



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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Wind-blown ridge, Broken Hill, July 2010

The **CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPING CLUB** has members of all ages, and runs tramping trips every weekend, ranging from easy (minimal experience required) to hard (high fitness and experience required). We also organise instructional courses and hold weekly social meetings. We have a club hut in Arthurs Pass and have gear available for hire to members. Membership rates per year are \$40 member, \$60 couple, \$23 junior or associate, with a \$5 discount for members who opt to obtain this newsletter electronically.

For more about how the club operates, see *More about the CTC*.

News

New Members Welcome: We welcome five new members to the club this month: Li Li, Howard Wang, Brian Dougan, Sarah Day and Jason Trimble. Please accept the club's warm welcome to you all.

Obituaries

Bob Rohleder: On July 22 of this year, Bob Rohleder, a well-known Club member of the fifties and sixties, died. During this period he was an active trumper and served as Club Captain for a period. Bob had a reputation for his wicked sense of humour and for his habit of producing a tiny glow at night when everyone else was snug in bed. Beyond the Club, Bob will be remembered for his outstanding contribution over more than three decades to Canterbury Mountain Radio. Trained in radio in the RAF, Bob served as Honorary Technician over this very long time. Besides maintaining, developing, and installing radios, Bob had his own radio station and was on air practically every day; listening and making calls. As Bob would say when finishing a call "this is IB4 over and out".

Tramper of the Month: Chantal McCarthy

<p><i>Place of Birth?</i></p>	<p>I was born in Chch, brought up in Governor's Bay - we lived on Zephyr Terrace which means my porn star name is Orphée Zephyr, given that we had a beautiful black cat called Orphée at the time!</p>	 <p><i>Chantal (left) and party, Cameron Hut trip</i></p>
<p><i>When did you join the CTC?</i></p>	<p>I joined in February of this year, and after my first tramp was convinced the letters stood for Christchurch Torture Club.</p>	
<p><i>Who was the first CTC person you met?</i></p>	<p>Alan Ross, who then passed me on to Susan and Bruce.</p>	
<p><i>How did you find out about the CTC?</i></p>	<p>Through the excellent website: I enjoyed reading a few trip reports before attending my first meeting.</p>	
<p><i>What was your first weekend trip with the CTC?</i></p>	<p>My first trip was a weekender up at the Avoca Hut near Cass. I fully distinguished myself by piking out half way up the hill, then spent the rest of day one exploring around the lovely Broken River. Day Two saw the departure of two fellow trampers who had exhausted themselves the day before. I don't think I was expected to turn up on another trip!</p>	
<p><i>Did you tramp before joining the CTC?</i></p>	<p>I had done a lot of tramping in my teens, but had spent at least ten years with very little (apart from a Heaphy Trip), so was really keen to get back into it!</p>	
<p><i>What trips with the CTC are you most looking forward to?</i></p>	<p>I really enjoy trips with views of lakes and rivers, so I'd love to go on the Oteake Hot Pools but I have a 21st to attend that night so will look forward to Mt Alford instead! Also looking forward to Andrew's trip to the Kelly range and my Labour weekend trip!</p>	
<p><i>What is your occupation?</i></p>	<p>I work as an account manager for Amcor Kiwi Packaging, a manufacturer of corrugated cardboard. I have customers from Invercargill to Waipara, and across in Central Otago too. I travel to these lovely places fairly frequently and these days find myself eyeing up the hills with rather a different eye!</p>	
<p><i>Please can you tell us a little about your family?</i></p>	<p>I have nearly seventeen year old twins, Hannah and Ben, both in year 12 at Burnside High. They keep me pretty busy when I'm not out hiking, especially as neither of them have their licence yet. I also have a brother in Tauranga who has kindly provided me with a lovely sister in law and two gorgeous kids to spoil. Mum and Dad live in Queenstown and are also very keen trampers so we enjoy heading out into the great outdoors together whenever possible.</p>	
<p><i>Do you have any other interests?</i></p>	<p>Outside of tramping and parenting, I am a very keen reader and cook as well as a fan of architecture and gardens. I have an addiction to sudokus and code crackers, plus the odd cryptic crossword. As a bit of a fidgeter my next project is being taught to knit so I may end up sporting some rather unusual scarves and hats on future hikes!</p>	
<p><i>Is there anything else about yourself you would like to tell the Club?</i></p>	<p>A guinness book record I am likelier than others to win is "most houses in one life". In recent times I have slowed down (only two in six years in Chch), but previously I had racked up 40+ houses before I turned 30 - in fact I wouldn't guarantee I could actually remember them all these days! I have lived in Chch, England, Auckland, Canada, Dunedin and now back in Chch, a lovely city close to even lovelier places to tramp!</p>	

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Trips: Unless otherwise stated, day trips depart at 8:00 am and weekend trips depart at 7:00 pm on Fridays, from Shell Carlton Corner Service Station at 1 Papanui Road (next to Liquor Land and opposite Derby Street). If you aren't taking your car on the trip, park on one of the nearby side streets, otherwise it may be wheel clamped or towed. If you are taking your car please refuel at Shell Carlton, as they are kind enough to hold our trip lists. Every trip gives an indication of transport costs per person. Please bring it in cash to help the leader divvy up at the end.

New or prospective members intending to go on any trip must sign up at club night or contact the trip leader in advance.

Social: 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 is informal, and tea and biscuits served. If you can give a presentation or have ideas, please contact Alan Ross 384-6425 or email alan.d.ross@orica.com. Please note that formalities start at 7:50 pm sharp, and if there is a guest speaker, he/she will start at 8:10 pm sharp.

Thursday 26 August.	Club Night
Newsletter folding night. After we fold the newsletters we will have plenty of time for socialising.	

Saturday 28 August.	Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com
Kaka Hill. Kaka Hill (994m) is a pretty little topographical protuberance right by the edge of Lake Coleridge. There are plenty of more strenuous trips out this way but this is a great opportunity to experience this very spectacular tramping area in more relaxed mode (although, with about 400m height gain, this may be at the more-muesli-bars-before-lunch end of our normal 'easy trip' range). It really is a stunning area and the longer drive is worth it just to see Lake Coleridge if you've never been there before, let alone the social delights of a CTC trip...	Grade: Easy+ Closed: 26 Aug Map: K35 Approx: \$25

Weekend 28-29 August.	Leader: Ken Brown 359-2000
Casey - Binser Track. A really good standard Arthur's Pass trip, suitable for beginner overnight trampers who however must be capable of carrying a pack for 6/7 hours each day. This is very pleasant country and Hallelujah Flat which is passed on day 1 is a delightful place for lunch. The Casey Hut is big and comfortable for Saturday night and Sunday sees a pleasant wander down the river flats before a climb up through the bush to the Binser Saddle and finally down to the road for (almost) a complete round trip.	Grade: EasyMod Closes: 19 Aug Map: L33 Approx: \$30

Weekend 28-29 August. Leaders: Liz Tanner 0211400531, lizjtanner@yahoo.com.au
Thomas Matern 3853507, thomas_matern@yahoo.co.nz

Lake Tekapo Base Camp. Talk to Liz if you want to know more about a winter tramping weekend in/around Tekapo or to Thomas if you want to spend 4 days skiing at Round Hill, the perfect place to learn it. Accommodation is either \$10/night (NIWA holiday house) or \$30/night (more luxurious place). The places are filling quick already so hurry up if you want to join.

Grade: Easy/All/Social
Closes: 19 Aug
Map: I37
Approx: \$40 + Accom

Sunday 29 August.

Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931

Hilltop to Little River. Uncle Bernhard attempts to brave the new-born lambs again with this popular trip Banks Peninsula trip. Assuming that the little woolly bundles of joy do not object to our presence, we head up from Hilltop (460m) through the Montgomery Reserve, over Mt Sinclair (841m) and Mt Fitzgerald (826m) and then down toward Little River for a restorative tea at the cafe.

Grade: Moderate
Closes: 26 Aug
Map: N36
Approx: \$20

Thursday 2 September.

Club Night

Rockology - by our club expert. John Taylor will do a talk on collecting rocks and minerals in Canterbury. Come along and see what you can find on your doorstep, you will be amazed!

Saturday 4 September.

Leader: Jim Western 384-8950

Mt Alford. Mt Alford is a moderate (1171 metres) summit south of Mt Hutt with about 600m ascent. The track starts with a short farmland section and then enters the Alford Scenic Reserve and climbs steadily through lovely beech forest (look out for the emerging lancewoods and horopito) to emerge into more open scrub. We follow the ridge to the summit, with views of Winterslow and Mt Somers. It's not often we tramp in an area with its very own webpage - see <http://www.demarousse.net.nz/> for up-to-date weather and pictures.

Grade: Easy/Mod
Closes: 2 Sep
Map: K36
Approx: \$20

Weekend 4-5 September.

Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507
thomas_matern@yahoo.co.nz

Otehake Hot Pools. This is a classic club trip to some natural hot pools. Walk up via Lake Kaurapataka which is a lovely spot for lunch. Have a great soak in the pools with dinner by an open fire. Next day a leisurely walk out via the rivers.

Grade: Easy/Mod
Closes: 26 Aug
Map: K33
Approx: \$30

Sunday 5 September.

Leader: Calum McIntosh 376-6133

Early start - check with leader

Maukuratawhai. Maukuratawhai (sometimes irreverently called Mt Muckaroundawhile to help you remember the name) is an interesting 1615m peak just across the Clarence River from where you descend from Jacks Pass. We will climb up the long SW ridge (about 800m height gain) and if time and conditions permit we will traverse around to pt 1575 and descend its south ridge to circle back to the starting point. Snow skills, crampons and ice axe probably required. The trip starts with a cold ford of the Clarence so if you bring some spare sneakers you'll be able to change into dry boots on the other side. Early start - check with the leader.

Grade: Moderate+
(requires snow skills)
Closes: 2 Sep
Map: N31 N32
Approx: \$30

Thursday 9 September.

Club Night

Basic first Aid session no 2. Hopefully you came to Cathy's session number 1 last month. This is a follow on from that session and will cover off what to do in specific situations, e.g. head injury. However if you missed the 1st session, don't be put off coming to this. If you already have a basic level of first aid then this will be an ideal chance to build on this knowledge. Come if you can.

Saturday 11 September.

Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014
Tecbruce@gmail.com

Mt Bruce. Mt Bruce is a moderate tramp in the Lagoon Saddle area. Starting from Cora Lynn, you climb up through the beech forest and out onto open tussock. Good views from the top (1630m; about 1000m height gain). There are a few different options for the route including descending into Broad Stream and picking up a very pleasant track back through the bush along the stream to Cora Lynn. This trip would suit people looking to step up from easy-moderate tramping - not too far, not too fast, not too high, no surprises, but still just a little bit more to challenge you ... Bring an ice axe and talk to the leader about whether you'll need crampons.

Grade: Moderate (requires snowskills)
Closes: 9 Sep
Map: K34
Approx: \$25

Weekend 11-12 September.

Leader: Andrew Wrapson 980-6006
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Carroll Hut. It's a short but steep climb from the carpark at Kelly Shelter to the Carroll Hut where we'll stay the night. Plenty of time to wander along the Kelly Range or relax in the hut.

Grade: Moderate
Closes: 2 Sep
Map: K33
Approx: \$40

Weekend 11-12 September.

Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196
steve.ngaire@xtra.co.nz

Ski-touring. A ski touring weekend suitable for skiers looking to have a go at touring. Not a "training course" but it will be a low stress trip without time / destination pressures. You will need to be an intermediate level skier, preferably have spent a bit of time skiing off piste around ski fields. Basic alpine tramping skill essential e.g.: you can stay warm and comfortable above the snow line in all conditions. Destination will be decided based on prevailing snow conditions and the group's skill levels. Likely format will be 2 day trips based from "civilisation" or a short ski or walk carrying gear in to a hut, then trips from there. You will need to acquire/have transceiver, snow shovel, probe, touring skis and skins.

Grade: Ski
Closes: 2 Sep
Map:
Approx: \$40-\$70

Sunday 12 September.

Leader: Janet Spittlehouse 981-1944
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Knowles Tops. Here is another trip the club has not done for a long time. We start at Glentui and ascend to Knowles Top itself (about 840m) using a mixture of farm track and bush tracks, then follow the ridge to the perfect lunch-spot overlooking the Ashley Gorge picnic area. We drop down from the ridge towards the gorge and then explore the gully next to Ashley gorge, where a 12m waterfall is alleged to be hiding ...

Grade: Easy+
Closes: 9 Sep
Map: L34
Approx: \$15

Sunday 12 September.

Early start - contact leader

Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344

Norma. A nice 1000m-odd climb to Norma, 1722m, in the Opera Range (Lewis Pass), with a surprisingly good track (not on the map) through most of the bush, then open tussock leading to a rocky ridge. Depending on snow conditions, ice axe and crampons (and the ability to use them) may well be required. Be one of the relatively few people to discover what a lovely tramp this is. Early start - make sure your name's on the list or you have contacted the leader.

Grade: Moderate
Closes: 9 Sep
Map: M31 M32
Approx: \$30

Thursday 16 September.

Club Night

Let's go to Lapland, North of the Arctic Circle with our guide Andrew Tromans. The talk will be about Sarek and tramping north of the arctic circle. Sarek National park is part of the Laponia World Heritage Site in Lapland. Its often called "Europe's last wilderness". It's home to six of the highest peaks in Sweden and well over 100 glaciers. Although the Saami have lived off herds of Reindeer for centuries there is little evidence of human habitation and there are no marked tracks or facilities for trampers. The park is very remote by European standards and is widely regarded as the oldest national park in Europe (1909).

Saturday 18 September.		Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360 newmike@slingshot.co.nz
Peak Hill. Take a drive out to tranquil Lake Coleridge and climb the Peak Hill (1240m) - Pat Barrett rates it 'unequivocally outstanding' as a viewpoint and a 'special place for mood and light' and he has surely seen a few of the best! There is good access via a well graded track up to a small saddle from where you can see into both the Rakaia and out over Coleridge. From the saddle we'll continue up through the tussocks to the broad summit at 1240m, to give about 600m height gain altogether. A great trip at any time of year.	Grade: EasyMod Closes: 16 Sep Map: K35 Approx: \$25	
Weekend 18-19 September.		Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931 bernhard.parawa@cdhb.govt.nz
Mt Taylor. We will leave from the Shell Garage at 5pm, heading out to Lake Heron. If weather is conducive to camping out we will; otherwise we'll head up to Double Hut. Early start to Mt Taylor to give us time to get back at a reasonable time. Ice Axe & crampons required.	Grade: Moderate+ Closes: 9 Sep Map: K35 Approx: \$35	
Weekend 18-19 September.		Leader: Antony White 381-5993, Mob 021 0497893 phoenixantony@gmail.com
Mueller Hut. Drive down to Mt Cook on Friday night and stay at a camp ground at the start of the track. There is a leisurely walk up to the hut on Saturday, with options for venturing further if wanted. Walk back down on Sunday morning and back to Christchurch in the late afternoon.	Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 9 Sep Map: H36 Approx: \$50 + \$41 accom	
Sunday 19 September. Note early start - contact leader		Leader: John Allen 355-3959 jallen.soil@gmail.com
Mt Horrible (St James Range). This is Mt Horrible in Lewis Pass, as opposed to any of the other five Horribles in New Zealand (makes you wonder a bit about the early settler experiences doesn't it ...?) We go in from the Tophouse Road (beside the Clarence) and go up Timms Stream and then ascend the eastern Horrible spur, probably via Red Hill. Horrible itself is 1764m (about 900m height gain from the road). We are exploring the options of coming out over the much more inspiringly-named Mt Saint George, on the alert for dragons as we go	Grade: Moderate Closes: 16 Sep Map: M31 N31 Approx: \$25	
Thursday 23 September.		Club Night
Sweden and Norway with Rex. Rex and Greta did a road trip from Sweden to the North of Norway. This included glaciers and going into the Polar Circle with 24 hour daylight. Get a feeling for the culture of these 2 countries.		

Saturday 25 September.		Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com	
<p>Prebble Hill. Prebble Hill (902m) is a nice little bump to the north of the Torlesse Range. Its right in the middle of the limestone area down there and the trip offers a great opportunity to explore the beautiful formations. In fact, if you are really into your limestone, "the Flock Hill-Prebble Hill sector is the trough of a west-plunging boxfold bounded by synformal bends at Flock Hill and Prebble Hill" (Journal of the Royal Society of New Zealand, 5(2), pp.209-217). Now you'll have to go to what that looks like ... 3-4 k each way and about 200m height gain.</p>		Grade: Easy+ Closes: 23 Sep Map: K34 Approx: \$20	
Weekend 25-26 September.		Leader: Liz Tanner 0211400531 lizjtanner@yahoo.com.au	
<p>Moeraki morsels. The plan is to leave as early as possible on Friday evening to make it to Oamaru for the night (at a backpackers) with a possible nocturnal penguin hunt (bring a torch). On Saturday we'll do a 3 - 4 hour walk in Herbert forest en route to Moeraki to enjoy the beach or the Millenium walkway. Dinner booked at Fleurs for 8 people -- not compulsory. On Sunday we'll do the Trotter gorge and then on the way home we'll stop at Oamaru to look at the historic markets/gardens. For pics of what to expect see http://picasaweb.google.com/103765649550061908008/MoerakiOamaru#. Accommodation has been booked for 10: let the leader know ASAP if you want come as it's the school holidays.</p>		Grade: Easy/All/Social Closes: 16 Sep Map: J42 Approx: \$50+Accom	
Sunday 26 September. Early start - contact leader		Leader: David Sutton 348 5998	
<p>Travers - Trovatore. Travers Peak (1724m) is just above the Lewis Pass Highway, accessed from the west via a nice bush track. From Travers we can descend a couple of hundred metres into a tarn basin, up the other side and onto Trovatore (1737m). From Trovatore we hope to head north-east along the ridge to pick up a nice descent into a stream. That takes us down to the Maruia and thus we can pick up the St James Walkway back to the Lewis Pass carpark. Height gain about 1000m+. Assuming there is still snow there, snow skills and ice axe and crampons are a must. Early start - contact leader.</p>		Grade: Moderate+ Closes: 23 Sep Map: M31 Approx: \$30	
Thursday 30 September.		Club Night	
<p>Newsletter folding night. After we have folded the newsletters we can have some social time.</p>			

Saturday 2 October.	Leader: Liz Tanner 0211400531 lizjtanner@yahoo.com.au
Nikau Palm Gully. This day trip is part of the Akaroa Weekend - if you just want to come for the day and sign up on time (note trip closes on Wednesday), transport etc from Christchurch will be coordinated. Nikau Palm Gully is a little gem in the Akaroa Heads scenic zone with big cliffs, seabirds, palm trees and more. The gully is acclaimed as one of the best forest remnants in the province, with an amazing collection of huge nikau palms. Approximately 10km walking with some gently rolling hills, this is one of the few peninsula tramps that gets you out close to the steep headlands and bays with a good safe track all the way.	Grade: Easy Closes: 29 Sep Map: N37 Approx: \$20

Weekend 2-3 October.	Leader: Liz Tanner 0211400531 lizjtanner@yahoo.com.au
Akaroa Weekend. Join us in Akaroa for one night, or two nights or just for the day on either Saturday or Sunday. On Saturday the destination is Nikau Palm gully and on Sunday we'll do an easy walk in the Hinewai Reserve. See the day-trip descriptions for more details. Accommodation is \$20 per night, shared tea on Saturday night, cafe time if the weather's bad!	Grade: Easy Closes: 23 Sep Map: N36 N37 Approx: \$20+Accom

Weekend 2-3 October.	Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507 thomas_matern@yahoo.co.nz
Black Range. A trip into an area that the club does not often attempt. Travel up to Cass Saddle and from there climb up onto the Black Range to a high camp. Travel along the Black Range to Mt Misery before returning to the cars. Ice axe and crampons might be required.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 23 Sep Map: K34 Approx: \$30

Sunday 3 October.	Leader: Liz Tanner 0211400531 lizjtanner@yahoo.com.au
Hinewai. This day trip is part of the Akaroa Weekend - if you just want to come for the day and sign up on time (note trip closes on Wednesday), transport etc from Christchurch will be coordinated. Hinewai is a beautiful bird and bush reserve on the eastern side of Banks Peninsula, accessed from the Summit Road above Akaroa. The reserve has a wide range of natives including some original remnant beech and the newer plantings which are really getting established now. When you sit down you can really hear the bird-song all around you.	Grade: Easy Closes: 29 Sep Map: N36 N37 Approx: \$20

Sunday 3 October.	Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344 richard.lobb@canterbury.ac.nz
Mt Manson I: Sight-seeing. Mt Manson (1859m) is a club favourite in the Craigieburns, opposite Purple Hill overlooking Lake Pearson. We could even be doing a round trip from the Craigieburn Road to Mt Manson, then Hamilton Peak and down to Camp Saddle and back to the cars, or there is the possibility that we'll be get permission to come out down Ribbonwood Stream... Mt Mason overlooks the amazing symmetrical shingle fans almost bisecting Lake Grasmere, one from the Craigieburn side and the other from Purple Hill.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 30 Sep Map: K34 Approx: \$20

Sunday 3 October.	Leader: Antony White 381-5993, Mob 021 0497893 phoenixantony@gmail.com
Mt Manson II: Scree-sloping. Unlike the more moderate sight-seeing Mt Manson trip running on the same day, this trip is solely for those who like caning it down scree. The leader intends to climb Mt Manson from the eastern ridge, then check out the mad-as scree on the North side, which can be seen from the road when coming back from Arthurs Pass. If it's so good once, we may do it again.	Grade: ModHard Closes: 30 Sep Map: K34 Approx: \$20

Thursday 7 October.	Club Night
Auction night. The one we had a year or so ago went well so let's try again. Do you have any surplus gear that you no longer use and you would like to turn into cash? If you are a newer or perspective member this could be the chance to buy some gear on the cheap! If you do come along be sure to bring some cash so transactions can be finalised on the night. BRING IN THAT SURPLUS GEAR.	

Saturday 9 October. Early start - contact leader	Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344 richard.lobb@canterbury.ac.nz
Mt Catherine. Mt Catherine is a superb peak overlooking Lake Heron in the Clent Hills area. We'll access via a 4WD road and cross the flats then ascend the south west ridge - about 1000m sustained climb, some of it fairly steep, tussock at first and then rock - to get to the commanding summit of Mt Catherine (2085m). Check out the views of the Arrowsmiths in the distance and plan your next adventure! Given sufficient enthusiasm from the group and the leader we may make a loop by descending the rocky slopes to the south over 2045, 2039 etc. Mostly red sandstone, it's bare, open and starkly beautiful - a good achievement for a moderate trumper who is happy with a bit of scrambling and a 24 km day (estimated up to around 9 hours). Ice axe and crampons probably required. Early start - contact the leader.	Grade: Moderate+ (snow skills required) Closes: 7 Oct Map: J35 Approx: \$25

Weekend 9-10 October.	Leader: Andrew Wrapson 980-6006
Woolshed Creek Hut. An easy family oriented trip along a pretty good track to a big new hut, this is a good trip for those new to weekend tramping. Talk to the leader for more information .	Grade: Easy/family Closes: 30 Sep Map: L32 Approx: \$40

Sunday 10 October.	Leader: Jim Western 384-8950 jimwestern@xtra.co.nz
Pudding Hill Stream. Pudding Hill Stream gives us a varied loop in Mt Hutt forest, starting in Awa Awa Rata Reserve. From the Reserve we will walk up Scotts Saddle Track to the Ski-field road. This is a climb of about 600m over 5km through mixed forest and then on tussock tops with great views over the plains. From the road, we head west down through the forest on a track which may be overgrown to reach Pudding Hill Stream. We follow this downstream (untracked) for approx 6km to where a short track leads back to the reserve. Expect ye-olde-traditional-new-zealand-this-is-real-tramping wet feet on the homeward part of this round trip of approx 12 km.	Grade: EasyMod Closes: 7 Oct Map: K36 K35 Approx: \$20

Saturday 16 October.	Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360 newmike@slingshot.co.nz
Wharfedale Track. The Wharfedale is a real piece of local history. It was originally a stock route and the hope was to develop it into a road route to open up Lees Valley. Work started optimistically in 1879 and over \$half-a-million in today's terms had been spent in seven years before it reverted to being one of the more expensive 19th century stock routes. Now it makes one of the network of tracks in the Oxford forest and is used by mountain bikers as well as trampers. The track is mostly low level (400 - 700m) through bush and beech forest to the Wharfedale Hut for lunch, and then returning the same way.	Grade: Easy+ Closes: 14 Oct Map: L34 Approx: \$20

Weekend 16-17 October. (Maybe early start: contact leader)	Leader: Antony White 381-5993, Mob 021 0497893 phoenixantony@gmail.com
3 Creeks Hut, Mt Winterslow. Starting at Sharplin Falls and following the Mt Somers track we have the option of either going up a ridge straight to Mt Winterslow, or going through to Woolshed Creek Hut, and heading up Woolshed Creek to Peache Saddle. We have an option of a hut or (preferably) tenting up on the tops since the views south would be amazing, especially in the crisp cool morning air. Sunday will see us crossing over Mt Winterslow to drop back down to the cars at Sharplin Falls, to be soon followed by ice creams at the Staveley store. Ice axe and crampons may possibly still be required if the snow hangs around. May be an early departure: please contact leader.	Grade: Moderate to ModHard Closes: 7 Oct Map: K36 Approx: \$25

Weekend 16-17 October.	Leader: Ken Brown 359-2000 kenneth.brown@canterbury.ac.nz
Hope Kiwi Lodge. A large comfortable lodge at a popular destination. We'll leave the cars at the Windy Point car park and follow a good track on the true left of the Hope River for about 19km to Hope Kiwi Lodge. This could be a crossover trip if enough people sign up.	Grade: Easy+ Closes: 7 Oct Map: L32 Approx: \$35
Long Weekend 23-25 October.	Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931 bernhard.parawa@cdhb.govt.nz
Mt Euclid, Paparoas. We will leave at 7pm on Friday. Hope to reach Charleston or camp along the way. Hope to have 2 full days exploring the tops of the Paparoas. Mt Faraday, Euclid & anything else that looks interesting. You never know, the weather might hold out. The Publicans wife at Charleston said a chain saw would be handy to get us closer to the start of the track.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 14 Oct Map: K30 Approx: \$40
Long Weekend 23-25 October.	Leader: Chantal McCarthy 360 3752 chantal.mccarthy@amcor.com
Twizel Base Camp. Hard Labour Weekend! Head down to Twizel on the Friday of labour weekend for a whole variety of activities! Those who are interested can participate in the Twizel Hard Labour weekend sporting events (running, biking and kayaking - see http://www.twizelhardlabour.org.nz) - prior entry is needed. Alternatively some interesting hikes (perhaps up to Ohau Skifield or similar) can be organised, and/or a day trip down to Clyde on the Saturday for the new vintage wine tasting festival, and of course there are the Tekapo attractions of hotpools and Mt John Observatory. A long weekend with something for everyone!	Grade: Easy/All/Social Closes: 14 Oct Map: H38 Approx: \$125 incl. petrol and accom
Multi day trip 23-29 October.	Leader: Craig Beere 381-0839, mob 021 395 578 havokk@ihug.co.nz
Great Walk Week. Craig will be leading an intrepid group on one of New Zealand's Great Walks. Which one hasn't been decided yet. Possibly one of the North Island ones. Possibly one of the two Craig hasn't done (Milford and Abel Tasman). The trip will involve at least four days of walking and two days of travel, so you will need to take the short week off work. Depending on the track chosen, ice axe skills may be required. If you are interested, let the leader know soon, so planning for transport can be done early. There will be a cap on numbers. Estimated cost unknown but you should expect at least \$150.	Grade: EasyMod Closes 23 Sept Map: Approx: \$TBA

Weekend 30-31 October.

Leader: Andrew Tromans 379-2686
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Mt Haast. Mt Haast is the big skyline pyramid that catches your eye as you approach Springs Junction from Lewis Pass. We'll camp high by some tarns on Saturday, returning via the ridge above Rahu River Left Branch on Sunday.

Grade: Moderate
Closes: 21 Oct
Map: L31
Approx: \$40

Trip Reports

31 July - 1 August

Hanmer Havoc

Graham demonstrates how to deal with leaders

Go the Girls!

Take two Hanmer houses with 23 occupants...add a Jeff Rogers with his wife from the campground and you have a very interesting weekend (and loud).

Liz and Norm set off early Friday afternoon and arrived in a very icy Hanmer... and set to turning on all the heating they could find in one house and lighting the fire in the other house...then unloading a LOT of food for the Saturday dinner. That accomplished Liz decided to take a drive up Jollies Pass road but there was too much ice and erosion on a ford near Molesworth to make it much further so returned to be flagged down in the main street by Jeff and Chris who came for visit .

Then there was the arrival of three car loads of working people at nicely spaced intervals...a lot of unpacking and setting up ...the arrival of one of Lisa's friends from Nelson...lots of talking...and suddenly it was nearly midnight.

Two early risers the next morning thought it would be fun to visit the caravan and toss some gravel on the roof to see if the occupants were awake...and escape via the golf course only to find an 8ft fence to climb...complete with barbed wire on top!!! Meantime back at the house some people were getting ready to go mountain biking..the others up Mt Isobel led by Andrew. When the other two car loads arrived the trampers set off...weather was mild but very gusty on the peaks... and much more snow than last year.. so the summit was not reached but all returned with that outdoor glow!!!!

Lauren and Murray completed the rainbow circuit on their bikes...Jas and Lisa and boys went to the mudslam...Liz and Norm started cooking.

A great evening followed with 25 of us there for tea..a "guess who this is" photo night...a balloon stomp...winner cleans up...and more talking.

Thanks to Sachin who held up the male side of the second house with 5 ladies...Norm who cooked pikelets on Sunday for breakfast and everyone who just started cleaning without being asked...so we could go to mini golf...biking...walking.

I cannot express enough my thanks to the people who came this weekend and made it such fun for me as leader to run the trip and make it such a great weekend for all.

1-nighters were Sarah Day, Sheree Hann, Yani Najman, Alix Allard, Graham Gilmour, Sachin and Divya. Milanda Lin.

2-nighters were Jason Trimble, Caleb Trimble, Liam Trimble, Lisa Harrison, Tania Stevens, Andrew Wrapson, Anglea Mc Millan, Chantal McCarthy, Murray Gifford, Karen Garrick, Norm

21-22 August 2010

Snowcaving - Mt Hamilton

Team Snowcave on top of Mt Hamilton	Inside snowcave with candles
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The weekend started early with a 7am departure from town with our leader Antony joined by Stu, Sarah and Charles. We parked the car just below the Broken River ski field carpark, donned our packs and started walking up towards camp saddle. Antony showed us all the meaning of a true trumper by setting out in shorts and a T-shirt without the usual underlying polyprop's, and about this time we learned that Sarah had not actually been on any overnight tramps before and was keen to see what they were like! Thumb's up's to her for learning that lesson by getting straight into the hard stuff!

The 4x4 track in the bush was well defined and fairly easy going but within the hour we had broken the tree line and were in snow country. The forecast poor weather turned out to be an absolute stunner so we stopped to remove layers and slap on a bit on sunblock. Shortly after entering the snow we came across another group heading in the same direction as us but somewhat slower, who turned out to be a group of experienced mountaineers on some kind of training re-evaluation trip. Once up at camp saddle we stopped to admire the view, put on our crampons and prepared to tackle the steep climb up to the ridge. Sarah really proved her mettle by getting stuck in hauling her pack up with the best of them, thoroughly impressing the rest of the group. Once on the ridge we decided to have a bite to eat and start looking out for a suitable snow drift to build our home in for the night.

By around 2pm we had found a potential spot just down from Hamilton Peak on the ridge line between the Broken River and Cragieburn ski fields, where Antony showed excellent foresight by choosing what later turned out to be some perfect snow cave real estate. After ensuring there were no ski runs below us, the excavations began. With 4 people and 3 shovels one person was left to boil water for the party until there was enough room inside for all 4 of us to get stuck in. As it turns out digging a snow cave isn't actually that easy and only after a good 3 hours of digging, hauling and sweating did we have a cavity suitable for our residence. Luckily the effort of construction provided the first heat to our new abode, and when we moved in it was already a toasty 0°C. With the wind chill out of the equation the cave genuinely felt warm and inviting, especially after the sun set and the temperature dropped away.

After finishing construction our attention turned to more important matters of firstly having dinner (cooked outside of course to avoid asphyxiation) and secondly decorating our home. Sarah again impressed us all by providing a fireplace and a retreat to a tropical island, which although only in pictorial form did provide the illusion of greater warmth. She even remembered the tent-pegs to hang them on the wall! Stu and Antony had bought candles which when lit around the walls gave our icy cavern a distinctly warm and romantic glow! After a bit of gas-bagging, like all good trips, the exertion of a days climbing and digging took its toll and everyone was asleep (or as asleep as you can get in a snow cave) by around 7pm. As we were all to learn, the floor of a snow cave is slippery and getting up close and personal with your neighbour is inevitable...

The next morning we awoke to the relief that not only was our cave still intact, but that the front we had been watching accumulate had not moved overnight, so another clear day was on the cards. Needless to say, waking up on top of a mountain in crystal clear weather has certain benefits for those who appreciate sheer beauty. The price to pay of course is a somewhat chilly breakfast and frozen crampon straps!

After packing up we had the fun task of collapsing our cave, which would have proven to even the most sceptical of cavers that snow is indeed a sound structural element. Almost as much

effort went into busting it down as did digging it out, and even when large chunks were overhanging they required persuasion from an ice axe to actually detach.

With that done, we set off to the top of Hamilton Peak for a look around and some photos. The nor-wester had started moving that front towards us so at about 11am we decided to head for the car. Descent was via the edge of the Broken River ski field and deep powder made for a fun run down the side of the mountain. Once back near the ski field access road we shed our crampons and finished off the easy walk back to the car, leaving the range at about 1pm.

Now usually a tramping trip would basically end here and the drive back to town wouldn't be worth writing about. However being still reasonably early in such a nice day, some bright spark remembered that we would be passing Cave Stream on the way home. After a bit of hesitation from Charles on the basis of water generally being associated with cold, we decided to call in and go through the cave. We all got changed into our 'getting wet' clothes and Antony led the way down the water outlet end of the cave. The water running out looked a little higher than usual, but not to worry, Antony thought we would still be OK. He led into the abyss and as predicted, the water was cold but tolerable. However everyone has a line, and when shoulder deep in the ever deepening water and no longer able to move forwards due to the push of the water backwards, Antony crossed that line and decided to bail out. This amid significant exclamation of the effect of 1°C water on the more sensitive areas of the body... Defeated for the first time ever, the conclusion was drawn that perhaps Cave Stream is best attempted in the summer when the flow isn't quite so aggressive.

Once we had had a token glance at the newly erected signs and information boards, we got changed, jumped in the car and headed for home, uninterrupted this time. Overall, the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all as well as being somewhat educational on the do's and don'ts of snow caving. By far the most important 'do' is that if you ever suspect the need to build a snow cave for genuine survival is looking likely, then start digging sooner rather than later! They take time and if you're still digging when it's dark and cold you will have a tough time.

People: Sarah Day, Charles Afford (scribe), Stu Douce, Antony White (Leader)

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Our Club Hut: In the Arthur's Pass township, with all the comforts of home including real showers and inside flushing loos (BYO toilet paper!), but with the mountains at the back door. 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. For keys and bookings, phone Dave Watson 981-7929; or if he's away, Rex Vink 352-5329; or if they're both away, Andrew Wrapson 980-6006. Hut fees are \$10 member, \$10 member's partner, \$20 non-member, \$5 kids under 12. If you find any problems or maintenance required, please tell Dave.

Equipment Hire: The Club has a range of equipment for hire. The Gear Custodian is Bernhard Parawa 981-4931. Note: club gear assigned to you is your responsibility; please take care of it. Please make sure you put tents inside your pack. Tents attached to the outside of your pack can be easily punctured when bush bashing or even lost. This may result in serious damage to your bank account! Please air and dry tents after taking them on a trip even if they are not used, and report any damage to the gear custodian.

Rates for Gear Hire:

Tent	\$3/person/night
Ice axes, crampons	\$4 per weekend
Harnesses, snow shovel	\$4 per weekend
Large/small weekend packs	\$2 per weekend
Helmets	\$2 per day
Personal locator beacons	Free

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