

**Auckland Tramping Club**  
**Trips Programme – as at September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**Multi Day Trip Planning 2019**

**Wednesday 12 September, 7.30 – 9.00 pm**

An invitation to all members who are keen to shape next year's multi day trips programme. The purpose is to identify the potential destination area/track(s) (and any immediate need for forward bookings), rather than the specific details. Individuals can then be tasked with following up in more detail in due course.

We need to ensure we cover all multi day trip types, including weekend trips, winter trip, November trip, cycle trips, and ... ??, and coordination with upcoming Christmas, Interim, Safari trips and planned Tunawaea weekends

The meeting will be at Tony's place – **11 Corbett-Scott Ave, Epsom**

If you can't attend, but have some great ideas, please forward these to: Tony .....[walton.th@xtra.co.nz](mailto:walton.th@xtra.co.nz),

Margaret [margaret.j.law@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.j.law@gmail.com), or

Andrew [livingscapes@hotmail.com](mailto:livingscapes@hotmail.com)

**Day Trips Programme**

**To join a day trip**

Just meet at the departure point - you don't need to book.

If this is your first trip with the club, please phone the leader beforehand for advice.

**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:** Allen Small ☎ 021 958 746

**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 non-members

**Sunday 9 September – Whangaparaoa, Shakespear Park**

**Medium** Start Tindalls Bay, coast line and cliff top walkway, steps down to coast and along to Army Bay, Heritage track through Shakespear Regional Park, Tiritiri track around headland and down to Te Haruhi Bay, Okoromai Bay, though Gulf Harbour township and back to the bus.

**Leader:** Brian Delbridge ☎ 373 2707

**Transport:** Private cars

**Destination:** Tindalls Bay

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

**No second pickup point.** Walk starts approx. 9.30am

**Low Tide:** 12.20pm

**Cost:** \$10 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, cycleways 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 members, \$25 non-members

**Note:** *Early start & late finish*

## Sunday 23 September – Takapuna to Long Bay Coastal Walk

This is a walk we have not done 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.

**Easy** Stay with driver, and at Long Bay Regional Park explore around this wonderful area including a there and back around the park. 2-3 hours

**Time:** 4-5hrs

**Leader:** Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111

**Transport:** Club bus

**Driver:** Brian Alexander

**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

## Wednesday 26 September 2018 - Glen Innes Train Station to Panmure Train Station

Starting from Glen Innes Station, Maybury Reserve, Point England Reserve, Wai O Taiki Nature Reserve, Tahuna Torea, Tamaki Estuary foreshore to Panmure Yacht and Boating Club, Panmure Basin to Panmure Station. Train back to Glen Innes or carry on to your own destination.

**Notes:** Shorter option will be the same as above but excluding Wai O Taiki and Tahuna Torea.

You will need to work out your travel arrangement beforehand and then phone or text me if you intend participating.

**Remember your HOP cards.**

**Leader:** Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111 or Mob 021 440711  
**Transport:** Private Cars or Public Transport  
**Meet:** **10.00am** – Outside Glen Innes Railway Station on Apirana Ave (opposite Taniwha Street)

## **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:** Simon Rainger  
**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 stile 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-members  
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](mailto:walton.th@xtra.co.nz)

## **Sunday 7 October**

### **Introductory Tramp, Point England / Churchill Park**

Once a month the club offers an easier walk – no more the 3 hours with a later start at 9.30am and aiming to be back at the club garage by 2.30pm.

Newcomers need to bring a small pack to carry water, packed lunch and waterproof. They need to wear suitable walking shoes or boots.

**Easy** From Pt England coastal path through Wai O Taiki Nature reserve, Tahuna Torea Nature Reserve, through Roberta reserve into Churchill park, return via Anderson Bay to English Pt. Time 3 hours.

**Leader:** Brian Delbridge ☎ 373 2707  
**Transport:** Private cars  
**Destination:** Pt English car park end of Pt England Rd  
**Departure:** **9.30am** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland  
Start from Point England carpark at 10.00am  
**Cost:** \$10 to driver

## Wednesday 10 October 2018 – Pakuranga Area

This is a scenic walk looking out over Tamaki Strait and to the Islands of the Gulf. Pakuranga Rotary Walkway, Half Moon Bay, Bucklands Beach, Pigeon Mountain, Wakaaranga Wetlands and return on Rotary Walk.

**Leader:** Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111  
**Transport:** Private cars  
**Meet:** **9.45am** Parking area at the end of Tamaki Bay Drive Pakuranga.  
There is no right turn off Pakuranga Rd into Tamaki Bay Drive. Go to the next intersection ie Williams Ave and turn right here and continue to Tamaki Bay Drive and turn left.

**Note:** Shorter/Alternative option available

## Sunday 14 October – Goldie Bush & Te Henga Walkway

**Long** Tramp Goldie Bush (if open), up to Constable Rd, a short road bash south, then out to the coastal cliffs and head south all the way to Bethells. Time 4-5 hours

**Leader:** Ian Roberts ☎ 021 02675675

**Short** Stay with driver and walk in from Bethells end to meet long party, or walk round Lake Wainamu.

**Transport:** Club bus  
**Driver:** TBA  
**Destination:** End of Horseman Rd, Waitakere, then Bethells Beach carpark  
**Departure:** **8.30am** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland  
**8.45am** Gymnasium carpark, Olympic Park, Portage Rd, New Lynn  
**Cost:** \$10 members \$15 non-members

## Multiday trips programme

### To join a multiday trip

1. Discuss trip with leader - numbers are limited.
2. Register online via the trip description page. Any problems, contact the Bookings Officer: Dennis Brown ☎ 6200144, [bookings@aucktramping.org.nz](mailto:bookings@aucktramping.org.nz)
3. Pay trip fee into Club account:  
02-0100-0024675-00  
Quote your name, trip number and “weekend”.

## Waoku Coach Rd Track, Northland – 7-9 September

Historic Waoku Coach Road, built in the 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](mailto: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](mailto:walton.th@xtra.co.nz)

**Note 1:** The northern section of Waoku Coach Road Track (short section) 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! There are 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:**

Murray Gifford ☎ 021 774 290 email: [mgifford32@gmail.com](mailto:mgifford32@gmail.com)

Please phone the leader before making any bookings.

**Transport**

**Option 1 - Sealink**

Leaves Friday 8am for Tryphena, returns 3.00pm Monday for Auckland. Ph 0800 732546. \$168 peak season weekend return. Seniors \$127 return. Fares subject to change. If you are catching the ferry, when you arrive at Tryphena we could bus the 10km to Medlands or 15km to Claris (approx. \$25) or we would need to walk to Medlands via Shoal Bay Road, up Rosalie Bay Road, down track to Medlands Beach camp to wait for shuttle pick-up 5pm. We have about 4hrs to fill in before busing to camp, there are museums/shops at Claris, somewhat inland or a beach at Medlands.

**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 (seats are already noted as near booked out for return flights on the Monday). 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 (40 min drive). Monday afternoon you will be picked up on Whangaparapara Road, southern end of Tramline Track 1.30pm (20min drive to Claris if on time). \$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 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.

**Note 3:** We plan to close off the trip by 30 Sept so that all shuttles can be confirmed.

**Note 4:** Everything runs to "Barrier Time", buses and shuttles may not be punctual so leave plenty of spare time if selecting flights.

## **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:** Chris Burnett and Garry Williams

**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

**NO DINNER BREAK EN ROUTE**

## 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  
email: [livingscapes@hotmail.com](mailto:livingscapes@hotmail.com)

### **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:** Simon Rainger

**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

**NO DINNER BREAK EN ROUTE**

## Other dates for your diary:

### 2018

September 14-16	ATC Kaimai Work Weekend
October 5-7	ATC Kaimai Work Weekend
October 12-14	Kokako protection programme Tunawaea
Oct 20 - Nov 25	Nepal – Kanchenjunga
November 2-4	Kokako protection programme
November 9-11	ATC Kaimai Work Weekend
Nov 30 - Dec 2	Kokako protection programme
December 14-16	ATC Kaimai Work Weekend
December 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](mailto:margaret.j.law@gmail.com) if you are able to organise/lead any of these trips.

**Details subject to change.**

## Extended summer trips

### To join a Christmas or Summer trip

Phone the leader to discuss.

**Important:** Get in quick! Numbers are limited. Plus plans and pre-bookings must be finalised (and paid!) well in advance.

**Don't miss out!**

See the Club website or August Wanderlust for more details on these trips.

### CHRISTMAS TRIPS

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

The classic Dusky in 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.

**Contact:** Robin Houston ☎ 027 431 0010 / 09 817 7849

**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.

**Contact:** Tony Walton ☎ 027 478 5223 / 09 630 2591

### IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY ...

#### 2. Greenstone Caples – Sat Jan 5 to Wed Jan 9

This is a **Moderate/Easy** round trip commencing from the Greenstone Track road end on the western side of Lake Wakatipu. It follows well-formed tracks and uses mostly hut based accommodation.

It is in an area with superb mountains all around. A planned side trip is to walk to the Key Summit on the nearby Routeburn Track. Days will not be rushed – we will take time to enjoy our surroundings.

**Saturday** fly in to Queenstown OR join as a direct follow on to the ATC Dusky Track trip. Shuttle to start of the Greenstone Track. Walk to the Greenstone Hut – 3 hrs

**Sunday** continue up the Greenstone Valley to McKellar Hut – 5 hrs

**Monday** continue past Lake McKellar to camp near the junction of the Greenstone and Caples tracks. Day walk - if conditions are suitable - via Greenstone / Routeburn tracks to Key Summit and back.

**Tuesday** follow the Caples Track over the McKellar Saddle and down the Caples valley to Mid Caples Hut – 5-6 hours

**Wednesday** continue down the Caples Valley to the road end. Shuttle at midday to Queenstown, ETA around 2pm.

Flight home can be booked from late afternoon, OR stay in Queenstown for a few days (your own arrangements)

**Leader:** Vicky King ☎ 021 073 6056 / 09 379 0209

Email [vickingv@gmail.com](mailto:vickingv@gmail.com)

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

Depart Queenstown any time from 4.50pm Jan 9 onwards.

**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 9 – own arrangements

**Accom:** All nights except Monday are hut based, but tents must be carried because of the time of year.

The 3 huts are Serviced, so take 4 green hut tickets (in the event we don't camp on Monday), or an Annual Hut Pass.

Jan 9 etc Queenstown – own arrangements, but check with Vicky if other trip members are also staying overnight.

**Party Size:** 6

**Costs:** Shuttles to/from Greenstone track are \$110 return

Shuttle to/from Queenstown airport and central Queenstown – own arrangements

Gas: purchase in Queenstown – TBA

**Booking:** Contact Vicky – then book online

**Bookings Close:** TBA

**Payment:** Shuttle payment will be required a few months in advance (when it is booked with Glenorchy Journeys)

**OR ...**

### **3. Five Passes – Saturday Jan 5 to Friday Jan 11**

A wonderful **Medium/Fit** 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

**Contact:** Robin Houston ☎ 027 431 0010 / 09 817 7849

**Bookings Close:** September 30

## **INTERIM TRIPS**

### **1. Landsborough / Karangarua – February 2019**

An intrepid **Medium/Fit** trip crossing from the head of Lake Ohau over Brodrick Pass, up the Landsborough River then down the Karangarua Valley to the West Coast.

It includes an “interesting” climb out of the headwaters of the Landsborough River up to the Karangarua Saddle. The South Easterly aspect means that ice axes and crampons must be carried.

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.

**Contact:** Chris Burnett ☎ 021 143 0676

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

A series of 3 **Medium** trips exploring some spectacular South Westland valleys, with some off track travel and plenty of mountain views. Normally no more than 7 hours' tramping per day.

#### **1. Clarke Wilderness Area / Marks Flat / Solution Range**

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.

## **2. 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).

## **3. 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.

**Contact:** Tony Walton ☎ 027 478 5223 or 09 630 2591

## **3. Hopkins / Huxley – Start around 16 Feb 2019**

### **LEADER REQUIRED PLEASE!**

A **Medium/Easy** trip exploring the Hopkins and Huxley valleys at the headwaters of Lake Ohau. 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.

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

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## **SAFARI TRIP 2019**

### **Christchurch to Queenstown – Feb 28 to 19 March**

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 – with accommodation in self-contained cabins (shared) in four different 'base camps':

- 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.

- 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.

Options on route from Mt Cook are 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.

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

Until October 9, contact Keith Ayton ☎ 630 7010 / 027 320 0102  
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**Stop press: all places have now been filled!  
BUT, we’re keeping a waiting list in case of cancellations.**