



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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The **CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPING CLUB** has members of all ages and runs tramping trips every weekend ranging from easy (no experience required) to hard (high fitness and experience required). We also organise instruction courses and hold weekly social meetings. Membership rates per year are \$32 member, \$38 couple, \$16 junior or associate.

EQUIPMENT HIRE: The Club has a range of equipment (tents, ice axes, crampons, harnesses, large and small weekend pack, billies and a mountain radio) for hire to members at reasonable rates. Contact Gear Custodian, Bernard Parawa 981 4931. Note: Club gear assigned to you to carry on a trip is your responsibility; please take care of it.

Our **CLUB HUT** in the Arthur's Pass township has the comforts of home but with the mountains at the back door. Even better now with inside flushing loos, and soon to be improved showers. A great place for a few days away; take your usual gear and a pillowcase. **Please book** before leaving town to ensure there is a bunk available and no overcrowding. For keys and bookings phone Rex Vink 352 5327; or if he's away, John Henson 342 3311; or if they're both away, Dave Watson 981 7929 (or pager 026 252 3284). Hut fees are \$6 member, \$6 member's partner, \$12 non member, \$4 kids under 12. If you find any problems or maintenance required, please tell Rex when you get back.

SOCIAL SCENE: We meet on Thursdays 7:30 pm at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre (Watling Lounge) Hagley Park South, 57 Riccarton Avenue (entrance opposite the hospital). A variety of social functions are organised, the atmosphere informal, and tea and biscuits served. If you can give a presentation or have ideas, please contact Alan Ross 384 6425.

TRIPS: Unless otherwise stated, trips depart outside Shell Carlton Corner Service Station (see page 2 for details). Day trips depart at 8:00 am and weekend trips depart at 7:00 pm on Fridays. If you have comments or suggestions for trips, please contact the appropriate trip organiser (listed at top of the page).

Notices

DEPARTURE VENUE: Trips depart from Shell Carlton Corner Service Station, 1 Papanui Road, between Burger King (who said Elvis was dead) and Liquor Land (opposite Derby Street). If you aren't taking your car on the trip, you will have to park on one of the nearby side streets, as you may come back to a wheel clamp, or have had your car towed! If you are taking your car we would like to encourage you to refuel at Shell Carlton, as they have been kind enough to hold onto our trip lists. **LEADERS:** Please ask for the trip list box (disguised as a shiny red 'Stanley' toolbox) and post the trip list into the locked box. If anyone turns up after this, the service station has a key to open the box. Spare key holders are listed on the box.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: If you would like to receive your newsletter and general news by e-mail, please let Linda Lilburne know at LilburneL@LandcareResearch.co.nz.

CTC STICKERS: The club has had some Christchurch Tramping Club stickers printed for members to stick in hut books when they visit one. Contact Sandi Keenan 981 9583 if you would like some.

ROCK CLIMBING COURSES: Learn to climb safely and confidently with professional instructors – all abilities catered for. Private classes can be arranged. Discount to CTC members. Phone Cliff at Vertical Ventures 332 8571.

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE: We try to keep the club membership database up-to-date, so if you know of any updates, errors or omissions, give Rex a ring on 352 5327, and help us get it right.

NEW MEMBER: This month we welcome Trevor Scott.

FREEZE DRIED FOOD: Sandi will be doing another order of the freeze dried Backcountry food, please contact Sandi 981 9583 or email <mailto:sandi@caverock.net.nz> if you would like to order some food and she will give you an order form. Order will be sent early march.

CLIMBING NIGHTS: Adrian Busby 383 4046 is continuing his famous weekly rock climbing nights, starting on Tuesday 5 November. The location changes every week, for a bit of variety, and the Calendar of Trips and Social Events has details below.

FLATMATE WANTED: Not too flat, must have IQ greater than George W. (according to The Press, 91, ed.). Philip and Carl are looking for a flatmate in Hornby, 15 minutes closer to the mountains than living in the city. Medium sized room, \$200 per month + expenses. Phone 349 3670.

SITUATIONS VACANT: Our beloved Treasurer is resigning after many years of faithful service, so we need a new treasurer for the 2003 committee. So if you are of mostly reputable character, know the difference between a debit and a credit and want to give us a hand, the committee would love to hear from you.

The editor is also going to be overseas until December, so we need a replacement from March onwards.

BOOK RELEASE: Pat Barrett has recently written *A Trumper's Guide to The Foothills and Forests of Canterbury* (A5 format, 160pp). Apparently, a fairly comprehensive and detailed guide to tramping in the region. Special author's offer – \$35.00 plus \$1.00 postage and packaging (\$39.95 RR). Send your order with payment (cheques only please) to: Pat Barrett Images, 117 Harris Crescent, Christchurch. Allow 10 days for delivery. Contact the CTC editor if you want more information.

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Thursday 30 January	Club Night
Newsletter folding and Boot comparison night. Bring your boots along and tell us what you like and do not like about them.	
Saturday 1 February	Leader: Warwick Dowling 366 2045
MT SOMERS: There are a couple of ways Warwick may take on this trip, either up Woolshed Creek or from the Sharplin falls. Ask Warwick if you are interested.	Grade: Easy Map: K36 Approx: \$20 List closes:30 January
Weekend 1 and 2 February	Leader: Frank King 942 8368
MT PFEIFER: This trip was postponed due to rain in November so come and check out a new track to the tops. The plan is to climb up to the alpine level and have time exploring Mts Tarapuhi and Pfeifer as well as the biv. The return is via Pfeifer Creek.	Grade: Hard Map: K33 Approx: \$30 List closes:23 January
Sunday 2 February	Leader: Andrew Wrapson 381 5417
TUMBLEDOWN BAY: This is over on the peninsula. There is no formal track and so just walk down to the bay from the road by the leader's choosing. This will be a nice trip with a beach and the sea to explore.	Grade: Easy Map: N36 N37 Approx: \$15 List closes:30 January
Thursday 6 February	No Club Night
No Club, as it is Waitangi day. We are all away if we were allowed out.	
Long Weekend 6 to 9 February	Leader: Alastair Brown (Freddie) 343 5111
MINARETS: Freddie is going to have another crack at this easiest of the 3000m mountains in the Mt Cook National Park. With 4 days to do it, there is more chance of a weather window. This trip requires 1 extra day off work. Ice axe, crampons and mountaineering gear needed.	Grade: Hard/Mountaineering Map: H35 H36 Approx: \$60 List closes:30 January
Long Weekend 6 to 9 February	Leader: Craig Beere 355 7313
1000 ACRE PLATEAU: A huge plateau high above Murchison. It is a stiff climb up to the plateau but the view back down is great. Lots to explore including the Needle and the Haystack at the North end. Need 1 extra day off work.	Grade: Moderate Map: M28 Approx: \$40 List closes:30 January
Saturday 8 February	Leader: Warwick Dowling 366 2045
MT OAKDEN: Go around the lake edge and then ascend the summit from a steep slope. There is a bit of rock scrambling higher up. Descend via a large scree slope. Follow the stream back to the cars.	Grade: Moderate Map: K34 Approx: \$20 List closes:30 January
Weekend 8 and 9 February	Leader: Don Carnielo 338 9865
RAINBOW ROAD – MOLESWORTH 4WD: Don is planning a trip along the Rainbow Road and back through the Molesworth and is looking for companions. If this is your thing, give him a call.	Grade: 4WD (no tramping) Map: No Need Approx: \$70 List closes:3 February

Thursday 13 February	Club Night
Honora Renwick will give us some instruction and guidelines on trip planning. For those who do not know Honora, she is an extremely experienced trumper, and was pivotal in planning an attempted 6 month traverse of the Southern Alps (south to north). She also runs evening classes at Riccarton High School. We could all learn something this night.	
Weekend 15 and 16 February	Leader: TBA
MT VALIANT – EAST HAWDON: This trip is to replace the cancelled trip in January and is another opportunity to visit this interesting area at the head of the East Hawdon with a traverse of the Savannah Range also an option.	Grade: Moderate Map: K33 L33 Approx: \$35 List closes: 6 February
Sunday 16 February	Leader: John Henson 342 3311
RIVER CROSSING COURSE: Come and learn the latest river crossing techniques in safety, with some fun thrown in. Bring a change of clothes and a weekend pack with a waterproof liner and some bulk in it. Dress warm.	Grade: All/Water Map: no need Approx: \$0 List closes: 13 February
Tuesday 18 February	Social Event
Ten Pin Bowling at Garden City Bowl Iverson Terrace. Meet at 7:50pm. We have 3 lanes booked for 8pm – cost \$7 each for 1 game. Always a fun night.	
Thursday 20 February	Club Night
Slide show by Dave Henson. Dave has selected slides from the late John Morrison's collection. These will be to seldom visited areas in Canterbury and the West coast.	
Saturday 22 February	Leader: TBA (contact Sandi Keenan 981 9583)
Mt GREY from ONEPUNGA: The club hasn't done Mt Grey this way for years, an interesting route via a series of spurs from the North side. It's only 933m high so ideal for your first trip or a cruisey day in the sun with your friends if you've done the trip before.	Grade: Easy Map: M34 Approx: \$12 List closes: 20 February
Weekend 22 and 23 February	Leader: Phil Tree 349 3670
DAZZLER PINNICLES: A striking feature of the Hopkin's Valley at the top of Ohau and the best view point in the area. A popular introductory climb up the easy North west ridge.	Grade: ModHard Map: H37 Approx: \$45 List closes: 13 February
Thursday 27 February	Club Night
Newsletter folding night. Alan Ross will also show slides of a couple of trips from the mid 90's with a humour and scenery theme.	

Weekend 1 and 2 March	Leader: Jonathon Carr 351 1574
PAPAROA'S INLAND PACK TRACK: The plan is to explore some of the side valleys off this great West Coast tramp. Limestone country makes for some stunning scenery and visiting it with someone who knows all the hidden places up the side creeks can make it very special.	Grade: Easy/Moderate Map: K40 Approx: \$45 List closes:20 February
Weekend 1 and 2 March	Leader: Stu Smith 343 1065
ROCKY CREEK – GRIFFITHS CREEK: A West Coast trip that although is not very long is very interesting with a mix of river flats, bush, rocky gullies and a little scrub. The travel is on slightly overgrown tracks in a not often visited area just off the main West Coast road.	Grade: ModHard Map: K33 Approx: \$35 List closes:20 February
Sunday 2 March	Leader: Dave Henson 942 3954
KAITUNA – PACKHORSE – ORTON BRADLEY: Start at the Kaituna Valley and head up the hill to the Packhorse Hut. A number of different options are available from here; either travel over Mt Herbert or around the sidling track. Talk to Dave as to what he has planned for a pleasant day on the peninsula.	Grade: Easy Map: M36 Approx: \$10 List closes: 27 February
Thursday 6 March	Club Night
Lynette Hartley will take us to Mt Hooker. This is a well known but quite remote mountain in Landsborough valley. This trip was done just last Christmas. We will also go to the Olivine's (ice plateau) and a traverse of the Liebig range near Mt Cook. These are all fantastic places where many of us will never get to. A show not to be missed!!!	
Saturday 8 March	Leader: John Henson 342 3311
Leave the cars at Hawdon Corner and head up through the beech forest and onto the tops over Woolshed Hill (1430m) and along the range over rolling tussock/shingle tops until it's time to drop into the Hawdon and back to the cars via the river bed. Great country with relatively easy travel.	Grade: Moderate Map: K33 Approx: \$20 List closes: 6 March
Weekend 8 and 9 March	Leader: Bernard Parawa 981 4931
MOONLIGHT CROESUS: A good trip crossing the Southern Paparao Range on the West Coast. A steep climb but on good tracks with a big hut for Saturday night. This track gets a great view from the tops before its descent to the coast.	Grade: Moderate Map: K31 Approx: \$40 List closes:27 February
Sunday 9 March	Leader: Don Carnielo 338 9865
WHARFDALE TRACK: From View Hill Carpark into Lees Valley. Easy travelling through beech forest on an old benched stock route. Go as far as you wish. A good trip if you're starting out tramping.	Grade: Easy/Moderate Map: L34 Approx: \$15 List closes: 6 March

Weekend 15 and 16 March	Leader: Phil Tree 349 3670
TURRET PEAK, ROLLESTON RANGE: As always, Phil picks trips to interesting areas and this area has not had many successful trips lately. Turret Peak is between the Wilberforce and Mathias rivers north of the Rakaia and should provide a great view. The approach is via Chimera stream.	Grade: ModHard Map: J34 K34 Approx: \$30 List closes: 6 March

Weekend 15 and 16 March	Leader: Sandi Keenan 981 9583
LAKE DANIELS: A great introduction to overnight tramping for new members or day trampers stepping up to overnight trips. This is an easy, relatively flat trip to a large hut by a lovely lake.	Grade: Easy Map: L31 Approx: \$35 List closes: 6 March

Sunday 16 March	Leader: TBA (contact Sandi Keenan 981 9583)
HILLTOP TO DIAMOND HARBOUR: Catch the Akaroa bus to the Hilltop and then follow the ridge line all the way to Mt Herbert. From there, drop down the long spur to Diamond Harbour, catch the Ferry to Lyttleton and then the bus home. A long day but great views of the peninsula and no need to drive the car!!	Grade: Moderate Map: N36 Approx: \$25 List closes: 13 March

Sunday 23 March	Leader: Dave Watson 981 7929
MT TORLESSE: A pleasant walk up the Kowai valley to the hut gets you warmed up for the climb up the South Ridge. Great views unfold of the Canterbury Plains and the Castle Hill Basin as you climb to the top. Don't forget the warm gear – it can be very exposed on top if the weather turns nasty.	Grade: Moderate Map: L35 L34 Approx: \$15 List closes: 20 March

Sunday 23 March	Leader: Alice Yung 382 3988
KOWAI HUT – BOBS KNOB: Travel up the Kowai valley with the Mt Torlesse Trip to the hut for morning tea. Head up the valley behind the hut and onto the ridge over looking Springfield; travel back on this ridge to the locally named Bobs Knob (not on the map) and drop back down to the cars at the Big Tree Carpark.	Grade: Easy Map: L35 Approx: \$15 List closes: 20 March

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Easter	Leader: Sandi Keenan 981 9583
STEWART ISLAND EPIC: Takes in Easter and Anzac day. For 3 days off work you have 10 days of freedom to play down in the remote Stewart Island. We will be walking the Southern Circuit in 6 or 7 days, with some time to sightsee the island and attractions. Contact Sandi if interested.	Grade: Moderate Map: C49 D48 D59 Approx: \$500 List closes: 13 February

Trip Reports

Mount Fyffe (1765m)

Weekend 23 and 24 November 2002

Originally supposed to be Lewis Tops, then due to weather changed to Hapuku/Kowhai. However on Friday afternoon DOC informed Peter that the recent heavy rain had left the rivers too high to do this so the trip was changed again to Mount Fyffe/Kowhai.

Drove up Friday night to Mount Fyffe carpark (177m) where there was a small stream for water, a small patch of grass for the tents and a loo. Tents up smartly and bed followed shortly.

The day dawned fine, tea drunk, sun block applied, tents packed and we were tramping by 9am. The 4 wheel drive Mount Fyffe track was easy going, however the gradient was a bit of a shock first thing in the morning, especially with packs on. However, regular benches were a welcome addition to the track and people went at their own pace using these for short breathers. Altitude signs every 500m were encouraging and shade on the lower parts of the track was appreciated. Our exertions meant that soon our sun block was dripping off our faces. Magnificent views of the coastline, the very blue sea and the Kaikoura peninsula were to be had from about 500m on upwards.

At about 1100m we arrived at the Mount Fyffe Hut site, where we had a good break to investigate the hut (very tidy with its own verandah), refill water bottles (from hut tank) and get everyone together again. We could see the whale watch boats out, but no whales – even through Bruce's binoculars. Wispy clouds now began to move in and white horses were visible on the sea so clearly it was windier on the coast than on the hill. Behind the hut, we could see a fabulous range of snowy peaks, the sharpest of which is Manakau.

We continued up to the peak (1602m) where lunch was scheduled for 1pm. Soft snow was now lying in large patches on the track and Ruth did us all a favour by plugging footsteps in it. On the top we had a pleasant extended lunch

break – the wind was chilly when it gently gusted but for the most part we just laid back and sunbathed – after applying more sun block. More cloud was about now partially hiding the snowy peaks visible from the hut.

We set off to follow the poled ridge route to Gable and Gables End at about 2pm meeting 2 other trampers heading our way at the small rocky descent off Gable. They were weary having come up from Hapuku hut and heading to Mount Fyffe hut.

Members of the party handled the scree descent off Gables End (1586m) down to Kowhai saddle (1153m) with varying degrees of exuberance and trepidation. Susan's knees disliked this so much that they had to be dosed with Nurofen !

From the saddle it was about 2 ½ hours down to the Kowhai hut – at first down a well marked track crossing and re-crossing the river. This degenerated into boulder hopping further down with a loss of the track markers. Interesting vegetation with Marlborough daisies, pretty flowering hebes and yellow daisy flowered buttercups. It was a nice change to be in bush not dominated by beech.

Just as we thought we'd make the hut by 6pm we were held up by the Kowhai river. It was swiftly flowing, muddy and seemed formidable where the track crossed it. 4 people crossed here and it was decided that it was not safe for the whole party. The 3 men returned (with some difficulty) and the river further downstream was investigated and considered to be more suitable. Finally we crossed easily (linked in 3's) and made the hut (533m) 5 minutes later. Meanwhile Kerrie had got the fire lit and a billy heating water.

The hut is a 6 bunk one so Ruth and Peter and Joanna were volunteer tenters. It had been a 9 ½ hour day, most of us were pretty tired, some of us were very wet and cold and many of us had sunburnt faces and legs. Gareth fell asleep soon after arriving but Kerrie still found enough energy to saw up the firewood and make us all

delicious brandy basket desserts with strawberries and cream. We all agreed that we had enjoyed the variety of the terrain, the views, the weather, the sense of achievement and last but not least the company. After dinner Stephen produced a clipping from the 1950's (?) on 'How to be a good wife' which caused considerable hilarity and sparked off several stories. At some point in the evening Joanna was found to have a 'hottie' bottom, which seemed to result in Gareth hoping for an invitation to her tent but we noted the only extended absence from the hut was Stephen's...hmm...

Sunday dawned dry but overcast. We were all ready to leave (about 9:30am) when the Marlborough tramping club arrived – from the carpark up the valley to go on to climb Fyffe the way we had come down (we think) and back to the carpark all in one day. We did not envy them the trip – as much as anything because it looked as though the cloud would stick around and they

would not get the views we had had. They also told us we would get 'wet knickers' crossing the river.

The walk out is fairly easy, but made a little more technical due to the river being higher, swifter and muddier than normal. 14 river crossings were counted with trampers mostly linked in 2's or 3's. I did not get wet knickers – I'm not sure if anyone else did. One quick scroggin stop and one short shower was endured. The carpark was reached by 12:30pm. The early finish meant a treat in Kaikoura of buffalo chips or carrot cake and coffee, before returning to Christchurch.

Thanks to Peter for leading calmly and kindly. Thanks to the men for helping so much with the river crossings.

9 participants, Peter, Ruth, Kerrie, Susan, Joanna, Craig, Gareth, Stephen, Bruce.

The Pyramid (1598m)

Saturday 30 November 2002

The plan was to bush-bash up to the peak, traverse the ridge until level with the Sudden biv then drop down an identified scree to the biv and then walk out along the Sudden river.

The weather was promising (at last) and we all set off around 10am eager for good views. We noted that both the Hawdon and the Sudden were easily crossed (had they not been the gorge crossings later on could have been impossible). There is an unmarked animal track up the ridge to The Pyramid which, once found, was easy enough to follow. The gradient meant that it was a bit of a grunt, (1000m in 2 km) but this did not stop the ladies chatting, so it can't have been that bad.

At about 1350m we left the bush behind and at 2pm we summited. An extended stop admiring the views was the prelude to the most difficult part of the day. They say that everyday you should do something that scares you – well Saturday I had enough to last me the week. The ridge was fine for about a km but then became tricky. Further progress meant traversing ribs of friable rock in precarious manner. Some of us chose after a while to drop off the ridge and move gradually down and across the scree, which was easier and faster going. Small patches of snow still lay around which proved useful for those of us running out of water. Approximately 1 km further on at about 1300m by a small tarn we regrouped for the final descent down a good scree run to the Sudden Biv.

We had spent a lot of time getting from the Peak to the biv, so it was now about 5pm, and we still

had some tricky river track to do. Luckily the weather was still superb and the valley was attractive so all was well with the world. Freddie led us down the valley, crossing and re-crossing the river at the cairns, then up onto a sidle around the waterfall to the top of a precipitous track. A small plaque is attached to a tree here, as a memorial to a young trumper who fell down this track in the dark and died. There are now thoughtfully placed ropes to assist trampers down the track to the gorge.

The gorge was unexpected and delightful; in particular the numerous tiny waterfalls tumbling down the edges creating free fall showers at ground level. It was easy for tired trampers to forget to look up and appreciate its beauty. Eventually the track widened out and the main valley was reached. It was 8pm and we had taken 10 hours to do the tramp.

Some of us stopped at the pub in Springfield for some kind of food, and unfortunately this meant we arrived back in Christchurch, just in time to be snarled up in the crowds leaving Christmas In The Park. Ah well, these things are sent to try us...

This was Huang's first tramp with the club and he was still as fresh as a daisy when we got back to the cars. We hope to see him on further tramps. (and I hope I have spelt his name correctly!)

Trampers : Warwick Dowling (leader),
Joanna Ibell, Jenny Harlow, Michael
Lucas, Simon Rodwell, Alastair (Freddie)
Brown, Kerrie Skinner, Ron Keeble,
Huang Jeong Kwon, Susan Pearson
(scribe).

Torlesse Traverse

Saturday 25 January 2003

Five eager souls left Christchurch bright and early only 15 minutes past the leaving time of 6am, and joined the remaining three of the party at Springfield. The trip was divided into a fast party of three and a slower party of five, each going in opposite directions. Working out and communicating this fact to the parties was a trifle difficult at this unaccustomed time of 6:50am, but somehow we managed, and departed to our respective ends.

Dayle's vehicle drew the short straw and had to negotiate the Cass Road. This gave Dayle's 4WD quite a workout, especially as we got closer to the far end of the Torlesse Range, at the base of Bold Hill. We finally parked under the railway viaduct at 9am. We all had a vain hope of keeping our feet dry, but what with two river crossings within 100m of the car, much long wet grass, and the snow – dry feet was not going to happen.

Oh yes, the snow. This is January. In January there is *never, ever* any snow on the Torlesse Range. Or, so I thought. I thought wrong. There was snow, from 1200m up, and though mostly only 50mm thick, it was, in places 400mm thick.

Oh well, it certainly made the day a bit more interesting.

Our first peak, Bold Hill, was bagged at 10:50am. This seemed like good progress at the time, so on we went. The intermittent views of the plains and the Castle Hill Basin we did get were wonderful. Lunch number one was at 12pm and we continued our ridge fest. We met the "opposition" at 2pm at the Otarama peak junction. From observations of their footprints, they were going somewhat faster than we were.

At about 3:30pm we reached back peak and had lunch number two. Not all of us were up to the task of continuing along the Castle Hill Peak Ridge, especially as the ridge got quite gnarly in places. Given this, and the fact that the cloud obscured most of the way ahead, we decided to knock off Torlesse and head down the Kowai. We consoled ourselves by reckoning that a Torlesse traverse would not be complete without climbing Torlesse itself. We summited on Torlesse at about 5pm and two hours later met the others at the Big Tree.

Fast party: Max, Dayle, Simon
Slower party: Linda, Rod, Dave, Gareth,
Freddie (leader, scribe)

Alastair Brown (Freddie) is the editor for the final time until at least next year.
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