



*PTC Monthly
Newsletter
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| New Member Enquiries: | Stan Wilder | 260 2340 | Contact Stan to request an info-pack. You will also receive three complimentary newsletters |
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Our Club

The PTC 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

Club Nights are held on the **second Tuesday** of each month at the **Baptist Church Hall, 286 Oxford Terrace (corner of Madras St. and Oxford Terrace)** at 7.45 pm. Doors open 7.30pm.

Tues 8 Aug

Why green the red zone – Ashley Campbell, Co-chair Greening the Red Zone

An overview of Greening the Red Zone’s vision and the benefits for all of Christchurch of returning the red zone to nature. Ashley will also talk about how to get involved in the consultation being run by Regenerate Christchurch. People who support the vision will be able to join Greening the Red Zone on the night. It costs \$10pa, and you will get a super-duper bumper sticker for free along with your membership. [Greening the Red Zone](#)

Supper Duty: Tanya Jacobson and Lynda Jenks

Tues 12 Sept

Geology of the Kaikōura / Hurunui earthquake - Marion Schoenfeld, Geological Hazards Analyst, Environment Canterbury

We are all familiar with the landscape that was changed by the Kaikōura / Hurunui earthquakes. Ms. Schoenfeld will talk about what happened, why and where it happened, and what next.





FORTHCOMING 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.

Bike Trips

The Club has a mountain biking section, Fat Tyre Fanatics, who head out on casual day trips throughout the year. For details in biking trips contact Chris Leaver 322 6445, or ptc75@clear.net.nz.

- 6 Aug** **Mt Vulcan** **N34 BV24,25**
Sun **Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905**
* An **easy-moderate** coastal exploration via Goose Gully in chalk hills a little north of Waipara.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St **Approx cost \$13**
- 12-15 Aug** **Cross Country Skiing**
Calum McIntosh 376 6133
**** 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. Dates flexible according to snow conditions. Ph Calum to discuss.
List closes 5 Aug
- 12 Aug** **PINE REMOVAL, CASTLE HILL BASIN**
Saturday **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
 Stem the advance of pesky pines. Volunteers and contract sprayers have made serious inroads on the pine menace. We need to keep up the momentum. Enjoy a **cost-free** day slaying these enemies.
List closes 10 Aug
- 13 Aug** **Stony Bay Peak** **N36,N37 BX25,BY25**
Sun **Wendy Wallace 338 0550**
* **Easy-moderate** starting from Vernon Lodge, Akaroa and walking up the Banks Peninsula Track to Purple Peak and along to Stony Bay Peak
8am PMH, Hackthorne Rd end, over the rd by the rr **Approx cost \$13**
- 19-20 Aug** **Lawrence Hut** **BW18**
Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905
** An **easy-moderate** flat walk from Erewhon Station up the Clyde River and into the smaller Lawrence River to this cosy hut
List closes 13 Aug
- 20 Aug** **Mt Cheeseman - Mt Iazard** **K34 BW20,21**
Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
* **Moderate-hard** snow trip to two 2000m peaks in the Craigieburns, via 1000m Hogsback. Ice axe and possibly crampons required.
Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$14**

- 26-27 Aug** **Camp Creek, Alexander Range** **K32 BU20,BV20**
Kevin & Heather Hughes 332 6281
****** **Easy-moderate** trip to the hut at the base of the Alexander Range east of Lake Brunner.
List closes 19 Aug
- 26 Aug** **Chch 360°--Estuary Marshes**
Saturday **Derek Gane 337 8264**
***** This 19.8km sector of the CHRISTCHURCH 360 TRAIL commences at the clock tower, Scarborough and finishes at the Pages Road bridge over the Avon River. The route includes the Christchurch Coastal Pathway, and skirts the Avon-Heathcote estuary.
Meet 0900
- 27 Aug** **Maukuratawhai** **N31 BT24,25**
Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
***** Over Jacks Pass behind Hanmer, this **moderate** tramp climbs to the 1615m summit that's easier to climb than pronounce
Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$21**
- 27 Aug** **Kids Tramp, Lake Coleridge**
Sun **Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905**
***** An easy trip so youngsters can get Mum and Dad out walking. More info and booking with Bruce tec@gmail.com
Approx cost \$15
- 2-3 Sep** **Duffy Creek** **L31 BT22**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
****** A short **moderate** trip to the tops through open forest in the Victoria Range.
List closes 26 Aug
- 2 Sep** **Kowai Hut** **L34,35 BW21**
Saturday **Mary McKeown 358 7717**
***** An **easy** walk to this hut then east to point 1211 on the ridge for a view of the plains, or explore further up the Kowai
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$11**
- 9-10 Sep** **Basins Hut--Casey Tarn--Birdwood Range** **K34 BV20,BW20**
Kerry Moore 359 5069
****** A circuit along the Avoca River to Basins Hut then up to Casey Tarn and on to the Birdwood Range to exit at Glenthorne Station. **Moderate-hard or easy** if anyone wants to go in and out the same way
List closes 2 Sept
- 10 Sep** **Sugarloaf, Cass** **K34 L34 BV21**
Sun **Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help**
***** Sugarloaf, at 1360m near Cass, is one of the bigger ones of this name. Situated inside a bend of the Waimakariri River, there will be superb views of the river, of nearby Mt Binser, and of the lakes and hills of the Cass area.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$18**
- 16-18 Sep** **Black Hill Hut** **K33 BV20**
Chris Leaver 322 6445
******* **Moderate** trip to this hut in Oxford Forest. Three days so we have a full day for a side trip to Chest Peak. Less energetic people could be content with a walk to the top of 1300m Black Hill.
List closes 9 Sept

- 17 Sep Sun** **Castle Hill Peak** **L34,L35 BW21**
Raymond Ford 351 9496
 * **Moderate** climb from Porters Pass to the highest peak on the Torlesse range at nearly 2000m. Fine views all around. Take ice axe and crampons.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$12**
- 17 Sep Sun** **Castle Hill Peak-The Gap-Kowai Stream** **L34,L35 BW21**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
 * **Moderate-hard** climb from Porters Pass to the highest peak on the Torlesse range at nearly 2000m. Fine views all around. Returning through The Gap and Kowai Stream. Take ice axe and crampons.
Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$12**
- 23-24 Sep** **Princess Bath, Lake Tennyson** **M30,M31 BT24**
Diane Mellish 337 5530
 ** **Moderate** tramp to this tarn basin at 1700m, behind Lake Tennyson in the upper Clarence Valley. Includes a chance to climb nearby 2126m Mt Princess. Camping out.
List closes 16 Sept
- 24 Sep Sun** **Coach Stream - Rabbit Hill** **K35 BW21**
Keith McQuillan 384 6164
 * **Easy-moderate** round-trip to point 1179m in Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park and returning on the old coach track. Starting from the bend where the road climbs to Porters Pass.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$12**
- 29-01 Sep** **Kaikoura Base**
Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905
 *** A chance to explore the uplifted coast and maybe support some local businesses
List closes 18 Sept
- 30-1 Sep** **Hawdon - East Hawdon** **K33 BV21**
Kerry Moore 359 5069
 ** A **moderate-hard** trip to East Hawdon Biv and on to Mt Valiant or along Savannah Range to Woolshed Hill
List closes 23 Sep
- 30 Sep Saturday** **Chch 360° Trail**
Barry McKessar 332 9591, 021 803 934
 * A further leg of the Chch 360° Trail
- 1 Oct Sun** **Panama Rock--Otepatotu Reserve** **N37 BY25**
Chris Leaver 322 6445
 * Starting in Le Bons Bay we'll explore tracks in Panama Rock Reserve including the grunt up to Laverick Ridge road. Then follow a legal road to Otepatotu Reserve and 755m Lavericks Peak. Spectacular views of the dyke, bays and remnant totara forest. **Easy-moderate**.
Meet 8am Halswell School 437 Halswell Rd **Approx cost \$13**
- 7-8 Oct** **Lake Man** **L32,M32 BU22,23**
Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038
 ** A **moderate** trip to this attractive alpine lake in the Lewis Pass area. Starting from above the Engineers' Camp, crossing the Boyle and up the Doubtful and Kedron to camp at the biv or camp near the lake. A track up to the Doubtful Range and along the ridge is a good return route back to the highway.
List closes 30 Sept

- 8 Oct Sun** **Rakaia Gorge Walkway** **K35 BX20**
Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905
 * This **easy** trip offers a return walk with a spectacular clifftop traverse of the Rakaia Gorge to the remains of the Snowdon coal mine. Views across the river to Mt Hutt. Bruce has been known to stray a little and visit the nearby Terrace Downs for morning tea/coffee
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$14**
- 14-15 Oct** **Walker Pass - Tarn Col - Edwards** **K33 BV20,21**
Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help
 ** One of the classic APNP tramps. This **moderate** trip takes in the Hawdon and Edwards valleys, a couple of attractive alpine passes and views of what's left of Falling Mountain.
List closes 7 Oct
- 15 Oct Sun** **Mt Peel** **J37 BY19**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
 * **Moderate-hard** ascent of this 1743m landmark in South Canterbury, passing through podocarp forest and subalpine scrub with 7km along the tops beyond Little Peel. Planning to drive down Saturday afternoon and camp at Peel Forest campground. Early start on Sunday for Big Mt Peel for a longish day.
Ring Merv **Approx cost \$23**
- 21-23 Oct** **Freehold Creek - Dumb-Bell** **BZ14 BW17**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
 *** **Moderate** three-day tramp on to very nice tops near the Ohau skifield. Plenty of alpine tarns to camp beside, and take in views of the main divide.
List closes 14 Oct
- 22 Oct Sun** **Te Oka Reserve-Devils Gap** **N37 BY24**
Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905
 * An **easy-moderate** exploration of these two reserves with grand views of the southern bays. Devils Gap reserve contains impressive bluffs, popular with rock climbers.
8am PMH, Hackthorne Rd end, over the rd by the rr **Approx cost \$11**
- 21-23 Oct** **Murchison Base** **L29,M29 BR23**
Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help
 *** **Easy to moderate** range of tramps from our base in Murchison. There are some easy walkways very close to the town, while a short drive away are easy moderate Lake Matiri and moderate Mt Murchison (via 4WD track). Lyell walkway is also not too far away.
List closes 15 Oct
- 27-31 Oct** **St James Walkway** **M31,M32 BT23,24,BU23**
Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help
 ***** **Easy-moderate**, ever-popular circuit going from near Lewis Pass to Boyle Village. We'll be looking up at some snowy >2000m peaks and crossing the low Anne Saddle and an even lower Ada Pass. Good track through beech forest and river flats. Staying in huts along the way. Indicate your preference for a 4 or 5 day hike.
List closes 20 Oct
- 28 Oct Saturday** **Chch 360°**
Barry McKessar 332 9591, 021 803 934
 * A further leg of the Chch 360° Trail
Start 0900
- 29 Oct Sun** **Paterson Hill** **L34 BW21**
Gary Huish 332 7020
 * A moderate circuit up to the low ridge that runs beside Staircase Gully at the SE end of Korowai/Torlesse
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$12**

SOCIAL EVENTS

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| Thurs 24 August | Potluck and quick quarry walk. Meet 6:15 pm at the entrance to Halswell Quarry Park on Kennedys Bush Road. Bring a torch. Then enjoy a potluck meal at Chris Leaver and Graham Townsend's house (11 Watling's Place, Kennedy's Bush). Email Chris or Graham ptc75@clear.net.nz |
| TBA | Beach walk at Spencerville |

NOTES

Membership: There were no new members or no resignations for last month

Deadline for the May Newsletter: 31st August - send to Ruth Barratt rannalong@gmail.com

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 29th August 2017

Trip Photos:

The Club maintains a gallery of photographs on its website. Keeping this up to date allows people to see what recent trips the Club has undertaken. Can trip leaders send or nominate someone to send some photographs from each trip to Kevin Hughes, ptc@nivek.co.nz, so we can keep this record current?

FMC Photo Competitions 2017

Up to 7 photos from our members have been selected to submit to the FMC competition. PTC members will get a chance to see these photos at a PTC meeting early next year.

Updated Trip Leader's Check Lists

The information for trip leaders has been updated to include some useful information about what to do in an emergency. The club is also going to keep track of serious events that may result in rescue or serious injury – such events shall be followed up by the PTC President or Vice President.

TRIP REPORTS

East Enders Track - Sunday 16 July 2017

On a fine Sunday morning at 9am our eight assembled at Barnett Park and lead by Helen--our very experienced east ender--headed up the quite muddy track towards the summit road. The Barnett Park track that goes to caves is disused since the Christchurch quakes. After a morning tea stop at a large water tank we headed parallel to Clifton Tce then zigged to the other side of the little valley towards the new development of Richmond Hill, once a farm and golf course. From Windsor Castle, a 298m hill, we followed the gravel road to the Summit Road, crossing over it to walk to Jollies Bush with its well-planned array of tracks and healthy-looking vegetation. At the lower reaches of the reserve we had a lunch stop. Four of us sat in the old stone shelter and four in the sun beside the summit road. In a cool breeze we climbed higher along the crater rim to reach 499m Mt Pleasant which gives a super view of Lyttelton.

Down a spur road, we reached the Summit Road via Broadleaf Lane and walked east to big pines to connect with the EE Track. We reached the cars at 3pm as the predicted rain arrived--all ten rain-drops of it. This was an enjoyable circuit with great views. Our thanks go to guide Helen for her experienced navigation and planning. We were: **Helen Harkness, Jill Fenner, Chris Leaver, Graham Townsend, Stan Wilder, Joy Schroeder, Wendy Wallace and Kerry Moore ** KM**



MT WHITE 9TH JULY 2017

Mt White rises to 1741m to the north of Mt White Station. The station is a long drive in, back east after crossing the Waimak on the iconic Mt White bridge. Consequently we would look for a Plan B if the forecast was not good for the day. In July 2010 we scored a brilliant day with good snow. Since then we have scheduled the trip a few times but the weather has not played ball. THIS TIME, the forecast was good, promising little wind although we knew the snow would be limited.

So it was all go at church corner at 7.00am with nine in two 4WD's and John R to pick up at Sheffield.

Walking by 9.40am from the pig's fence down from the station buildings, we followed the same circuit as in 2010, along the farm track east to near the base of White Spur, up through a little bit of bush to gain the spur and follow it up. Through the bush we were really given the message by a few very vocal, possessive bellbirds. Above pt1529m the steeper south face was fairly crusty with little snow, so not easy and good to get up onto the upper spur, cross a shallow snow gully and up the final ridge to the top for lunch about 1.00pm. Still limited snow with cloud on the western side mostly blocking our view on that side, but great to be there again.

As planned, we descended the same way before dropping off steeply at a 'corner', to head more directly down toward a fenceline visible below and the station beyond. Back at the vehicles at 4.15pm we still had daylight to repack, do the money, feed the pig and start the long drive out. Definitely a good day out. We were: **Markus Kaufmann, Merv Meredith, Kerry Moore, Sue Piercey, Dan Pryce, John Robinson, Geoff Spearpoint, Liz Stephenson, Peter Umbers and Wang. MM.**

