsula. Nice walk and pleasant day out.<br><b>Start: 9am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St</b>  | <b>Approx cost \$9</b>   |

- 31Oct-1Nov** **CARRINGTON HUT** **Maps BV20,K33,K34**  
**Sat-Sun** **Kerry Moore 359 5069**  
 ■■ **Easy-moderate** flat tramp to a spacious near the Waimakariri River headwaters of Arthur's Pass National Park. Spectacular views in all directions.  
**List closes 23 October**
- 31 Oct** **STOUR RIVER - MANUKA HUT, BIKING/HIKING** **Maps BX19,K36**  
**Saturday** **Geoff Korver 355 3905**  
 ■ **Easy-moderate** walking or biking trip starting up the Stour River to Manuka Hut.  
**Ring Geoff if you plan to bike it** **Approx cost \$20**
- 7-8 Nov** **LAKE MAN** **Maps BU22,L32,M32**  
**Sat-Sun** **Kevin Hughes 3326281**  
 ■■ **Moderate** tramp up the Doubtful River from the Lewis Pass road. Camping at Lake Man Biv. Returning along the Doubtful Range over Mt Murray.  
**List closes Sun 1 Nov**
- 8 Nov** **PUDDING HILL RANGE** **Maps BX20,K35,K36**  
**Sun** **Ruth Barratt 335 0010**  
 ■ **Moderate** trip from Awa Awa Reserve, cross Pudding Hill Stream and head up the ridge towards Mount Bruce (1829m). Return the same way from whichever high point we reach.  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd** **Approx cost \$16**
- 13-15 Nov** **GLORIANA AND/OR FAERIE QUEENE** **Maps BT23,M31**  
**Fri-Sun** **Gary Huish 332 7020**  
 ■■■ **Hard** climb starting along St James walkway to Ada Pass, then down the Ada River to Camera Gully. We'll camp in or above the gully and climb Gloriana and/or Faerie Queene on Saturday, walking out on Sunday.  
**Show WE** **List closes 7 November**
- 14 Nov - ?** **TE ARAROA – TAKITIMU** **Maps CD09,CE09,D43,44**  
**Sat- ?** **Sue Piercey 384 9567**  
 ■■■? Walking the Takitimu section of the trail from Mavora Lakes.  
**Show WE** **Contact Sue about this trip.**
- 13-15 Nov** **LAKE CLEARWATER BASE CAMP** **Maps BX18,J36**  
**Fri-Sun** **TBA Please contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip**  
 ■■■ Base camping at this site with many opportunities - Mts Harper, Guy, Sunday, Potts as well as just lazing around.  
**Show WE** **List closes 7 November**
- 14 Nov** **KNOWLES TOP - ASHLEY GORGE** **Maps BW22,23,L34**  
**Sun** **TBA Please contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip**  
 ■ **Easy** trip up a ridge off the Glentui Road, with good views from Ashley Gorge to the coast.  
**Start: 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St** **Approx cost \$8**
- 21-22 Nov** **KELLYS CREEK - HUNTS SADDLE - KELLY RANGE** **Maps BV20,K33**  
**Sat-Sun** **TBA Please contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip**  
 ■■ A **moderate** trip in Arthurs Pass NP. Varied terrain, much of it off-track, a chance to travel through some less-visited APNP country.  
**List closes 21 November**
- 22 Nov** **GOAT HILL** **Maps BV20,K33**  
**Sun** **Calum McIntosh 376 6133**  
 ■ **Easy-medium** trip in Otira area. Track heads off from the landfill up the ridge near Barrack Creek. Good views to be had from this location.  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd** **Approx cost \$25**

- 28-29 Nov**     **COPLAND PASS - WELCOME FLAT**     **Maps BX15,BY15,H36**  
**Sat-Sun**     **Raymond Ford 351 9496**  
 ■■     The Copland Pass used to be one of New Zealand's greatest alpine tramps, linking the grandeur of Mount Cook, with the West Coast bush and the hot springs at Welcome Flats. The erosion of Stewart and Copland Gullies on the eastern side of the Main Divide has isolated Hooker Hut on an inaccessible piece of lateral moraine. We intend to climb Copland Pass via a gully further up the glacier. Ice axe skills and crampons will be required.  
**List closes 14 November**
- 28-30 Nov**     **PINNACLE**     **Maps BT22,L31**  
**Sat-Mon**     **Kerry Moore 359 5069**  
 ■■■     **Moderate-hard** trip in Victoria Forest Park near Springs Junction. Camping out by one of the numerous alpine tarn basins along the way. The route crosses the Upper Grey River and takes in 1500m Pinnacle.  
**List closes 14 November**
- 29 Nov**     **MT CHEESEMAN - MT OLYMPUS**     **Maps BW20,K34**  
**Sun**     **Merv Meredith 322 7239**  
 ■     We'll let our cars do the hard stuff, up to Cheeseman ski field. This will give us time to ascend to the crest of the Craigieburn Range, and tramp along to Mt Olympus, one of the more dramatic viewpoints on the range. Returning the same way. **Moderate-hard**  
**Start: 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**     **Approx cost \$17**
- 5-10 Dec**     **CLARENCE RIVER RAFTING**     **Maps BT26,O30,O31**  
 ■■■■■■     **Geoff Price 343 5001**  
 Rafting the Clarence River  
**Contact Geoff about this trip.**
- 5-7 Dec**     **CASEY SADDLE - LAKE MINCHIN**     **Maps BV21,22,K33**  
 ■■■     **TBA Please contact Gary Huish 332 7020 if you would like to lead this trip**  
**Moderate** tramp in Arthur's Pass NP. Starting from Andrews Shelter, then over Casey Saddle, we'll stay at the new Poulter Hut with time for a day trip to remote Lake Minchin.  
**List closes 28 October**
- 6 Dec**     **BANKS PENINSULA TRAVERSE**     **Maps BX25,BY25,N36,N37**  
**Sun**     **Merv Meredith 322 7239**  
 ■     A long day makes this a **moderate** trip. Walking between Orton Bradley Park and Montgomery Park (near Hilltop Tavern) along the summit walkway. Includes Mt Herbert, the highpoint of the peninsula, and several bush reserves. Good views of much of Banks Peninsula. We aim to have a group starting at each end with a car-swap. Take plenty of water!  
**Start: 8am Church Corner (across from church)**     **Approx cost \$13**

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Tue 20 Oct



### McCormacks Bay Walkway then dinner at Curry En-route.

Make the most of the lighter evenings for a walk with great views. Meet at 6 pm, corner of McCormacks Bay Road and Glenstrae Road. We will walk up McCormacks Bay track and then go down the road to the Indian restaurant at 2 Soleares Avenue at about 7.15 pm.

Take a torch and sturdy shoes as the track can be a bit rough. Take your money with you unless you are leaving your car near the restaurant. Book for dinner by **Sunday 18 Oct** to **Keith and Marion McQuillan, 384 6164 or 021 264 1773**

Tues 15 Dec

**Walk and BBQ**

Walk around Victoria Park area followed by a BBQ at Gary and Margot's.  
 Details in the Nov newsletter. [margot.bowden@gmail.com](mailto:margot.bowden@gmail.com) phone 332 7020.

**NOTES**

**Membership** We welcome **Vesna Mojsilovic and Nadeine Dommissie**  
**Paul Moreham has resigned and moved to Nelson**

**Deadline for the Nov newsletter** Sun 1 Nov

**Next committee meeting** 7:30pm Tue 27 Oct

**TRIP REPORTS****Charing Cross—6 Sept 2015**

Our leader, Margaret Clark had done an earlier reconnaissance so knew exactly where to park our two cars. Our walk began mid-way between The Grampians and Cascade homesteads. From one farm track we climbed on well-grazed pasture past a herd of cows up to another track which went most of the way to our 999m destination. The team sat for lunch at a fence-line just short of a steep spur near the top. If humans consider their heads to be their selves then we can say we climbed to 1000m. Our feet made it only to 999m. This was a pleasant walk through a mixture of rock types and with great views. We were: **Margaret Clark, Jill Fenner, Alison Maccall, Vesna Mojsilovic, Wendy & Bill Templeton, Kerry Moore** 🏠 KM



Self-timed photo by Vesna's camera



View to the Pahau River, Amuri Plain and Lowry Peaks Range

### **Mt Foweraker—Sat 12 Sept 2015**

This prominent mountain in Arthur's Pass National Park was recently named after Charles Foweraker, who was a senior lecturer in botany and forestry at University of Canterbury from 1914 to 1951.

We were fortunate that Bill's vehicle could carry six passengers thanks to the "kiddie seat" in the back which Derek volunteered to occupy. Thanks to Derek we needed only one vehicle for a trip to the rail bridge near the Mt White road bridge. A

1½ km walk on the Waimakariri Rr flats got us to beech forest and another 1½ km up a steep beech forest spur that starts near Red Beech Stream. We had lunch at the bush-line then made our way past some awkward snowy crags before getting to the snow-field. The snow was mostly soft with some hard patches. As the slope steepened we put on crampons and headed for the NE-SW spur that leads to the peak. We got to the top for a leisurely afternoon tea while



appreciating the snowy peaks all-round.

The snow decent was a joy and even the craggy bits were easier as we took a better route. The very narrow route down the beech forest spur was much easier to push through on the way down. We had a quick water stop at Red Beech Stream, walked the final flat section, then over the rail bridge 10 minutes ahead of a coal train. We had knocked the F k r off. We had climbed 1250m and walked 6¾km each way. 1804m Foweraker is definitely more accessible than the nearby 1938m Dome. We were: **Gary Huish (esteemed leader), Derek Gane, Bill Templeton, Peter Umbers, John Robinson and Kerry Moore** 🏠 KM

### Base-camp Victoria Street — Fri 18 Sept 2015

To mark **World PARKing Day** the club set up a “base-camp” on a Victoria Street car park. Maureen nabbed the spot at 0800 and set up with help from Kerry and Darcy. With large office buildings on either side of the road lots of staff looked out at our antics and tried to figure what our boot-print PTC banner was about. Googling PTC didn’t enlighten them so they were forced to send a deputation down to ask. One “suited” worker enquired and asked to have a little lie-down in our tent to create a photo-opportunity for his fellow staff. Darcy and Kerry approached passers-by to sell them on PTC and handed out lots of newsletters. Maureen handed out cookies and offered free coffee. The car-park adjacent to ours had a cycling group with a cycle-mounted blender making smoothies for visitors. Cars were able to use our site after 1pm. Feedback from Stan Wilder reports that he’s had enquiries from interested people so Maureen’s bold initiative has obviously been effective. 🏠 KM



### Kowai River Valley Explore – Sat 26 Sept 2015

With this maxim in mind we set off from Church Corner—always drive to the start of the track in case the weather is better where you are going. It wasn’t.

Ten hopeful souls started walking from the Kowai River carpark at 9.15am in cold, drizzly weather. We followed the track above the Kowai Stream, keeping our feet more or less dry, and arrived at our third river crossing minutes before reaching the John Hayward Memorial hut on Brooksdale Station. This hut was built

for Lincoln College in 1973. Hydrology research was carried out in this welcoming little building. Once everyone was inside the primus was lit and hot tea enjoyed, whilst snow fell outside. If you come on our trips, hot tea in cold weather is almost always guaranteed. When everyone was warm and fed we discussed climbing to Bobs Knob and along the ridge, or to explore further up the valley towards the Gap. As visibility was poor we chose the latter.



Following the river while staying on the terraces, was both pleasant and interesting. At times the cloud cleared to reveal the area around Foggy Peak. With Kerry at the front of the pack, and me at the back we continued up-valley, descending into a steep little side stream, and back onto the river terrace until we reached the “Kowai Gorge”. We saw a couple of cairns marking a route and some evidence that people use this route. Kevin was perhaps the only person who had walked this way before. At this point it was obvious that upwards was the best direction to take. It also became evident as to how to approach The Gap, should we ever consider doing it from this direction. Earlier in the week I had discussed this route with Graham Allely, who has climbed The Gap from this direction. I did find his advice worthwhile. So we scrambled up towards the top of a small knob, below Torlesse and headed back towards the hut.

By now it was nearing 1pm (oops I forgot about lunch! – the approach to The Gap being very interesting); but needless to say every trapper has a “stomach-clock”, and at precisely the right moment we found ourselves in a small *Dracophyllum* clearing that provided some shelter from the breeze. The weather had cleared sufficiently for some watery sunshine to make our lunch stop feel pleasant and warm. The clouds cleared, so that we had a fleeting view of The Gap. We continued down a spur to get back onto the terraces near the hut.

Before taking our leave of the hut, we brewed the billy once more and then Darcy swept the floor and we headed out. This time we followed the river down to the beehives, criss-crossing at the various bends so we had very wet, cold feet – better at the end of the day than at the beginning. On several occasions, some of us linked up and did proper river crossings. We arrived at the cars about 4pm.

We were: **Kevin Hughes, Jill Fenner, Alison Maccall, Hank Boer, Darcy Mawson, Stuart Payne, Mary McKeown, Kerry Moore, Geoff & Mary Korver.** (Ten in all - a good muster considering the marginal weather) 🌲 MK.