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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.

<p>Tues 11 September</p> 	<p>2018 Tour Aotearoa – Lesley Woudberg</p> <p>Tour Aotearoa is 3,000km long! This isn't a race! You can expect to ride through horrible storms, suffer festering boils, crash and hurt yourself, not to mention mechanical problems. At times, you'll be tired and miserable and wish you had never been born...What else? Oh yeah, homesickness, mental fatigue, aggressive drivers, navigational errors etc ... "HONESTLY, I WOULDN'T ENTER IF I WAS YOU!"</p> <p><i>Supper duty:</i> Miriam Preston, Deborah Rhode, Ian (Rowie) Rowe.</p>
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Tues 9 October	<p>Members' photos from recent overseas jaunts</p> <p>A number of club members have recently been tramping or biking in different countries. Come and share photos of your adventures with your fellow club members. Book in (early) your 10-minute (or less) presentation with Brian Smith brian21x@xtra.co.nz, and give your pictures to Brian by 7.30pm on club night.</p>
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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, contact the trip leader beforehand. A phone inquiry does not oblige you to go on the trip. If the weather is turning bad, contact the trip leader or if you use email check the PTC Communicator the day before for trip updates.

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 on biking trips contact Chris Leaver 322 6445, or ptc75@clear.net.nz.

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| 8-9 Sept | <p>Cass Saddle—Lagoon Saddle</p> <p>https://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz31550/Cass-Saddle/Canterbury</p> <p>** Popular moderate round-trip, overnighing in the good-sized Hamilton Hut. Mainly good track through beech forest, two tussock saddles, grassy flats, with a few river crossings thrown in.</p> <p>List closes 2 Sept</p> | Kevin Hughes 332 6281 |
| 8 Sept | <p>Hinewai</p> <p>https://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz37090/Stony-Bay-Peak/Canterbury</p> <p>* This easy-moderate trip visits a 980ha botanical reserve occupying most of Otanerito Valley in south-east Banks Peninsula. The area has over 12km of tracks and is privately managed for the protection and restoration of native vegetation and wildlife. This time we have the added advantage of a knowledgeable guide</p> <p>Meet 8am PMH, Hackthorne Rd end, over the rd by the rr</p> | Mary Korver 355 3905 |
| Saturday | <p>Kaneiri Base</p> <p>http://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz32001/Lake-Kaniere/West-Coast</p> <p>** A popular place to do a variety of day trips such as Mt Brown and Mt Tuhua. Also Kaniere Water Race Walkway and Hokitika Rr Gorge. Arriving at the holiday house Fri night</p> <p>List closes 9 Sept</p> | Kerry Moore 359 5069 |

- 16 Sept** **Castle Hill Peak - Gap - Kowai Stream** **Paul Bingham 332 8592**
Sun <http://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz32623/Castle-Hill-Peak/Canterbury>
***** **Moderate-hard** climb from Porters Pass to the highest peak on the Torlesse range at nearly 2000m and continuing to The Gap then descending to Kowai Valley and back to the pines near the foot of the Porters Pass road. Take ice-axe and crampons.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$14**
- 22-23 Sep** **Snow Caving** **Gary Huish 332 7020**
http://www.topomap.co.nz
****** Snow caves are surprisingly comfortable and a welcome shelter from mountain winds. Gary will show you this useful survival technique
List closes 16 Sept
- 22-23 Sep** **Duffy Creek** **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
http://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz35408/Duffy-Creek/West-Coast
****** This **moderate** trip in the Victoria Range climbs to the head of Duffy Creek before circling east to camp by the tarn south of 1575m. Sunday is a shorter day, continuing south over 1557m to descend the spur through forest to SH7.
List closes 16 Sept
- 23 Sept** **Bowenvale—Hidden Valley** **Stan Wilder 260 2340**
Sun <https://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz30130/Victoria-Park/Canterbury>
***** An **easy-moderate** trip covering tracks that you probably didn't know existed.
Meet 9am at the Bowenvale car-park
- 29-3 Sep** **Wangapeka Track** **Keith McQuillan 384 6164**
https://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz39865/Little-Wanganui-Saddle/West-Coast
********* Historic, **moderate** tramp, crossing the southern half of Kahurangi National Park. Two saddles to cross and plenty of huts to sleep in. If enough people are interested then we can have a party starting from each end and crossing somewhere near the middle.
List closes 16 Sept
- 30-Sep** **Daylight saving--clocks back at 2am Sunday**
- 30-Sep** **Mt Enys from Porters** **Diane Mellish 337 5530**
Sun <https://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz31273/Mount-Enys/Canterbury>
***** We're using the Porters Ski Road to do some of the climbing onto the main Craigieburn ridge heading for 2194m Mt Enys via points 1997,1961, 2029, 2040. Take ice axe and crampons for this **moderate-hard** trip.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$16**
- 6-7 Oct** **Turtons Saddle** **Angela Grigg 03 318 1988**
http://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz31124/Turtons-Saddle/Canterbury
****** This **moderate** section of the Te Araroa Trail goes from the Rakaia Rr up Glenrock Stream and down Turtons Stream. Going up Round Hill Stream it crosses Clent Hills Saddle, then we plan to exit on the Swin River Track to Lake Heron
List closes 30 Sept

- 7-Oct** **Cheeseman—Olympus** **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
Sun <https://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz31523/Mount-Cheeseman/Canterbury>
***** This **moderate-hard** trip starts from the Middle Hut car park on the ski-field road at about 1300m. We go through the ski-field to Cockayne on the ridge, south to point 1950, skirt Cheeseman to gain the big broad western spur that curves around all the way to Olympus at 2094m. The craggy southern bump is 2096m but who's counting. Returning via Mt Cheesman. Take ice axe and crampons
Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$19**
- 13-15 Oct** **Ashburton Glacier** **Diane Mellish 337 5530**
<https://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz30529/Ashburton-Glacier/Canterbury>
******* A **moderate** walk to this glacier in the impressive Arrowsmith Range. The Ashburton Glacier feeds the South Branch of the Ashburton River.
List closes 7 Oct
- 13-14 Oct** **Peel Forest Base**
<http://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz27647/Peel-Forest/Canterbury>
****** Camping at Peel Forest where we can do short walks and climb Little Mt Peel
List closes 7 Oct
- 14-Oct** **Mt Peel** **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
Sun <http://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz27631/Mount-Peel/Canterbury>
***** **Moderate-hard** ascent of this 1743m landmark in South Canterbury, passing through podocarp forest and subalpine scrub with 7km along the tops beyond Little Mt Peel. Planning to drive down Saturday afternoon, camp at Peel Forest for an early start on Sat for this 10hr day.
Call Merv **Approx cost \$23**
- 19-23 Oct** **Scamper Torrent** **Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038**
LabWknd <https://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz30708/Scamper-Torrent/West-Coast>
******** A **moderate-hard** tramp up the Waitaha River, past Morgan Gorge (subject of a possible hydro-power scheme) to Scamper Torrent Hut in the Smyth Range
Fri-Mon **List closes 14 Oct**
- 19-22 Oct** **Freehold Creek--Dumb Bell** **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
LabWknd <https://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz21849/Freehold-Creek/Canterbury>
******** A **moderate-hard** trip starting from Lake Ohau. Camping Fri night at Lake Middleton. Saturday, up Freehold Creek to the bushline and up to the low-point on the range between 1922m and 1817m. From there the route drops north to Dumb-Bell Lake where we'll camp. Sunday, a day-trip from the head of the lake to the ridge running via 1942m around to 2007m Mt Sutton. Great views in all directions from this big flat area. Monday, home. For more info talk to Merv.
Fri-Mon **List closes Sat 13 Oct**
- 22 Oct** **Vulcan** **Leader needed**
Monday <https://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz37219/Vulcan/Canterbury>
***** An easy walk to this low 442m hill near Motunau Beach
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St **Approx cost \$15**

- 27-28 Oct Walker Pass - Tarn Col - Edwards** **Dan Pryce 356 1962**
<https://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz32218/Tarn-Col/West-Coast>
****** One of the best-known 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 21 Oct
- 28 Oct Barnett Park--Windsor Castle--Jollies Bush** **Helen Harkness 384 2890**
Sun <https://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz30195/Windsor-Castle/Canterbury>
***** An **easy-moderate** exploration on both sides of the Summit Road, round Greenwood Park visiting Windsor Castle, Jollies Bush and Mt. Pleasant
Meet 9am Barnet Park
- 3-4 Nov Klondyke—Right Branch Rahu Stream** **Peter Umbers 359 9118**
<http://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz35400/Rahu-Saddle/West-Coast>
****** **Moderate** tramp from Rahu Saddle in Victoria Forest Park. Camping out in a tarn basin below some 1500m peaks. A round trip, dropping into Lake Stream for the return trip. Some great views of the surrounding area from the tops.
List Closes 28 Oct
- 4 Nov Cass River—Point 1911** **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
Sun <http://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz32920/Mount-Misery/Canterbury>
***** A **moderate-hard** trip in the Black Range. Starting up the Cass River Track to Long Valley Stream, sidle the waterfall on the TR and circle around the head of the basin up to peak 1912m for views all around. Then a great scree run back down to the track and out.
Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$21**
- 10-11 Nov Temple Col—Goat Pass** **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
<http://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz32196/Temple-Col/Canterbury>
****** A **moderate-hard** crossing from Temple Basin to the head of the Mingha River to stay at Goat Pass Hut
List closes 4 Oct
- 10 Nov Cutty Grass Hut** **Keith McQuillan 384 6164**
Saturday <http://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz28636/Cutty-Grass-Hut/Canterbury>
***** Near Mt Hutt, this **easy-moderate** walk starts on the Mt Alford track, climbs a little and then crosses to the track that leads up-valley to Cutty Grass Hut.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd **Approx cost \$19**
- 16-18 Nov Lake Angelus via Speargrass** **Leader Needed**
Show <http://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz36568/Lake-Angelus/Tasman>
******* A **moderate** trip in Nelson Lakes NP to this scenic gem
List closes 11 Nov
- 16-20 Nov Mt Saxton--Leatham--Severn River** **Diane Mellish 337 5530**
Show <http://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz38424/Saxton/Marlborough>
********* A **moderate-hard** circuit in Marlborough, approached from the Molesworth Road
List closes 11 Nov

SOCIAL EVENTS

<p>Tuesday 18 September</p> 	<p>Board Games evening and pizza dinner</p> <p>Meet at 6.30 pm at Maureen Whalen's house in 146 Tennyson St, Sydenham. Please bring a SMALL plate of before-dinner nibbles, or a sweet treat to share, and your own drinks. We will order a selection of pizzas, including vegetarian options (approx. \$15).</p> <p>As a new PTC initiative to make life easy for the hosts, we suggest people bring a <u>plate</u>, <u>cutlery</u> and <u>glass</u> and take them home to wash. Bring your favourite card, scrabble or board games, or just have a chat with friends.</p> <p>Bookings to Maureen Whalen, including any dietary requirements, by Sunday 16 September. Text: 027 8199251 or email: mswhalen47@gmail.com</p>
<p>Tuesday 16 October</p>	<p>Adventure Park walk and dinner</p> <p>Details to be confirmed and circulated later</p>

NOTES



President's notes

Our president is currently in Germany where she says the locals like their bicycles, and their packs big and heavy!!

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.

Deadline for the October newsletter: Friday, 28 September – please send newsletter items to Raymond Ford: fordrm@snap.net.nz

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 25 September 2018

TRIP REPORTS

Og Gog Magog - 12 August 2018

I was agog when I arrived at the meeting place at 7:57 to see twelve keen trampers about to depart. Stuart had selected drivers and allocated people to cars. I was soon accommodated, and we were on our way. Just short of Cass we turned onto Craigieburn Road and drove past Lake Sarah and almost to St Bernard Saddle. Setting off in a cool breeze we headed for Og, hunting as we walked for wilding pines. In the first hour two pines were detected and after that not a single pine was seen.

Og, Gog and Magog are only 825, 924 and 930 metre hills but there is enough down between them to make this a worthy day trip. Views to the Craigieburns, Mt Misery, Mt White Station and the broad Waimakariri River valley are most attractive. The descent from Gog is quite steep so most of the team took a NE spur before approaching Og number three. From Magog we back-tracked a short way then headed for the road to be met by one of our drivers, thus saving a 5km road walk.

A good day out, led by **Stuart Payne** in the company of **Helen Harkness, Joy Schroeder, Jane Severn, Ian Beale, Liz & Hugh Conly, Kyung Sang Lee, Douglas Woods, Diane Dixon, Jill Fenner, Mohammed Ayat and Kerry Moore.** ** KM



Boyle Flat Hut – Faust – 18-19 August 2018

Wipers were needed briefly as we crossed the Hope River bridge on our way to Boyle Village but our three set off in clear weather. We escaped a cool breeze and found a sunny river flat near the row of poplars about halfway to Boyle Flat Hut for lunch and reached the hut by mid-afternoon. Merv busied himself tidying the woodshed and around the stove then attacked a 20cm diameter branch with the little carpenter's saw. Peter and Kerry had a cuppa and then joined in the working bee. The hut was getting cold in late afternoon so Merv coaxed the fire to life and burned some of the wood we'd collected. Dinner was instant soup, macaroni and smoked salmon followed by hot custard.

The team arose at 0600 to a ripping frost and were away up a nicely marked track towards Faust by 0715. A peppering of snow on the trees hadn't melted despite the sunny Saturday. Kerry set the pace and at one point got off the track and had to push through dense re-growth. Correcting took about 10 minutes, aided by Merv who'd stayed on-track.



Looking towards the Spenser Mountains

Emerging from the trees we were greeted with a still, sunny day and minimal snow to impede us. Further up, the snow was deeper but very manageable. Crampons stayed in our packs. Hare-prints seemed to precede us in the new snow almost everywhere we climbed. We were on Faust well before lunchtime and got down to the bushline just after noon. The forest track had us guessing initially but we found the start and made good time. Low down at a clearing we got off-track and an old marker pole seemed to give us a bum-steer, so it was fifteen minutes before we got back on track, down to the outdoor exercise equipment and onto a track alongside the Boyle River to the road, then the village. A recommended trip with a climb from Boyle Flat Hut of 900m and a descent of 1100m. With less snow you'd see the tarns, not just flat circles of snow.

We were: **Merv Meredith, Peter Umbers and Kerry Moore # \$ KM**