

**Auckland Tramping Club  
Trips Programme – as at October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

## Trips Update

### **JANUARY & FEBRUARY WEEKEND TRIPS – EARLY COMMITMENT NEEDED**

Fancy an island break this summer?

Well you're in luck. Our January Anniversary weekend trip will be to stunning **Tuhua (Mayor Island)** for some wonderful day walks and secluded camping. See page 20 for details.

And in February it's baching on Rangitoto with the chance to explore **Rangitoto and Motutapu**, swim to your heart's content, kayak, and more. See page 21.

You'll need to be in quick for these two though ...

### **CHRISTMAS TRIPS**

The **Greenstone Caples** option starting Jan 5 has grown some extra legs.

It has been extended by two days to include the Mavora Lakes, now starting ~~Tuhua, Mayor Island~~ **Tuhua, Mayor Island** and Lake. Nice!

Refer details on page 22, and contact Christine Major for more information.

### **Plus**

A **new option** is available to spend a few days in the **Mt Titiroa** area, also commencing around January 4 or 5. This will follow the Dusky tramp as an alternative to the Mavora/Greenstone/Caples trip Vicky is leading or Robin's 5 passes trip. If you're interested, please contact Margaret Law on 021 255 412 or [margaret.j.law@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.j.law@gmail.com).

Titiroa by the way, is nicknamed "The Photographer's dream". Say no more!

## 2019 Multiday Trips

It's going to be a helluva year!

There is now a draft plan out for our weekend and longer trips for next year, and it looks stunning. Make that **STUNNING!**

How about this to get you salivating:

- To wind down after your busy summer programme, you can head over to Gisborne and climb **Mt Hikurangi**.
- Then at Easter you can tackle the **Central Ruahines**. If you feel so inclined, join the Easter/Anzac extended trip for a 8-9 day loop taking in Sunrise Hut, Ruahine Corner, Mokai Patea, Te Atua Mahuru & more.
- **White Island, Matemateonga** and **Kai iwi Lakes** are in there for you during the colder months. Plus of course the winter trip, which this year is eyeing up the **Abel Tasman** and **Queen Charlotte**.
- You can traipse over your old favourites **Mt Taranaki** and **Mt Ruapehu**, and you can pencil in the **Ureweras** for Labour weekend.
- After then you can knock off the full **Kaimai Ridgeway traverse** and chalk up another weekender in the **Kaimanawas**. You couldn't get better training for the upcoming summer than that.

Just as well we're all young and fit, eh!

Of course the programme is still to be finalised, so may still change. More details later.



## Your ATC diary

### 2018

October 10	Wednesday Tramp – Pakuranga
October 12-14	Kokako protection programme Tunawaea
October 14	Sunday Tramp – Te Henga
October 18	Club Night – Mt Blanc Classic route
October 19-22	Weekend Tramp – Great Barrier
October 20	ATC Nepal expedition departs for Kanchenjunga
October 28	Sunday Tramp – Arataki
November 2-4	Kokako protection programme
November 4	Sunday Tramp – Hapuakohe
November 9-11	ATC Kaimai Work Weekend
November 11	Sunday Tramp – Ti Point
November 15	Club Night
October 16-18	Weekend Tramp – Whirinaki
Nov 30 - Dec 2	Kokako protection programme
December 6	ATC Christmas Party at Ryders Cinema – yeah! Details to be published soon
December 7-9	Weekend Tramp – Coromandel
December 14-16	ATC Kaimai Work Weekend
December 27	Christmas trips start – Dusky; Mavora / Greenstone / Caples; 5 Passes; Mt Titiroa

### 2019

January 25-28	Weekend Trip – Tuhua (Mayor Island)
February 16	Interim trips start – Landsborough / Karangarua; South Westland; Hopkins / Huxley
February 22-24	Weekend Trip – Rangitoto / Motutapu
March 2	Safari 2019 starts – South Island

Details subject to change.

## 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.

### 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 – Te Henga Walkway

**Medium** Start at Constable Rd, a short road bash south, then out to the coastal cliffs and head south all the way to Bethells. Time 4 – 5hrs.

Those who wish can then go up onto the sand dunes over Lake Wainamu or some other option to extend the walk. This is a one way walk, the bus will pick up people on Bethells Rd.

**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

**Cost:** \$10 members \$15 non-members

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## Sunday 21 October – Labour weekend No Sunday tramp.

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## Wednesday 24 October 2018 – Te Atatu Peninsula Walkabout

Come along and explore the land of "the light of the dawn".

Walk includes: Bridge Ave Reserve, Taipari Strand, and Te Atatu Peninsula Walkway.

**Leader:** Rudy Meister ☎ 834 3608

**Transport:** Private cars

**Meet:** 9.45am Parking area Harbour View Reserve, East end of Harbour View Rd, Te Atatu.

**Note:** Shorter/Alternative option available

## Sunday 28 October – Introductory Tramp, Arataki Area

From the carpark take Slip track, Pipeline Road, Exhibition Drive to horse paddock for lunch, return Exhibition Drive, Beveridge Trail back to carpark. Additional Nature Trail if time allows.

**Leader:** Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111

**Transport:** Private Cars

**Meet:** 9.30am Arataki car park on Scenic Drive

## Sunday 4 November – Hapuakohe (Northern Half) (South to North)

**Long** Start at the Ohinewai Road end of the track which follows the Hapuakohe Ridge in a northerly direction with some significant ups and downs on the way. Some delightful stretches of native bush (kohekohe/puriri), a few hidden streams, and two lookouts with spectacular views across the Hauraki Plains and the farmland on the western side. Finish at the DOC sign on North Rd.

**Note:** A good six hours of tramping with no opportunity to stop short of the full distance. Not for beginners, good fitness required.

**Leader:** Russell Allen ☎ 276 8770 mob 021 0480380

**Medium** An easier trip would be to stay with the driver, and explore the southern section of the track with its native bush and hidden streams, or alternatively go up the southern Hapuakohe section as far as the Maungakawa viewpoint (535m).

**Transport:** Club bus

**Driver:** To be advised

**Destination:** Ohinewai Rd at track entrance, off SH27

**Departure:** 8.00am Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, behind Mobil

8.15am Marewa Rd, Greenlane, behind Countdown

**Cost:** \$15 members, \$20 non-members (Please have correct money)

**NOTE: EARLY START TODAY**

## Sunday 11 November – Ti Point – Goat Island

**Medium** From Road, along track and beach to Mathesons Bay, along beach to Leigh, Mt Pleasant Dr to Clifftop track, to Goat Island and bus, 17 kms duration, but little climbing. Time 4 – 5 hrs

**Leader:** Brian Delbridge ☎ 373 2707

**Transport:** Club bus

**Driver:** TBA

**Destination:** South end Ti Point Rd, off Leigh Rd past Matakana, NE from Warkworth. Finish tramp at Goat Island Rd, off Pakiri Rd, off Rodney Rd.

**Departure:** **8.30am** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland.

**8.45am** Des Swann Drive (from Motorway, Esmonde Rd, left to Fred Thomas, right to Des Swann)

**Cost:** \$15 members, \$20 non-members

## Wednesday 14 November 2018 – Waiheke Island

From Matiatia Wharf take the northerly coastal walkways to Oneroa, then down to Huruhi Bay and return to Matiatia Wharf via the southerly coastal walkways.

**Leader:** Barbara Tokley ☎ 638 6156

**Transport:** Ferry

**Destination:** Matiatia Wharf

**Departure:** **10.00am** Ferry Terminal, 99 Quay Street, Downtown Auckland

**This ferry goes directly to Waiheke.**

We will return on either the 2.30pm or 3pm sailing.

**Fare cost:** **\$38.00 return, SuperGold Card Holders No Charge**

**Note:** **Shorter/Alternative option available**

## 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”.

## 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.

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:** Ian Roberts ☎ 021 02675675  
email: roberts.anna.ian@actrix.co.nz

**Medium** Moerangi Hut (standard)

**Saturday** follow the main Whirinaki track as far as Mangamate Stream, up Mangamate Stream for almost a km, turn NE 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:** Martin Woodhead ☎ 575 1329 or 021 397734

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 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**

## **Tuhua (Mayor Island) – 25-28 January**

### **(Auckland Anniversary Weekend)**

Known for its spectacular scenery, Maori history, black obsidian from past volcanic activity and surrounding marine life.

**Saturday** boat from Tauranga to South East Bay (Opo). 2 hours. Set up camp. Afternoon walk to Tokimatea Point, Western Bay (Omapu), Honeymoon Bay (Otiora), return to track junction, via Ruawaipiro Pass up to Tutaretare (320m), return to camp. 4.5 hours.

**Sunday** around the island, up over Ruawaipiro Pass, through Te Ananui Flat, Hurihuringa Bay (short distance off track), descend to crater floor to Lake Aroarotamahine (Green) return via the Devil's Staircase to camp. 8 hours.

**Monday** over Ruru Pass and down to explore Lake Te Paritu (Black), then head west along the crater floor and back over Ruawaipiro Pass to return to camp. 4 hours. Boat departure 2-2.30pm.

**Leader:** Margaret Law ☎ 0212554124  
email: [margaret.j.law@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.j.law@gmail.com)  
From 19 October to 25 November contact Christine Major ☎ 378 4404, or  
email [christinemajor25@gmail.com](mailto:christinemajor25@gmail.com)

**Note:** There are a few wasps on Tuhua, so be prepared.

**Transport:** Club bus

**Drivers:** TBA

**Bus Cost:** \$40 members, \$50 non-members

**Boat Cost:** \$120 per person return if 15 people (\$1800 return is the boat rate).

**Destination Friday night:** Omokoroa Kiwi Holiday Park, 165 Omokoroa Road, Omokoroa, Tauranga.

**Accommodation Cost Friday night:** \$22 per person. Sleep on the bus.

**Tuhua Camping Cost:** \$33 per person for 2 nights. Includes Landing Fee.

**Trip Deposit:** for Holiday Park Friday night, camping on Tuhua and boat: \$60 to be paid by 10 December 2018 to secure your place on this trip. Final Payment (yet to be determined) by 20 January 2019.

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

**NO DINNER BREAK EN ROUTE**

## **Rangitoto and Motutapu Islands – 22-24 February**

Your weekend staying on Rangitoto Island at Islington Bay at Devonport Girls Brigade bach.

An opportunity to wander on Rangitoto and Motutapu, swim, kayaks available. Keith and Jean will take maps/brochures, or bring your own.

This bach is booked from Friday through to Sunday afternoon. Sleeps 14. NO camping.

**Weekend Organisers:** Keith Ayton and Jean Barton ph 630 7010

### **TRANSPORT**

#### **Option 1 - Auckland Sea Shuttles**

\$45 per person return (or \$205 minimum return for up to 8 people). 10 per boat load. Departure Friday early evening and Sunday mid afternoon. Exact times to be determined at a later date.

#### **Option 2 - Fullers ferry**

Summer timetable and prices not yet finalised. At present \$33 return. Friday last ferry 12.30pm to Islington Bay, Saturday 7.30am, 9am etc and various times Sunday afternoon.

**Cost of accommodation:** \$6 per person per night to be paid in cash on the weekend.

## 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!**

### 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

**These two trips are both full – contact the leaders to join the Waiting List**

### IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY ...

Recent Change!

#### 2. Mavora Greenstone Caples – Sat Jan 5 - Fri Jan 11

This is a **Moderate/Easy** round trip commencing from the southern end of South Mavora Lake. It follows well-formed tracks and uses mostly hut based accommodation.

It is in an area with superb mountains all around, commencing with following the South and North Mavora Lakes, and then traveling through to the Greenstone area. A planned side trip is to walk to Key Summit on the nearby Routeburn Track. Days will not be rushed – we will take time to enjoy our surroundings.

**Saturday** from Te Anau, shuttle to South Mavora Lakes Campsite. Walk alongside South and North Mavora Lakes to Careys Hut - 4.5 hrs

**Sunday** walk up the Mararoa Valley to Taipo Hut - 5-6 hrs

**Monday** cross the saddle and descend the Passburn valley to Greenstone Hut - 4-5 hrs.

**Tuesday** continue up the Greenstone Valley to McKellar Hut - 5 hours

**Wednesday** 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.

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

**Friday** 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, arrange to arrive in Te Anau on Friday 4th January.  
Depart Queenstown any time from 4.50pm January 11 onwards.



**Transport in:** Tracknet from Te Anau to South Mavora Lake.

**Transport out:** Glenorchy Journeys from Greenstone track end to Queenstown.

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

If you fly in on January 4, you will need to take a bus that will get you to Te Anau that day.

Shuttle from Queenstown to airport Jan 11 - own arrangements.

**Accom:** Jan 4 Te Anau accommodation \$36 Steamers Backpackers, Te Anau.

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

3 huts are Serviced and 2 huts are Standard, so take 4 green hut tickets and 2 blue ones (in the event we don't camp on Wednesday), or an Annual Hut Pass.

Jan 11 etc Queenstown - own arrangements, but check with Vicky if other trip members are also staying overnight.

**Party Size:** 6

**Costs:** Shuttles to/from tracks \$110 return (assuming 4 people from Te Anau to South Mavora)

Transport to Te Anau and from central Queenstown to airport - own arrangements

Gas: purchase – TBA

**Booking:** Contact Christine Major ☎ 378 4404, or email [christinemajor25@gmail.com](mailto:christinemajor25@gmail.com) – then book online

**Bookings Close:** September 30th

**Payment:** Shuttle payment will be required a few months in advance (when it is booked with Glenorchy Journeys). Te Anau accommodation payment required following booking.

**A few places left, but be quick !**

### **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

**This trip is full – contact the leader to join the Waiting List**

## INTERIM TRIPS

### 1. Landsborough / Karangarua – Friday February 15 to Wednesday February 27

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 exposed 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.

**Friday** fly Auckland to Queenstown, overnight Frankton Motor Camp.

**Saturday** 8.15 am Intercity bus from Frankton Bus Interchange to Twizel, arrive 11.15 am. Shuttle to end of Lake Ohau Rd. Walk to Monument Hut.

**Sunday** Huxley Valley Track to Huxley Forks Hut, North Huxley Track to Brodrick Hut.

From here on, the trip is weather dependent, with alpine passes, BIG west coast rivers, and potentially swollen Landsborough side streams to contend with. Two spare days have been allowed. Tentatively:

**Monday** cross Brodrick Pass to Creswicke Flat

**Tuesday** head up the Landsborough to Kea Flat

**Wednesday** continue up Landsborough

**Thursday** continue up Landsborough to under Karangarua Saddle

**Friday** cross Karangarua Saddle to Christmas Flat Hut in the Karangarua

**Saturday** Karangarua Valley Route track to Cassel Flat Hut

**Sunday** to Haast Highway

**Monday, Tuesday** spare days

**Wednesday** 9.15 am Intercity bus from Copland Track start to Queenstown, arrive 4.30 pm.

Overnight Frankton Motor Camp.

**Thursday** 28, return to Auckland or own arrangements

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

**Costs:** Accommodation Queenstown, 2 nights in shared cabins at Frankton Motor Camp, approx. \$70.

Intercity bus x 2, \$32 and \$55

Shuttle Twizel to Lake Ohau TBA

Gas: purchase in Frankton or Twizel

### A few places left, but be quick !

### 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! This trip is probably not going to happen**

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.

A helicopter food drop up the valley might be possible.

#### **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

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

### **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.

Contact Ian ☎ 021 026 75675 or Anna ☎ 021 134 7408

**This trip is full, but there is a waiting list**

## Trip Information

### TRIP GRADINGS

This is a **guide only**. Weather and track conditions can make the trip harder.

#### Sunday trips

**Easy:** 4-5 hours tramping, suitable for beginners.

**Medium:** 4-6 hours tramping, good fitness.

**Long/Fit:** 6-7 hours, fast pace, high level of fitness.

#### Weekend trips

**Easy:** 4-6 hours - usually on tracks, easy pace.

**Medium:** 6-8 hours - sometimes off track, experience needed.

**Fit:** 7+ hours - experienced trampers only.

### CANCELLATIONS

If you are unable to go on a trip you have booked for, please notify the Booking Officer and leader as early as possible.

For refund rules and application process, see [this page on our website](#).

### TRIPS RETURNING LATE

Tell family or friends to ring the Search & Rescue Officers for information:

**Ross Thompson**

☎ 636 4224 or 0274 720 463

**Stephen Fowler**

☎ 534 8697 or 0274 338 912

**Weekend trips or Committee Members** – refer inside front cover.

### TRIP PAYMENTS

**Weekend trips:** required by 7.00pm the Wednesday before departure.

**Longer trips:** a week before departure, or as specified.

### WHAT TO BRING ON A TRIP

#### Day Trips

- ☑ Day-pack with plastic liner
- ☑ Fleece or wool jumper
- ☑ Parka, gloves
- ☑ Spare batteries
- ☑ Water, 1 litre min.
- ☑ Sunscreen
- ☑ Toilet paper
- ☑ Change of clothing and shoes, and plastic bag for dirty boots (can be left in the bus or car). Wear boots or stout shoes, shorts (not jeans), shirt, polyprop or wool layers (according to weather).
- ☑ Torch
- ☑ Lunch, snacks
- ☑ First-aid kit
- ☑ Sunhat, warm hat
- ☑ Hand sanitizer

**A waterproof parka with a hood is essential for all trips.**

#### Weekend trips

Your own food, sleeping and cooking gear, tent, topo map, compass and storm gear (parka, over trousers, long johns, warm hat and gloves).

**Clothing**, etc, should be adequate for the likely conditions.

**For full details** see 'Weekend Trip Information' [here](#).

**Contact the leader** with any concerns or gear short-falls (you may be able to share).

### HUT BOOKINGS

**Waitakere hut (Ngaro-te-Kotare)**

Private and group bookings, contact:

**John Dalley**

Email: [ntkhut@aucktramping.org.nz](mailto:ntkhut@aucktramping.org.nz)

☎ (09) 827 4325 (7.00pm - 9.00pm)