

Auckland Tramping Club

Trips Programme – as at July 25th, 2018

CHRISTMAS TRIPS

1. Dusky Track – Thurs Dec 27 to Sat Jan 5

The Dusky Track is a classic, accessible, Fiordland tramp with stunningly beautiful lakes, alpine areas, and valleys.

There are two options:

Medium/Fit from Lake Hauroko to Loch Maree, then Supper Cove on Dusky Sound before returning via Loch Maree through to Lake Manapouri. Hut nights at Halfway, Lake Roe, Loch Maree, Supper Cove, Loch Maree, Kintail, Upper Spey. Back at Te Anau on Friday January 4. To Queenstown on January 5.

Medium from Lake Hauroko to Loch Maree, with extra time along the way in the alpine playground around Lake Roe Hut, but no Supper Cove diversion on the walk out to Lake Manapouri. Hut nights at Halfway, Lake Roe (2), Loch Maree, Kintail, Upper Spey. Back at Te Anau on Thursday January 3. January 4 will provide a relaxing day in Te Anau before returning to Queenstown on January 5.

NOTE: The follow-on 5 Passes trip is scheduled immediately following these trips – commencing January 5.

IMPORTANT: Because of the time of year we have pre-booked and prepaid key accommodation and transport. You must contact a leader quickly to ensure there is a space for you on the trip.

Leaders: Medium Fit: Robin Houston ☎ 027 431 0010 / 09 817 7849

Email robhouston@orcon.net.nz

Medium: Tony Walton ☎ 027 478 5223 / 09 630 2591

Email walton.th@xtra.co.nz

Details: Contact Robin/Tony for a detailed itinerary/other questions

Flights: Arrive Queenstown before 10.30 am on Thursday 27 Dec.

Will you also do the 5 Passes Trip?

If YES, depart Queenstown January 11

If NO, depart Queenstown January 5 from midday

Transport: Tracknet to/from Te Anau and Queenstown

Trips & Tramps to/from Dusky Track and Te Anau

Accom: Te Anau Lakeview Holiday Park – Steamers Backpackers, ATC only rooms

Party Size: Working for now on a total of 10 over the 2 groups. If more than that book soon enough, we'll try to accommodate you

Costs: All per person, some vary depending on actual party size

Shuttles to/from Te Anau \$94 return

Shuttles/boats Te Anau – Lake Hauroko – Lake Manapouri – Te Anau \$209

Accommodation: Te Anau Dec 27, Jan 3 (Medium only), Jan 4 – \$36 per night

DOC Huts: Standard – blue tickets or annual hut pass

Medium party – options for Te Anau activities Jan 4

Gas: TBA

Booking: Contact your leader (Robin or Tony) then book online

Note 2: Tony is away for significant periods during Sept, Oct, November, so contact him before then for bookings and further details. From mid September, also include Robin in all correspondence.

Bookings Close: September 30th

Payment: To Tony – payment to be made following booking. (To secure these bookings, most transport and accommodation costs have already been paid)

2. Five Passes – Saturday Jan 5 to Friday Jan 11

This is a round trip starting from the eastern end of the Routeburn Track travelling along river valleys, over alpine passes, and traversing alpine areas that provide great views of the surrounding mountains and valleys.

Saturday fly in to Queenstown, shuttle to Routeburn Shelter, over Sugarloaf Pass to Theatre Flat on the Rock Burn

Sunday over Park Pass to Hidden Falls creek

Monday over Cow Saddle and Fiery Col and along the Olivine Ledge to camp near the Fohn Lakes

Tuesday check out Sunset peak on the way to Fohn Saddle and Split Rock Bivvy on the Beans Burn

Wednesday down the Beans Burn to the Dart River

Thursday walk out to the Sylvan campsite road intersection, shuttle to Queenstown, stay overnight

Friday own arrangements to the airport / fly home

Grade: **Medium/Fit**

Leader: Robin Houston ☎ 027 431 0010 / 09 817 7849

Email robhouston@orcon.net.nz

Details: Contact Robin for a detailed itinerary / other questions

Flights: If you are also on either of the Dusky trips, this follows immediately. Otherwise, arrive Queenstown before 10.00 am on Saturday 5 January.

Depart Queenstown January 11

Transport: Glenorchy Journeys to/from Routeburn track area and Queenstown

Dusky party members will be taken from Te Anau to central Queenstown

If you fly in on January 5, you will need to take a shuttle that will get you to central Queenstown by 11.00 am

Shuttle from Queenstown accommodation to airport Jan 11 – own arrangements

Accom: All tramping nights are in tents

Jan 10 – backpackers in Queenstown TBA

Party Size: 6

Costs: Shuttles to/from Routeburn area \$90 return

Accommodation: Queenstown Jan 10th TBA

Gas: TBA

Booking: Contact Robin - then book online

Bookings Close: September 30th

Payment: Payment to be made following booking. (To secure these bookings, most transport and accommodation costs have already been paid)

INTERIM TRIPS

1. Landsborough / Karangarua – February 2019

This trip involves crossing from the head of Lake Ohau over Brodrick Pass, via the Landsborough River and Karangarua Valley to the West Coast.

This is a **Medium/Fit** Trip with an interesting climb out of the headwaters of the Landsborough River up the Karangarua Saddle.

Route

1. Walk up the Hopkins, Huxley, over Brodrick Pass, down into the Landsborough Valley. 3 days
2. Up the Landsborough River, about 3 days
3. Over the Karangarua Saddle. This is the technical bit, the steep route up from the Landsborough has a South Easterly aspect meaning that ice axes and crampons should be carried. 1 day
4. Down the Karangarua Valley to the road. 2-3 days

This is mostly a camping trip. Once in the Landsborough there are no huts after Creswicke Flat and in the Karangarua huts are 4 or 6 bunks.

We're still working on the time frame but it is likely to be 10 -12 days.

There may be a food drop in the Landsborough by the Medium trip.

Details: Still being finalised - Contact Chris for more information

Dates: Start in the third week of February, date to be confirmed
Finish by around March 2

Flights: To Christchurch / From Queenstown – dates to be advised
Recommended that you book a changeable flight for the return trip

Transport: Christchurch to Twizel, Intercity \$39, leave 7.30am
Shuttle Twizel to 2 wheel drive gate in the Hopkins, \$50
Intercity Karangarua to Queenstown (daily service), \$44

Party Size: Maximum 8

Costs: All per person
Transport: See above
Christchurch accommodation: TBA
Queenstown accommodation: TBA
Huts: Take around 6 blue hut tickets or an annual hut pass
Gas: Buy in Christchurch before departure

Leader: Chris Burnett ☎ 021 143 0676
email: burnett@eo.net.nz

Booking: Contact Chris

Payment: Chris will advise

2. South Westland – Sat February 16 to Sat March 2

Explore some spectacular South Westland valleys, with plenty of mountain views. This involves three trips:

1. Clarke Wilderness Area / Marks Flat / Solution Range (north of the Haast River)
2. Welcome Valley, as far as Copland Pass
3. Stafford Hut, south of Jackson Bay

This is a **Medium** Trip with some off track travel. Normally no more than around 7 hours' tramping per day.

All trips are weather dependent - more easterly bad weather options will be detailed before the start of the trip.

Clarke Wilderness Area / Marks Flat / Solution Range

This is a camping trip – no huts. Helicopter from Pleasant Flat (on Haast River) to Rough Creek, up Clarke River to Saddle Creek, then Marks Flat. Three nights there with side trips, then climb onto Solution Range for one night's camp, drop down to Toetoe Flat on Landsborough for helicopter pickup. Drive to Fox township for a night in Ivory Towers Backpackers.

Welcome Valley

First night in Welcome Flat hut, near the famous hot pool, then 2 nights further up the valley in Douglas Rock hut (8 bunks). Intended day trip to the top of Copland pass and back again, if conditions are suitable. Aiming for views into the Hooker Valley and of Mt Cook and surrounding mountains. Return down valley to camp at Architect Creek Hut (2 bunks) or possibly the track end (that would be a longer day).

Stafford Hut

Jackson Bay is as far south as you can drive down the West Coast. Further south on Stafford Bay is Stafford Hut, which can be reached via a low tide only coastal route from Smoothwater Bay on the way in and an overland route on the way out. Low tide is midday on our way in. Stay 2 nights at Stafford Hut with local exploring. We then return for a final night in Nomads Backpackers, Queenstown.

Details: Contact Tony for a detailed itinerary / other questions

Flights: Arrive Queenstown before 10.00 am Saturday 16 Feb.

Leave Queenstown Saturday 2 March.

Recommended that you book a changeable flight for the return trip

Transport: Hired 12 seater van

Part Trip: If you really have to you could leave or join the trip at Fox township where we stay Feb 22. There is an Intercity bus service to Fox – your responsibility to arrange.

Party Size: Maximum 8

Costs: All per person, some vary depending on actual party size
Helicopter: Approx \$400
Van hire: Approx \$275
Van fuel: TBA – Expected kms less than 600
Fox Backpackers: \$33
Welcome Flat Hut: \$15. Book this yourself online on the DOC website for Saturday 23 February, 2019
Other huts: Bring 4 blue tickets + spares or annual hut pass
Queenstown Backpackers: \$33.25
Gas: TBA – to be prepaid, collect Queenstown Feb 16

Leader: Tony Walton ☎ 027 478 5223 / 09 630 2591
e-mail: walton.th@xtra.co.nz

Booking: Contact Tony

Payment: To Tony, deposit December 1st, balance February 1st

3. Hopkins / Huxley – February 2019

LEADER REQUIRED PLEASE

This trip involves exploring the Hopkins and Huxley valleys at the headwaters of Lake Ohau. We scheduled this a few years back, but terminated it early because of inclement January weather. This is a lovely area to the east of the main divide, with a number of mostly medium sized or small huts in superb riverside locations.

This is a **Medium/Easy** Trip - it will be up to the party as to how much tramping you do each day. It might be possible to arrange a helicopter food drop up the valley.

Potential Highlights

- The wide open Hopkins valley with mountains in all directions
- Huxley Valley (including South and North branches) – very picturesque, with an option to climb to the top of Brodrick Pass to look down into the Landsborough Valley
- Elcho Valley
- Dasler Pinnacles
- Head of the Hopkins – glacial moraine and mountains of the Main Divide
- An interesting selection of huts – Cullers, Dodger, Erceg, Richardson Rock Biv, Dasler Biv, historic Red Hut

Details: To be confirmed once a leader is available and detailed planning can be done

Dates: Start around February 16th
Finish date to suit the group

Flights: To / From Christchurch or Queenstown
Suggest you book a changeable flight for the return trip

Transport: Rental vehicle to suit the size of the group

Party Size: Maximum - TBA

Costs: All per person
Transport: Rental vehicle hire and fuel
Start / end accommodation: TBA
Huts: Take blue hut tickets or an annual hut pass
Gas: Buy on arrival in Christchurch or Queenstown

Contact: Tony Walton ☎ 027 478 5223 / 09 630 2591
e-mail: walton.th@xtra.co.nz
Tony will assist with planning, bookings, etc, as required

SAFARI TRIP March 2 – 16

Christchurch to Queenstown

The 2019 Safari takes in country seldom visited by the ATC and features the South Island High Country – Aoraki / Mt Cook – glaciers – historic huts – old mining areas – and, of course, LOTR locations...

Accommodation will be in self-contained cabins (shared) in four different ‘base camps’ where a variety of day hikes as well as optional overnight hikes will be offered.

Mt Somers Holiday Park (4 nights / 3 days) with day trips in the Hakatere Conservation Park (eg Lake Emily / Mt Barrosa / Lake Emma and historic hut / Lake Clearwater and Mt Guy); optional overnight tramp from Buick bridge to Potts river via overnight at Boundary Hut.

Mt Cook Lodge and Motels (3 nights / 2 days) with day trips in Aoraki / Mt Cook National Park (eg Sealy Tarns / Hooker Valley and Tasman Glacier / Red tarn); optional overnight tramp to Mueller Hut (hut has been booked) via Sealy Tarns.

Omarama Top 10 Holiday Park (4 nights / 3 days) with day trips in the Ahuriri Conservation Area (eg Lake Ohau / Hopkins River Valley / Greta track loop taking in Ben Ohau / South Temple stream and hut); side trip to explore coastal town of Oamaru and view the blue penguin breeding colony; optional overnight tramp along a section of Te Araroa from Lake Ohau to the Ahuriri river camping overnight.

On route from Mt Cook are options to explore the Clay Cliffs (‘hoodoos’) and/or Quail Burn historic area – homestead and woolshed etc dating to 1866. Note these could also be options for bad weather days at Mt Cook.

Wanaka Lake View Holiday Park (3 nights / 2 days) with day trips into the Pisa Conservation Area (eg the roaring Meg Pack Track – 19km from Cadrona Valley to Kawerau Gorge – can be varied); local walks eg Roy’s Peak. The holiday park is a short walk to Wanaka township.

Optional (expensive! – make your own arrangements) activities include: flights around Aoraki / glaciers; boat trips to the Tasman Glacier; glider flights from Omarama.

Places on the Safari will be limited to 20 with 8 set aside for members of our affiliated club the HTMC until end of September. Any of these places not taken will revert to ATC.

Participants must be members of ATC (or HTMC) and experienced day trampers.

Transport (includes to and/or from Auckland – departure and arrival dates TBC) will be provided by the ATC Club Bus (‘Big Blue’). The Safari officially starts from Christchurch airport midday on March 2 and ends at Queenstown airport on March 16 – this allows participants to make their own travel arrangement to Christchurch / from Queenstown if preferred.

All accommodation (14 nights) has been booked. Accommodation and bus transport has been costed at \$950. Bookings are now open and require a deposit of \$250; the balance will be due by the end of November. Note that costs are based on a full party of 20; if this is not reached then a cost adjustment may need to be made.

Contact leaders Ian ☎ 021 026 75675 or Anna ☎ 021 134 7408 for any enquires and/or to register for the Safari. However, between August 22nd and October 9th we are on our own Safari therefore during this time register with Keith Ayton (keith_ayton@hotmail.com) ☎ 630 7010 / 027 320 0102.

Follow up your registration by booking online at ATC website and paying the deposit into the club account as per usual trip procedures.

DAY TRIPS PROGRAMME

Sunday 5 August – Te Araroa, south of the Dome

A must for all those wishing to tick off another part of the Te Araroa Walkway.

Medium Pick up the walkway where it crosses the Kaipara Flats Road and follow the trail till Cook Rd near Puhoi. Time 5 - 6 hours

Streamlands Swamp Rd; Old Kaipara Rd; trail;

Edgerley Rd; Woodcocks Rd; Matthews Rd; trail; Moir Hill; trail; track; trail; Remiger Rd; trail;

Cook Rd; finish at Puhoi Village. Approx. 16km

Leader: Brian Delbridge ☎ 373 2707

Transport: Club Bus

Driver: Chris Burnett

Destination: Junction of Kaipara Flats Rd and Streamlands Swamp Rd approx 4.5km west of SH1

Departure: **8.30am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland

Trip cost: \$15 members, \$20 non-members.

Wednesday 8 August – Opanuku and Henderson Heights

Henderson Park, Opanuku stream walk and onto cycle way, through the old vineyard and orchard lands of Henderson Heights (mostly new housing and park land now), down to the Paremuka Lakeside area and back to Henderson Park and cars.

Leader: Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111

Transport: Car Pooling

Destination: Waste land in the Corban Estate Arts Centre site near old concrete vats (off Mt Lebanon Lane, Henderson)

Departure: **9.00am** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland

9.15am Gymnasium carpark, Olympic Park, Portage Road, New Lynn

From each departure point drive directly to the destination.

Sandringham Rd vehicles will NOT go via New Lynn.

Cost: \$10 to drivers

Note: Shorter/Alternative option available

Sunday 12 August – Coast to Coast

An Auckland classic walk, a must for all those who haven't done it before.

Medium From the Viaduct Basin (close to the Downtown Ferry Terminal) on the Waitemata Harbour, you'll make your way South to the Manukau Harbour and Tasman Sea. Follow the yellow markers and milestones. Some highlights along the way include:

- Albert Park, the site of an old Māori village (papakainga) called Rangipuke, which once contained a defensive pā and farmland – now boasting walking paths and gardens
- Auckland Domain, home to the Winter Gardens and Auckland War Memorial Museum
- Mount Eden / Maungawhau volcanic cone, Auckland's highest natural point
- Cornwall Park, an oasis in the heart of Auckland city and home to One Tree Hill / Maungakiekie and a working farm
- Onehunga Blockhouse located in Jellicoe Park, one of 10 small forts built in 1860 to protect Onehunga residents from perceived attacks by Māori

Finish at Onehunga Station and hop on any train heading to Britomart.

Walk 16km, Time 5 - 6 hours.

Leader: Brian Delbridge ☎ 373 2707

Transport: Private transport

Departure: **8.30am** outside the Ferry Building on the corner of Quay St and Queen St

Trip cost: Cost of public transport

Sunday 19 August – Manukau foreshores and Mt Mangere

Medium Trip starts at the west end of Onehunga foreshore, Taumanu Reserve. Take walkways along the foreshore to old Mangere Bridge. Cross bridge and through Mangere Bridge town centre (opportunity to purchase lunch at the market stalls) to Mangere Domain. Explore the extensive summit and craters of Mt Mangere before dropping down to the Watercare Coastal Walkway, continuing on to the foreshore tracks at Ambury Park (extensive bird life in the area). Back along the south Manukau foreshore past old lava flows to the old bridge then back to start at Taumanu Reserve. Time 4 - 5 hours

Leader: Ian Roberts ☎ 021 026 75675

Transport: Use public transport or private cars, to meet at the start

Destination: Taumanu Reserve. This can be reached via Seacliffe Road, where it becomes Orpheus Drive, adjacent to the toilet/changing block.

Start time: Walk starts **9.00am**

Wednesday 22 August – Manukau Coast: Taylors Bay to Lynfield Cove and return

This is a magnificent walk taking in the coast, walkways and reserves. Some stunning views.

Low Tide at 1.40pm. Boots recommended for coast.

Leader: Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111

Transport: Private cars

Meet: **9.45am** Bluff Tce car park Taylors Bay (Hillsborough Rd, Goddall St, right Frederick St and then left into Bluff Tce)

Note: Shorter/Alternative option available

Sunday 26 August – Waiorongomai Valley Tops

Details: In 2015 the Kaimai Ridgeway project volunteers constructed a new track from close to the Waiorongomai carpark, with a deliberately gentle gradient to join the existing Pylon Track. It then continues more steeply to reach the top of the Kaimai Range at Pylon Peak in around 2 to 2.5 hours. This track allowed the nearby Kauri Grove Loop track to be closed as a kauri protection measure. It travels through some superb areas of bush, including rimu and northern rata.

Medium/Fit Ascend the Pylon Peak track up the eastern side of the valley, past an old water race tunnel to the existing Pylon Track and from there to the junction with the Old North South track. Continue along the modest ups and downs on the Kaimai Ridgeway to the junction with the Waipapa Track near Pukekohatu. This crosses the head of the valley, and then we will return to the carpark via the High Level Pack Track.

Be prepared to travel uphill at a good pace. Elevation to the range 660m from the carpark.

Duration 6 - 7 hours.

Leader: Tony Walton ☎ 630 2591 / 027 478 5223

Easy Follow the Pylon Peak track to its junction with the existing Pylon Track taking time to appreciate the superb rata and rimu trees, amongst others, in the top section of the track. See how many of the old pylon remains you can spot along the way. Duration 4-5 hours

Leader: TBA

Transport: Suresh Nanu

Destination: Waiorongomai road end

Departure: **8:00am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland

8:15am Marewa Rd, Greenlane, behind Countdown

Cost: \$25 members, \$30 non members

Note: Early start and late finish

Sunday 2 September – Wairoa Loop Track (SHORT DAY)

This is an easy fun walk with excellent views over the dams, a bit of climbing, easy 3 hour walk. Keener people can do it in half this time and then cross the river and go up Suspension Bridge track.

Easy Starting at the car park follow road for 0.5km then turn onto the Loop Track, go to lookout, then complete the circuit.

Medium Having completed Loop track in 1.5 hours cross the bridge and follow Suspension Bridge track till road, take road back. Time 3 hours.

Leader: David Holl ☎ 309 4906
Transport: Club Bus
Driver: Allen Small
Destination: Carpark bottom of Otau Rd
Departure: **9.30am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd
9.45am Marewa Rd, Greenlane, behind Countdown
Cost: \$10 members, \$15.00 non-members

Sunday 9 September – Tawharanui Peninsula

Medium West End track loop, North Coast track, Takatu point, back track to South Coast Track, back to Takatu Rd. Time approx. 4 hours.

Leader: Brian Delbridge ☎ 373 2707
Transport: Private cars
Destination: T-junction on Takatu Rd and minor road to West End Track
Departure: **8.30 am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd (behind Mobil)
No second pickup point. Walk starts approx. 9.30am
Cost: \$15 to driver

Wednesday 12 September – Oakley Creek Area

Come exploring beside one of Auckland's longest urban streams and take a look at a natural waterfall. A little bit of everything – bush, walkways, cycle ways plus Mt Albert summit.

Leader: Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111
Transport: Private cars
Meet: **9.45am** End of Cradock St (off Blockhouse Bay Rd Avondale)
Note: Shorter/Alternative option available

Sunday 16 September – Hakarimata

Medium Starting from Parker Rd at the Huntly end of the walkway, we climb up past a lovely kauri grove and head south along the range, which has good views of the Waikato area. After passing trig (374m), turn left on Te Araroa trail to Ngaruawahia and wait for bus. Approx 10k, 400m climb. Time 4-5 hours

Leader: Appointed on the day, both parties mostly together.

Fit/Fast Continue past the Ngaruawahia turnoff along ridge through to Waingaro Rd and bus. Approx 12k, 400m climb. Time 5-6 hours

Leader: Russell Allen ☎ 276 8770, mob 021 0480380
Transport: Club bus
Driver: Garry Williams
Destination: Parker Rd carpark (off Hakarimata Rd) south of Huntly
Departure: **8.00am** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
8.15am Marewa Rd, Greenlane (behind Countdown)
Cost: \$20.00 members, \$25.00 non-members
Note: *Early start & late finish*

Sunday 23 September – Takapuna to Long Bay Coastal Walk

This is a walk we have not done often for many years on a Sunday, it involves a bit of walking across rocks but little climbing.

Medium Starting at the South end of Takapuna Beach we follow the coast line all the way up to Long Bay Regional Park with just one or two sections where we need to use roads.

Time: 4-5hrs
Leader: Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111
Transport: Club bus
Driver: TBA

Destination: End Hauraki Rd, Takapuna
Departure: **8.30am** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Road, Kingsland
No second pickup point. Walk starts about 9.15am
If using your own transport, check with driver about getting back to the start to pick up your car.
Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non members

Saturday 29, Sunday 30 September – Tangihua / Mt Tutamoe

As a result of Waitakere and Hunua track closures, we are scheduling a weekend involving two day trips in the Dargaville area, leaving Saturday morning, staying in the Dargaville Campervan Park / Cabins.

Saturday 29 September – Tangihua Forest

An interesting rugged landmark area with some steep and challenging tracks through mainly podocarp broadleaf forest with some kauri.

Medium/Hard Starting at the carpark, track to forest area 30mins, Horokaka track, Main Ridge, Te Haua Ura track to lodge then back to carpark. Time 6-7 hours

Short With the others for the first part of the Horokaka track, then cut back to Te Haua track via Tumanako track. Time approx. 4 hours

Leader: Russell Allen ☎ 276 8770, mob 021 0480380

Transport: Club bus

Driver: Keith Ayton

Destination: Tangihua forest carpark just off Omana Rd

Departure: **8.00am** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
Rest stop 15mins Wellsford
Walk starts approx. 11.00am

Evening: After the walk the bus will go to the Dargaville Campervan Park and Cabins. There are cabins and other motels close by. Those wanting accommodation book their own. Others pay for campsite on arrival.

Sunday 30 September – Mt Tutamoe

Climb through Kaihu Forest to the top of Mount Tutamoe and you will be rewarded by stunning, panoramic views. Views from the top are spectacular – you can see Dargaville, Kaipara, Maunganui Bluff to the south and west, Tangihua Forest and Whangarei Heads in the east.

Medium From the carpark, 40 mins up the forestry road, then take the path (not signed but marked with large orange triangle) to the top. Initially path is in newish pine forest but with native trees around, after 20 mins crosses style into typical native bush and the path climbs to 770m steeply at the top. Reverse back the way you came up. Time 4.5 hours

Easy Same as medium only turn back when you feel you have had enough

Leader: Russell Allen 276 8770 mob 021 0480380

Destination: Tangowahine Valley Rd. Carpark at beginning of forest road.

Departure: **8.30am** from Dargaville Campervan Park
Walk starts approx. 9.00am

Cost: Those using the bus \$50 members, \$60 non-member
Pay your own accommodation costs

Return to Auckland: Bus should arrive at the garage by about 5.00pm if there are no delays.

To secure a place email or ring Russell Allen **FIRST**. Then pay in the usual way by transferring the money into Club account 02-0100-0024675-00.

Between July 3 and September 10, book via Tony Walton ☎ 630 2591 or walton.th@xtra.co.nz

MULTI DAY TRIPS PROGRAMME

Northern Kaimai Forest Park – 10-12 August

The Kaimai Range has a long history from Maori times, goldmining and timber milling. You will travel on some historic tramways and roads.

Easy/Medium Saturday from Woodlands Road end, Wairoa Stream Track to Wairoa Shelter (including part of Lindemann Loop Track), west onto junction. Descend Upper Waitawheta Track to Waitawheta Hut. 6.5 hrs.

Sunday return to junction. Upper Waitawheta Track to Waitengue Campsite, Waitengau Stream Track to Woodlands Road end. 4.5 hrs.

Leader: Ian Roberts ☎ 021 0267 5675 email: roberts.anna.ian@actrix.co.nz

Medium Saturday from Crown Hill Road end (Karangahake) follow Number 7 Level Track, County Road, Mangakino Pack Track, NS Track and Dalys Clearing Track to Dalys Clearing Hut. 7 hrs.

Sunday Dalys Clearing Track, Bluff Stream Track to Waitengau Campsite, Waitengau Stream Track to Woodlands Road end. 6 hrs.

Leader: Murray Gifford ☎ 021 774290 email: mgifford32@gmail.com

Medium/Fit Saturday from Woodlands Road end, Wairoa Stream Track to Wairoa Shelter (including part of Lindemann Loop Track), west onto second junction. Follow Cashmores Clearing Route across and up onto NS Track. Head north along newly cleared NS Track to camp at a spot well known to the Kaimai track workers.

Sunday north on NS Track, past junction with Waipapa Track, approximately 500 metres, turn east onto old track past site of old Te Aroha Hut down to Waitawheta campsite (or site of old Waitawheta Hut). Head north on Waitawheta Track to Franklin Road end. 6.5 hrs.

Leader: Robin Houston ☎ 817 7849, mob 0274 310 010 email: robhouston@orcon.net.nz

Note: Kauri Dieback – please ensure your boots, gaiters and walking poles are **CLEAN BEFORE YOU START WALKING.**

Huts: Dalys Clearing - Standard hut ticket required or Annual Hut Pass. Waitawheta Hut - Book online yourself.

Transport: Club Bus **Drivers:** TBA

Bus Cost: \$35 members, \$44 non-members

Destination: Crown Hill Road Park by new Karangahake Hall.

Departure: Friday **7.00pm** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Road

NO DINNER BREAK EN ROUTE

Waoku Coach Rd Track, Northland – 7-9 September

Historic Waoku Coach Road built in late 1800's to early 1900's by Scottish stone masons was once the main route linking the Kaipara and Hokianga Districts.

Group 1 Medium/Long Saturday from Waoku Road carpark, Tutamoe on Waoku Coach Road Track to possibly camp at Honeymoon Clearing (E1657068, N6066534). 6-7 hours.

Sunday continue along Waoku Coach Road Track to junction with Waima Main Range Track. Take Waima Main Range Track west to junction with Taita Bridle Track, turn west again along Taita Bridle Track to DOC carpark, Taita Road. 6 hours.

Leader: Robin Houston ☎ 817 7849, mob 0274 310 010 email: robhouston@orcon.net.nz

Group 2 Medium/Long Saturday from DOC carpark, Taita Road, East along Taita Bridle Track to junction with Waima Main Range Track. Turn SW along Waima Main Range Track to junction with Waoku Coach Road. From this junction head east and then south along Waoku Coach Road and find camping (possibly approx. 1.6 kms south of Honeymoon Clearing at next clearing south). 6 hours.

Sunday continue south on Waoku Coach Road Track to carpark Waoku Road end. 6-7 hours.

Leader: Tony Walton ☎ 630 2591 or 027 478 5223 email: walton.th@xtra.co.nz

Note 1: The northern section of Waoku Coach Road Track (short section only) is not accessible due to logging operations in the Waima village area.

Note 2: This is a crossover trip. Both trips are the same length.

Note 3: This is a camping only weekend.

Transport: Club Bus

Drivers: TBA

Bus Cost: \$55 members, \$69 non-members

Destination: Waioku Road, Tutamoe (continue to a carpark at the start of the track, approx. 3kms)

Departure: Friday **7.00pm**, Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Road

NO DINNER BREAK EN ROUTE

Great Barrier Island – Labour Weekend, 19-22 October

Medium Saturday from Mabey Road, Burrill's Track/Route to Tataweka, 526m, return. Through Te Paparahi Sanctuary area. Tataweka is Great Barrier Island's second highest point! 360° views. On an old road now a track/route. See if you can find a very large totara tree along the way? A longer day with your day pack only. 8 hrs.

Sunday from Aotea Road, Coopers Castle Track, descend to Kaiarara Track to Forest Road, along road to take Kaiarara Stream-Kiwiriki-Maungapiko Track to Kiwiriki Bay to camp at old campsite near where Kiwiriki Stream enters the bay. 6 hrs

Monday continue on track to high point Maungapiko, 280m. On Forest Road for about 1.1 kms, turn south on Withey's Track, south on Tramline Track to junction with Whangaparapara Track to possibly have lunch on Whangaparapara, 309m. Return to Tramline Track and walk out to Whangaparapara Road. 5 hrs.

Leader/ Weekend Co-ordinator: TBA.

Please phone the leader before making any bookings.

Transport

Option 1 - Sealink

Leaves Friday 8am for Tryphena and returns 3.00pm Monday for Auckland. Ph 0800 732546. \$105 return. Seniors \$95 return. Fares subject to change. If you are catching the ferry when you arrive at Tryphena you will then need to walk Shoal Bay Road, up Rosalie Bay Road, descend track to Medlands Beach camp to wait for shuttle pick-up at 5pm.

Option 2 - Barrier Air

From Auckland book your flight Friday so that it arrives no later than 5pm Claris. Return flight Monday to leave after 2.00pm. \$89 one-way only or \$99 full-flexi one-way only. Fares subject to change.

Shuttles

1. **Friday** by Great Barrier Island Buses. You will be picked up either at Medlands Camp 5pm or Claris Airport 5.30pm to camp at DOC Whangapoua campsite. Monday afternoon you will be picked up on Whangaparapara Road, southern end of Tramline Track. \$50 per person for total of two shuttles. Fares subject to change.

2. **Saturday** morning by Mike Newman (8-9 seater van). You will be picked up from Whangapoua campsite and taken to start of Burrill's Track/Route, picked up late afternoon and return to Whangapoua camp for Saturday night. **Sunday** morning you will be picked up from camp and taken to start of Coopers Castle Track on Aotea Road. Fares will depend on one or two trips in Mike's van depending on numbers. Expect to pay between \$20-\$25 per person for total of the three shuttles by Mike.

3. **Monday** afternoon from Whangaparapara Rd 1.30pm.

Camping

Friday and Saturday nights at DOC Whangapoua campsite situated at Okiwi Estuary. \$13 per person per night. Please book online yourself.

Note 1: You will need your full pack and a small day pack for this weekend.

Note 2: People flying cannot take gas canisters on the plane, so once the organiser knows whether you are on the ferry or flying, he/she will ensure that all flyers' gas is carried by ferry passengers. Flyers will need to ensure their gas canisters are provided as directed one week before the departure date.

Whirinaki Forest Park – 16-18 November

Easy Central Whirinaki Hut (serviced)

Saturday through giant podocarp trees follow the main Whirinaki track past Te Whaiti-Nui-A-Toi canyon, on up the true right of the Whirinaki River to Central Whirinaki Hut. 4.5 hours. Explore to pumice cave and or Taumutu Stream, return to hut. 1.5 hours.

Sunday return to River Road carpark around Whirinaki Falls loop track, 4.5 hours.

Leader: TBA

Medium Moerangi Hut (standard)

Saturday follow the main Whirinaki track as far as Mangamate Stream, up Mangamate Stream for almost a km, turn north east onto "bully" track to link into the track to Moerangi Hut sidling around "Moerangi". 5.5 to 6 hours.

Sunday walk in Moerangi Stream to footbridge and track that will lead you to Rogers Hut (Te Wairoa Hut), onto Skips Hut (Whangatawhia Hut) and out to Okahu Road end. 6.5 hours.

Leader: Martin Woodhead ☎ 575 1329 or 021 397 734

Medium/Fit Upper Whirinaki Hut (standard)

Saturday follow the main Whirinaki track as far as Mangamate Stream, up Mangamate Stream to old Mangamate Hut site, on track to Mangamate Hut. Continue on track up Kakanui Stream, over saddle down Kaikaiti Stream to join into Taumutu Stream and on up to Upper Whirinaki Hut. 8.5 hours.

Sunday retrace your steps to junction Kaikaiti Stream and Taumutu Stream, follow Taumutu Stream through to Central Whirinaki Hut. Follow main Whirinaki track to falls, return to River Road on Whirinaki Falls loop track. 7.5 hours.

Leader: Andrew Murdoch ☎ 021 489 206

Transport: Club Bus

Drivers: TBA

Bus Cost: \$67 members, \$82 non-members

Hut Costs: Annual Hut Pass or hut tickets.

Destination: River Road carpark or Sanctuary campsite.

Departure: Friday **7.00pm** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Road

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Coromandel Forest Park – 7-9 December

Last opportunity to get fit for Christmas tramps. Tramp and enjoy the rugged, beautiful and challenging Coromandel Forest Park!

Easy/Medium **Saturday** up Waionora Track to main range, west along main range on undulating track to Orange Peel Corner, continue on to next junction to Crosbies Hut, on to hut. Excellent views from hut. Explore what is left of Crosbie's settlement. 6 hrs.

Sunday return to last junction, head south on Karaka Track all the way to Thames. 5 hrs.

Leader: TBA

Make your own booking online for Crosbies Hut well in advance. Camp sites available.

Medium/Fit **MT ROWE, TABLE MOUNTAIN, WAIWAWA**

Some of you missed this trip last time so here is your chance to take on Table Mountain!

Saturday up Moss Creek, old track over Mt Rowe, across Table Mountain (wet, muddy, overgrown, and in some places no track), descend on old track to camp at old Waiwawa Hut site or by the hunters shelter (built from old hut!) - both sites beside Waiwawa River. 9 hrs.

Sunday up ridge to pt 607, main ridge track to Orange Peel cnr, descend to Whangaiteranga Stream/Camp. Walk up Kauaeranga road to bus. 6 hrs.

Leader: Andrew Murdoch ☎ 021 489206

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Fit **KAUAERANGA - TAIRUA CROSSOVER**

Saturday from Kauaeranga road end, follow track up river past Moss Creek track to Kauaeranga Gorge. Scramble/swim up gorge to Pinnacles hut for Saturday night. 8-9 hrs.

Sunday climb Pinnacles, bush bash into Scott Stream and Second Branch of Tairua and out to road at Hikuai. 8-9 hrs.

Leader: Jim Morrow ☎ 834 4227 or 021 264 6085

Make sure your gear is waterproof, **be prepared to get wet!** This is a classic Coromandel trip we haven't done for a few years.

Make your own booking online for Pinnacle Hut well in advance, if you're not booked, you may not be allowed into the hut. Camp sites are available.

Transport: Club Bus

Drivers: Jim Morrow, + TBA

Bus Cost: \$47 members, \$55 non-members (includes the Friday night \$13 camp fee)

Destination: Kauaeranga Valley, Shag Stream campsite (100m before DOC Visitors Centre).

Departure: Friday **7.00pm** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Road

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Other dates for your diary:

2018

August 3-5 Kokako protection programme Tunawaea

August 17-19 ATC Kaimai Work Weekend

August 31 - Sept 2 Kokako protection programme Tunawaea

September 14-16 ATC Kaimai Work Weekend

October 5-7 Kokako protection programme Tunawaea

October 12-14 ATC Kaimai Work Weekend

Oct 20 - Nov 25 Nepal – Kanchenjunga

November 2-4 Kokako protection programme Tunawaea

November 9-11 ATC Kaimai Work Weekend

Nov 30 - Dec 2 Kokako protection programme Tunawaea

December 14-16 ATC Kaimai Work Weekend

Dec 27 start Christmas trips

2019

February 16 start Interim trips

March 2 start Safari 2019 (South Island)

Contact Margaret Law ☎ 298 5699, email margaret.j.law@gmail.com if you are able to organise/lead any of these trips.

Details subject to change.