



# 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 \$35 member, \$55 couple, \$18 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 Andrew Wrapson 381 5417; or if he's away, Rex Vink 352 5327; 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 Andrew 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:** 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). Unless otherwise stated, trips depart from Shell Carlton Corner Service Station, 1 Papanui Road (next to Liquor Land and 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.

## COLIN McCALLUM

Colin was born in 1933 at Owaka in South Otago. He went to local schools and always had a deep interest in rural matters. Despite this he took work with the Bank of New Zealand and began his career in Wellington where he joined the Tararua Tramping Club. In 1960 his bank shifted him to Rangiora and he joined the Christchurch Tramping Club and has been a member since then. The bank transferred him again to Hokitika but he remained an active member often joining the club for weekend trips in the Arthur's Pass and Lewis Pass areas as well as holiday tramps. He finished his career in Christchurch and was sub-manager of the BNZ's Merivale branch for a time until he took early retirement.

Colin was a club stalwart in the 1960s and 1970s, the era of Swandris, cooking fires, and A frame tents. It is only comparatively recently that he ceased tramping owing to bouts of ill health. He went on innumerable weekends and many longer trips to places such as Nelson Lakes, Kahurangi and Stewart Island. Older members have happy memories of our times in the hills with Colin. He was a great "sidler". If we had to work our way through a gorge, Colin would always take the highest route. He was probably the best porridge cook of his time.

He was Club treasurer from 1981 to 1985 and also Hut convener from 1992 till 1995. During this time he was often at the hut using his handyman skills. He was a supportive member of tramping parties and contributed greatly to club life for 40 years.

Colin died on Sunday 25th May after several weeks in hospital. The Club offers its condolences to his family.

David Henson

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## MIKE SHIELDS

I am sorry to have to write about the sudden death of Mike Shields.

Mike was the partner of Michele McKnight (the CTC club secretary) and had been a club member for two years. Although his time as a member of the CTC was relatively short, his experience in the mountains tramping, skiing and hunting was extensive.

I had known Mike for fifteen years and had enjoyed many tramping trips with him before either of us were involved in the CTC. Mike and I began tramping together in the 80's and tramped to some places not often visited like the Karangarua and the Glenrae. In the early 90's we skied extensively together and Mike became a good deep snow skier. We shared many a time sat at the bottom of a virgin snow slope with only two tracks down and not a noise to be heard. When Mike established his relationship with Michele McKnight he joined the CTC and his tramping and skiing continued under the umbrella of our club, which included a magic weekend at the Oteake Hot Pools.

I am very sorry to have lost my friend Mike and, like other members of the CTC my thoughts and support are with Michele and their young son Jack after this tragic loss.

Andrew Turton

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# Notices

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The additional **Committee Positions** are divvied up as follows: Joanne Boereboom **Assistant Club Captain**; Gareth Gilbert (365 7465) **FMC, Trip Recorder**; Dave Henson (942 3954) **DOC, Conservation**; John Henson **Training**; Joanna Ibell **SAR**; Keith Johnson (388 1332) **Access**; Kaye Serra (342 4534) **Assistant Social Convener**; Rex Vink **Addresses and Mailing**.

**Email:** If you would like to receive general notices and the newsletter by email (including last minute trips and the list of member email addresses), please let Linda Lilburne know at [LilburneL@LandcareResearch.co.nz](mailto: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.

The **Club Hut** showers, are now functional and ready for action.

**Photos:** Thanks to the multi talented Paul Ashton, we can now have photos on the web page to accompany trip reports. Please email to the editor, your photos and relevant information such as who took the photo, location and whether its relevant to a particular part of the trip report. (so the link goes in the right place).

**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.

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## Calendar of Trips and Social Events

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Sunday 1 June

Leader: Dave Henson 942 3954

**CRATER RIM WALKWAY(with variations):** Start from The Sign of the Kiwi and walking this lovely track to the left. Great view of both Lyttelton and Christchurch to enjoy on this pleasant day walk. Talk to leader about what the variations are.

Grade: Easy  
Map: M36,  
L37  
Approx: \$0  
List closes:29 May

Thursday 5 June

Club Night

Northern Vietnam with Alan Ross. We will stay north of the DMZ (read this with a American accent) this show. Time will be spent in Hanoi and then go by train way up north near the border of China and Laos. We will take a trek up the highest range in Vietnam and get to within a couple of hours of the top. A very interesting place to visit.

Weekend 7 and 8 June

Leader: Joanne Boereboom 342 5590

**MARUIA BASE CAMP:** This is always one of the Club's best-attended and most enjoyable base camps. Staying at Maruia Springs with 24-hour access to the hot pools, it is a very social weekend with trips for all. The Lewis tops, Rahu Saddle, and the start of the St James walkway are but a few, so come and enjoy.

Grade: All  
Map: L31 & M31  
Approx: \$40 +accom  
List closes:29 May

Saturday 7 June

Leader: Warwick Dowling 366-2045

**BROKEN HILL-TRIG O:** Leave the cars at Cave Stream Carpark and head North to the summit of Broken Hill, traverse to Trig O and return via Broken River. Great views of the Castle Hill basin.

Grade: Mod  
Map: K34  
Approx: \$25  
List closes:5 Jun

**Sunday 8 June**

Leader: Craig Beere 355-7313

**RABBIT HILL:** A nice walk in the Porters Pass area. A gentle climb up the other side of the pass to the top and down the side and along some grassy flats back to the cars.

Grade: Easy  
Map: K35  
Approx: \$15  
List closes: 5 Jun

**Thursday 12 June**

Club Night

Peter Carey is a wildlife guide on cruise ships visiting the Arctic and Antarctic. He will show slides and tell us about the island he bought a few years ago in the Falklands. It came complete with elephant seals and mines. He is setting it up as a wildlife reserve and built a classic kiwi-style trampers hut recently with materials transported from Wellington.

**Weekend 14 and 15 June**

Leader: Alan Herd 980 6239

**BLACK HILL HUT:** Black hill is in the Puketeraki Range. The hut is perched at the bush line with great views over the Oxford forest and even to the lights of Christchurch. A good hut for a cosy Saturday night. Return is the same as the way in.

Grade: Mod  
Map: K35  
Approx: \$25  
List closes: 5 Jun

**Saturday 14 June**

Leader: Andrew Wrapson 381-6003

**MT GREY:** An interesting route via a series of spurs from the North side. It's only 933m high. There are other ways up and down so ask leader if unsure.

Grade: Easy  
Map: M34  
Approx: \$12  
List closes: 12 Jun

**Sunday 15 June**

Leader: Bernard Parawa 981-4931

**MT CLOUDSLEY:** A popular trip in the Craigieburn range. A big climb up the hill from the village to the top at 2200m.

Grade: Hard  
Map:  
Approx: \$20  
List closes: 12 Jun

**Thursday 19 June**

Club Night

Movie night "the high quality and truly realistic- VERTICAL LIMIT!!" Filmed here in NZ in the Mt Cook region, it depicts an attempt on K2 (real one over 8,500m) and a subsequent rescue attempt. With this movie, learn how to jump a 20m crevasse with no more than legs and 2 ice axes; learn how useful it is to carry unstable Nitro-glycerine in the mountains and perhaps 1 other amazing (read that as 20) things you never knew were possible in the mountains. During this movie you will be allowed to comment on the highly realistic depiction of stress above 7,000m. This will be humorous night as we watch this extremely realistic comedy.

**Weekend 21 and 22 June**

Leader: Keith Johnson 388 1332

**BIG RIVER GOLD FOSSIKING:** A weekend wander around the historical gold fields of Globe Hill near Big River by Murchison. This is an opportunity to enrich not only your mind but also your wallet with a poor but experienced miner. Bring your own gold pan, shovel etc.

Grade: Easy-Mod  
Map: L30 & L31  
Approx: \$45  
List closes: 12 Jun

<b>Saturday 21 June Annual Mid Winter Breakfast</b>	<b>Leader: Alan Ross</b>
For the uninitiated, this is the annual awarding of the Loo-Loo award for the biggest cock-up of the year. Come along and be entertained by tall tales and (occasionally) unembellished accounts of what can go wrong in the hills. Meet at 7.45am at: The Oxford on Avon, 794 Colombo St- upstairs at The Riverview Restaurant. Cost is \$14.45 each and \$1 per age of children. For this we will get a buffet breakfast (including mushrooms!) You MUST put your name on the list or contact alan.ross@nzl.biolabgroup.com or ph 3663663 so I can give the restaurant numbers. Bring an empty tummy.	Grade: Hard Eat Map: Approx: \$20 List closes:12 Jun
<b>Sunday 22 June</b>	<b>Leader: Warwick Dowling 366-2045</b>
<b>HAMILTON PEAK:</b> This is a good moderate trip with a climb of about 800m in the north end of Craigieburn range. Go up Hamilton Peak and along the range. A few ways back down depending on the leader, day and trip members.	Grade: Moderate Map: K34 Approx: \$20 List closes:19 Jun
<b>Thursday 26 June</b>	<b>Club Night</b>
Newsletter night and daypack comparison. Bring along your loved and unloved daypack and tell us what you like and don't like about them. Should you be thinking of buying one, this would be a great night to attend.	
<b>Weekend 28 and 29 June</b>	<b>Leader: Andrew Wrapson 381 6003</b>
<b>CAMERON HUT - ARROWSMITHS:</b> A great place to visit in winter. Cameron Hut looks up right into the Arrowsmith Glacier. The trip follows the Cameron River and climbs steadily to this wonderfully situated hut. Return is the same in reverse.	Grade: Mod Map: J35 Approx: \$30 List closes:19 Jun
<b>Saturday 28 June</b>	<b>Leader: Craig Beere 355-7313</b>
<b>MT LYNDON - RED HILL:</b> This is behind Lake Lyndon and will be a moderate trip. Ask leader for more details if unsure.	Grade: Mod Map: Approx: \$25 List closes:26 Jun
<b>Sunday 29 June</b>	<b>Leader: Lynda Watson 981-7929</b>
<b>MYSTERY EASY TRIP:</b> This will be an easy trip somewhere to the leader's liking, ask for a better description nearer the time.	Grade: Easy Map: Approx: \$20 List closes:26 Jun
<b>Thursday 3 July</b>	<b>Club Night</b>
Our own Linda Lilburn will take us somewhere we have not been before! "Laos is a beautiful peaceful remote country sandwiched between China, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. It has only very recently been opened up to development and tourism - rivers were the only means of transport in many areas. Come and see the scenery and way of life in unspoiled Laos".	
<b>Weekend 5 and 6 July</b>	<b>Leader: Sandi Keenan 981 9583</b>
<b>Hanmer Base Camp:</b> Staying in a warm house you can just fit in some great easy and moderate day trips around the hot pools and dinner out.	Grade: All Map: N32 Approx:\$25 + Accom List closes:26 Jun

**Saturday 5 July or Sunday 6 July – (contact leader)** Leader: Flo Roberts 980-7913

**MANNERING STREAM LEES VALLEY:** Mannering Stream is a headwater of the Whistler Stream. It leads to Red Saddle & Chess Peak. Return down leading ridge from Chess Pk. A great trip for 12 hour day trampers. Trip is weather dependent so contact Flo first.

Grade: Hard  
Map: L34  
Approx: \$20  
List closes: 3 Jul

**Saturday 5 July or Sunday 6 July – (contact leader)** Leader: Andrew Turton 332-8275

**MT HUTT SKI DAY:** This trip will be very weather dependent so you must contact Andrew first. There is no meeting at the service station. A fun day for skiers.

Grade: Ski  
Map:  
Approx: \$20  
List closes: 3 Jul

**Weekend 12 and 13 July** Leader: John Henson 342 3311

**Basic Snow Craft:** A very important instruction weekend for members wanting to travel above the snowline. Covering the use of ice axe and crampons. Contact John for details.

Grade: Easy  
Map: K33  
Approx: \$35  
List closes: 3 Jul

**Weekend 12 and 13 July** Leader: John Henson 342 3311

**Intermediate Snow Craft:** For those people wanting to progress beyond the basic level. Covering basic snow anchors, Glacier travel and avalanche awareness. Contact John for details.

Grade: Moderate  
Map: K33  
Approx: \$35  
List closes: 3 Jul

**Sunday 13 July** Leader: Dave Watson 981-7929

**MT EVANS MONUMENT:** A great Banks Peninsula walk. This is easy, although off-track part of the way. Visit Mt Evans, Port Levy, Adderly Head and walk back to cars along elevated coastal track to Camp Bay. Fabulous views of the harbour.

Grade: Easy-Mod  
Map: N36  
Approx: \$8  
List closes: 11 Jul

**Weekend 19 and 20 July** Leader: Bernard Parawa 981 4931

**Barker Hut:** Sited high above the White River, Barker Hut provides access to White Col and the peaks around or just a great trip in for the views. Ice axe and crampons required

Grade: Mod-Hard  
Map: K33 K34  
Approx: \$35  
List closes: 10 Jul

**Saturday 19 July** Leader: John Easton 981-9414

**CAMP SADDLE:** Craigeburn Range. Up the Craigeburn Valley Ski Club road then the higher foot track. When the track enters the open you work your way up to Camp Saddle beside point height 1550. Marvelous views of Mt Manson, Hamilton Peak, Mt Wall. Got to go..

Grade: Mod  
Map: K34  
Approx: \$18  
List closes: 17 Jul

**Saturday 19 July** Leader: Mike Newlove 355-8360

**HELICOPTER HILL:** Craigeburn Range, close to Camp Saddle. An easy womble up 450m from the car to the top of Helicopter Hill. Gosh, it may take about an hour! Usually the leader will then lead you along easy tracks in the area. A great trip for a wander with a view.

Grade: Easy  
Map: K34  
Approx: \$18  
List closes: 17 Jul

**Saturday 19 July** **Knees Up**

**Annual PTC Barn Dance.** The Peninsular Tramping Club will have their annual dance at South Brighton Hall. See next newsletter for information.

Weekend 26 and 27 July

Leader: Craig Beere 355 7313

**Andrews, Casey, Binser Saddle:** This classic trip covers a range of bush tracks and open valleys and returns via a climb over the Binser Saddle. Options to go further up the Poulter.

Grade: Mod  
Map: L33  
Approx: \$30  
List closes: 17 Jul

Saturday 26 July

Leader: Warwick Dowling 366-2045

**THIRTEEN MILE BUSH, BIG BEN RANGE:** Near the end of the long straight before Porters Pass hang left on to a station road. Work your way up to the ridgeline enjoying the delights of 13 mile bush. Circle back to the cars down another ridge

Grade: Mod  
Map: K35  
Approx: \$14  
List closes: 24 Jul

Sunday 27 July

Leader: Chris Curry 351-5913

**NIKAU PALM GULLY:** This gully has one of the most attractive areas of bush and beach on Banks Peninsula. You can visit a waterfall on one of several tracks in the gully. Picturesque farm stay cottages are part of the vista near the beach. Well worth the visit.

Grade: Easy  
Map: N37  
Approx: \$12  
List closes: 24 Jul

### Broadcaster's Warning

The following message may alarm or offend people with clothes sense and a delicate disposition. It contains references to fashion victims and potrays scenes of mass destruction of good taste. Anyone who needs a lie down and a nice cup of tea after watching "Saturday Night Fever" should **not** read on under any circumstances. Reader's discretion is advised.

Weekend 16 and 17 August

Leader: Sandi Keenan 981 9583

**Mid Winter Hut Bash:** This is the party event of the year. The theme will allow all the old clothes out of the cupboard - **70'S DISCO!** Flares, hairy chests and gold medallions will be the order of the day at a mystery location. Numbers Limited so be in quick.

Grade: Party  
Map:  
Approx: \$  
List closes: 7 Aug

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## Trip Reports

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### Turrent Peak via Chimera Stream: 15 - 16 March

On Friday evening a party of seven, Stu Smith, Flo Roberts, Ian Dunn, Todd Ellis, Honora Renwick, Carl McKay and I, drove up the south bank of the Rakaia to the Manuka Point Station crossing. Then on Saturday we walked across the Rakaia and Matthias riverbeds for 7 km to the start of Chimera Stream. Chimera Stream is gorged, with high cliff sides, but travel up the streambed is relatively straightforward. By lunchtime we were at the foot of Turret Peak, and, after some discussion, we decided to head upstream a few hundred metres further to a scree slope that would enable access to a high basin at 1500 metres on the south side of the mountain.

Stu was in front, and about three quarters of the way up this 500 metre scree ascent, he decided that "for the safety of those following" he would release a large boulder. This boulder hit an even larger boulder, and the two huge boulders bounced down the slope. Although the rest of the party were off to one side, Carl and I had to move quickly when one of the boulders decided not to stay in the obvious fall line.

The high basin is a delightful spot, with a small stream and pleasant mossy campsites. That evening Stu, Flo and Ian decided to investigate the slopes higher up and followed the south-east ridge with a scree side on the west to a point about 200 horizontal metres from and 50 vertical metres below the top of

the peak, where further progress would obviously be slow.

Early Sunday morning, Carl, Honora, Todd, Ian and I set out to climb to the summit. On reaching the point where the previous evening's exploratory party had turned around, opinions were divided on the way to make further progress. Carl decided to descend and try a gully that apparently led almost directly to the summit, Ian decided to stay on the ridge and climb across an "interesting" cheval, while Honora and I followed Todd on a sidle to the east. We climbed back onto the ridge, met up with Ian again and then tackled a series of rotten gendarmes to the summit. Meanwhile Carl discovered that his gully had a step and

chock stone that he could not ascend, and that traveling below while a party was on the ridge top above had some objective dangers.

On the return, we all followed the ridge across the cheval (much easier in this direction), then descended down a scree directly back to the campsite. On reflection, we could have sidled the cheval on the west more easily than the east. However, these are things one discovers only on reflection.

Then it was pack up, down the scree to Chimera Stream, down the stream, and finally a 7 km plod across river flat and gravel to the vehicles. A good trip, a little harder than I had expected.

Philip Tree

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## Mount Torlesse, 23 March 2003

The Shell carpark was a scene of complete confusion as the two Torlesse trips convened around 8am - cars, bicycles, people, stray packs and wandering boots everywhere. Eventually we sorted out ourselves, cars and drivers and set off. At the Big Tree car park the two groups were disentangled again and the eighteen intrepid Mt Torlesse hopefuls started towards the hut. This is a gentle start to the trip, mainly along the river flats and dry stony river bed. Jim's orange beacon T-shirt did its usual job in providing an inexhaustible topic of conversation and comment. We had a short break at the hut, refilling water bottles and emptying bladders, and were soon joined by the Bob's Knob party. Some close map-reading and mental arithmetic concerning time, height gain and distance eventually convinced us that we had to get going and captain Dave again remarshalled his troops.

After a shortish distance up the lower part of the spur, with some scrub and eroded soil, Mt Torlesse revealed its true character. It is essentially a very large rock covered in other rocks, varying in size from boulders to shingle, but all showing the same desire to try to slide down under you as you try to trudge or clamber up them. Just possibly this does not sound like the most wonderful tramping but the views, the company and conversation - and the sense of achievement

- made it very worthwhile. Kerry, Susan, Yvonne and Rod were clearly taking the lets-get-this-over-as-soon-as-possible approach. Joanna and I tried the 'if we talk enough we will not notice it' strategy but had to give it up to concentrate on keeping our hats on in the strengthening gusts coming over the ridge. Linda with her tramping poles looked to have the most sensible approach. The psychology of tramping is interesting - do you hang out to have lunch on the top, or eat it when you get hungry on the way up? We compromised with lunch/morning tea two-thirds of the way up, with Bernard then putting in a late dash to catch up with the advance party.

The views from the top were superb: some experienced trampers could apparently see and name every peak for miles around. Unfortunately those knowledgeable in such matters did not necessarily agree in their namings, which provided a good topic of conversation for most of the break. Less topologically dedicated individuals contented themselves with building precarious pebble towers.

A different route was chosen for the descent, which included some rather lumpy scree. The full CTC experience was completed for first time-outers like Pete with some sidling and scrub-bashing. We made it back to the hut in time to have another break in the last of the sun and review our minor bumps and

scrapes. Julius' stone-cut knee seemed to be the most impressive but generally we had a much less eventful trip than the Bob's Knob group. After that it was an hour's easy tramping along the valley back to the cars. Most of the group stopped in Springfield to

talk to the café cats and fortify ourselves with hot drinks, muffins and pies before completing the drive back. Many thanks to trip leader Dave Watson (who also has the trip list for those interested). Jenny.

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## Red Hill, Sunday 11 May 2003

A day of small forgotten items – boots not brought to the meet (but collected on the way), gaiters not noticed missing until we started tramping (luckily, CTC men don't mind the odd scratch or laceration), and a couple of trip members temporarily mislaid en-route. However, this gave Bernard the opportunity to do his search dog act and tramp twice as far as the rest of us looking for them.

There is no real path up Red Hill from the side we started, which left us free to decide our own route up and down. There was some matagouri on the lower levels to make things more exciting for the bare-shinned brigade, and some steep sections to keep the chatterers quiet, but overall it was a

straightforward tramp up a ridge to the wonderful views over Lake Coleridge from the top. The wind was reasonably strong higher up: several hats made bids to escape but were recaptured.

We went part of the way along the ridge and then slid down the scree to recapture Warwick who had opted for a clandestine early descent, and then wandered back to the cars. A stop in Springfield completed a most satisfactory day out.

Warwick (leader), Bernard, Joanna, Fiona, Taka, Chris, Catherine, Ben, Jenny (scribe)

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Dear Aunty IceAxe

I'm new to tramping and unsure of hut etiquette. I recently went on a wonderful tramp with the CTC and stayed in a hut with six men. However I was unable to sleep. What can I do when the man snoring beside me is not my husband? Is it considered rude to tell him to roll over? Please help.

Sleepless

Dear Sleepless,

The fact that he is not your husband should simplify your problem. You do not have to live with the repercussions, therefore you may explore the full range of possibilities.

Put a set of crampons on his mattress, on the side near you. This should discourage

him from lying on his back. Alternatively a gentle tap with an ice axe every time he reverberates will also remind him it's not polite to keep others awake. A well-aimed, flying pair of boots will deal with snorers on the far side of the sleeping platform. A simpler technique is to always take a tent or to wear earplugs.

Another technique, attributed to John Henzell, is to give him a big kiss. This should confuse him sufficiently to keep him awake all night. This technique works best when done by another man, unless of course your complaint refers purely to the snoring and being kept awake was not the salient point.

Let me know how you get on.

Aunty IceAxe

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Exert from the Convex Oxford Terrace Dictionary of Tramping Terminology

“Sidle *v. & n.* (1) *v.* an intention to circumnavigate a protuberance or other difficult terrain, unsupported by experience or cartological evidence. Not to be confused with “traverse” which implies a degree of certainty wholly lacking in a sidle, (2) *n.* an intended route around difficult terrain, involving an element of unrealistic optimism. (3) Used in set phrases to describe the terrain; to sidle around the lake- a body of cold, deep water surrounded by impenetrable cliffs and thick vegetation; to sidle around the hill- an extensive, exposed cliff composed of ball bearings over hard rock; to sidle around a bog, -an expanse of quicksand inhabited by flesh eating flora and fauna.

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Please post or email articles for the July newsletter to the Editor (Joanna Ibell)  
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