

Auckland Tramping Club  
Trips Programme – as at December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**APOLOGIES to our Wanderlust editor who does such a fine job presenting our trips programme ... and then this hack job is done to provide a file for you that is little more printer friendly. We strongly recommend that you ignore this file and refer to the full magazine.**

**NEW WEEKEND TRIP BOOKING RULES – Please read!**

Well, maybe not new, but we need to clarify to avoid overbookings and people inadvertently missing out.

To get on a weekend trip you must do **three** things:

1. Contact the trip leader and get his/her Ok for you to join that trip.  
**THIS DOES NOT GET YOU ON THE TRIP!** Nope, not even close.
2. Register on our website using the form on the trip's description page.  
**YOU ARE STILL NOT ON THE TRIP.** Nope, but you're closer.  
(any issues with the form, contact the Bookings bloke, Dennis Brown, ph 6200144 or e-mail [bookings@aucktramping.org.nz](mailto:bookings@aucktramping.org.nz))
3. Pay the trip fee into our Club account, quoting your name, the trip number and "weekend": 02-0100-0024675-00

**CONGRATULATIONS! You're on the trip.**

**December**

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| <b>December 6</b>     | ATC Christmas Party at Ryders Cinema  |
| <b>December 7-9</b>   | Weekend Tramp – Coromandel  |
| <b>December 9</b>     | Sunday Tramp – Wainamu Lake   |
| <b>December 12</b>    | Wednesday Tramp – Titirangi area  |
| <b>December 14-16</b> | ATC Kaimai Work Weekend (to be confirmed)   |
| <b>December 15-16</b> | Weekend Day Trips – Mt Pirongia, Mt Karioi  |
| <b>December 27</b>    | Christmas trips start – Dusky; Mavora / Greenstone / Caples; 5 Passes; Mt Titiroa |

**January 2019**

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| <b>January 13</b>    | Sunday Tramp – Waiheke Island       |
| <b>January 20</b>    | Sunday Tramp – Muriwai              |
| <b>January 25-28</b> | Weekend Trip – Tuhua (Mayor Island) |

**February**

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| <b>February 3</b>    | Sunday Tramp – Dome Forest Walkway |
| <b>February 9-10</b> | Weekend Day Trips – Coromandel     |

- February 13** Wednesday Tramp – Hunuas (Wairoa)  
**February 16** Interim trips start – Landsborough / Karangarua;  
 South Westland; Hopkins / Huxley  
**February 22-24** Weekend Trip – Rangitoto / Motutapu

## March

- March 2** Safari 2019 starts – South Island

## DAY TRIPS PROGRAMME

### Sunday 9 December – Wainamu Lake - EASY DAY

This is an easy day walk around the attractive Lake Wainamu and over the sand dunes followed by a circuit including the start of the Te Henga Walkway down to O'Neill Bay and around the beach past the Surf Club back to the bus.

- Leader:** Liz Ware ☎ 524 7409  
**Transport:** Private cars  
**Destination:** Bethells Rd, start of Wainamu walkway  
**Departure:** **8.30am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, behind Mobil  
**Cost:** \$10 to driver

### 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 12 December 2018 – Titirangi Area

Beveridge track, out to Huia Rd and onto Woodlands Park, Minehaha Ave and back to Huia Rd, Landing Rd, staircase track to South Titirangi, roads and reserves to Titirangi Village, Kohu Rd, Mt Atkinson, Exhibition Drive back to Arataki.

- Leader:** Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111  
**Transport:** Private cars  
**Meet:** **9.45am** Arataki Visitor Centre (300 Scenic Drive)  
**Note:** **Shorter/Alternative option available**

### Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 December – Pirongia and Karioi

This is a two day event with camping or accommodation overnight at Raglan Holiday Park 07 825 8283.

#### Saturday – Mt Pirongia

**Long** Starting from Corcoran Rd head up the Tirohanga track to Ruapane then traverse an undulating ridge past the Tirohanga Bluff up to the summit. Reverse back to the Ruapane track and down to Waite Rd. 7 hrs.

- Leader:** Russell Allen ☎ 09 276 8770 or 0210480380

**Medium** As above but peeling off onto Ruapane track to bus on Waite Rd. Time 3 - 4 hours. There is the possibility of going further up Tirohanga, but not to the top.

- Leader:** TBA

**Start time** for both walks is 10.30am

**Accommodation** is either camping at Raglan Holiday Park or book cabin accommodation for yourselves 07 825 8283.

#### Sunday – Mt Karioi

**Medium/Hard** Starting at the Te Toto Gorge on Whaanga Rd take the steep scenic track to the lookout and on to the summit, 756m. Chains and ladders available to help on rocky outcrops. Continue down on the Wairaki track to Karioi Rd, 6 hours

**Leader:** Russell Allen ☎ 09 276 8770 or 0210480380  
**Medium** Starting as above going up to the lookout then returning. Time 5 hours  
**Leader:** TBA, probably driver.  
Start time for both walks is **9.00am**, bus leaves campsite at **8.30am**.  
**Departure:** **8.00am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, behind Mobil  
**Transport:** Club bus  
**Driver:** Keith Ayton  
**Return:** If all goes well, by 7.30pm on Sunday, assuming no major traffic problems. Will stop for a half hour meal break on the way back.  
**Cost:** For bus: \$45 members, \$60 non-members. Pay on the bus.  
**Note:** It would be very helpful to let Russell know if you intend coming so we have some idea of numbers:  
E-mail [russellallen8484@gmail.com](mailto:russellallen8484@gmail.com) or text 0210480380

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### Sunday 23 December – no Sunday tramp

### Sunday 30 December – no Sunday tramp

### Sunday 6 January – no Sunday tramp

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### Sunday 13 January 2019 – Waiheke Island

This is an annual feature; Jim offers not only a good walk but tea etc at the end.

**Medium** We take the Rocky Bay bus to the end of the run. Walking to Whakanewha Beach, Nikau Track to Cascade waterfalls for lunch. Afternoon: Trig Hill and Onetangi Forest and Bird Reserve to Onetangi Beach, to “Chateau Morrow” for afternoon tea. Time for swimming.

**Leader:** Jim Morrow ☎ Mob 021 264 6085  
**Transport:** Fullers ferry, Auckland via Devonport  
**Destination:** Terminal on Waiheke where Jim will meet the party.  
**Departure:** **9.00am** from Auckland ferry terminal  
**Return:** Buses leave Onetangi one hour prior to ferry sailing, every half hour, so no need to hurry away – enjoy!  
Note that only the 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm ferries go via Devonport  
**Cost:** Fares: Gold Cards free ..... Ferry return: \$40.00  
Bus: \$3.50 cash each way: \$1.90 each way with Hop Card.

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### Sunday 20 January 2018 – Muriwai

This is intended to be an easy introduction to tramping for those who don't want anything too difficult. It can be cut shorter if you want.

**Easy** Visit the gannet colony – they will be busy feeding their young and it is a fantastic sight (if a bit smelly) on the rocky ledges of the west coast. Binoculars useful.

Then we head up through bush towards Oaia Rd, then backtrack into Muriwai. Take the Coast Rd until it turns towards the beach (horse boxes), continue along the road until the second track on the right into the forest. Follow this until Pulpit Rock Rd, follow towards the beach. Make your way onto the beach. A good walk along the wild west coast beach brings us to the car park and maybe ice creams! Time: 3 hours.

**Leader:** Liz Ware ☎ 524 7409  
**Transport:** Club Bus  
**Driver:** Marilyn Best  
**Destination:** Muriwai car park  
**Departure:** **8.30am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, behind Mobil  
**9.20am** at Muriwai car park (depart on tramp 9.30am)  
**Cost:** \$10 members, \$15 non-members

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### Sunday 27 January – no Sunday tramp

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### Sunday 3 February: Te Araroa – Dome Forest Walkway

**Medium** Travel north to south down this forested section of the Te Araroa Walkway in the hills behind Matakana. After the drop off on Govan Wilson Road we walk past Conical Peak, and then take the track down through the forest to Waiwhiu Stream, which is followed for a while before being crossed onto a forestry road.

From there it is a solid climb up to the point where we enter the forest again. Then it is gentle ups and downs with occasional views out to the coast, before entering the Waiwhiu kauri grove. Here 20 mature kauri of up to 4 m girth hint at the forest's original magnificence. Continuing on, we climb to the Dome summit, and then drop down gradually to finish at the Dome Tearooms, with time for a coffee and a bite to eat before we return to Auckland. Reasonable fitness required - 5 to 6 hours.

**Leader:** Russell Allen ☎ 09 276 8770 or 0210480380

**Short** Stay with the driver and drive via Matakana to the Dome carpark. Walk up into the Dome Forest, over The Dome, and as far as the Waiwhiu Kauri Grove, before returning the same way to the bus and the Tearooms.

**Transport:** Club bus

**Driver:** Marilyn Best

**Destination:** Govan Wilson Road at the start of the walkway

**Departure:** **8.30am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, behind Mobil

**8.45am** Des Swann Drive, Takapuna

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

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### Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 February – Coromandel

This is a two day event with camping or accommodation overnight at Te Puru Holiday Park.

#### Saturday

**Long** Starting from Collarbone Rd in Thames follow Karaka Track and Crosbie Main Range Track to Crosbies Hut for lunch then on to Te Puru Track down to Te Puru Creek Rd to camps. The Te Puru Track is quite seriously muddy at the top and with a 300m river bash down Te Puru Stream with poor markings near the end. However you get a grandstand view of a magnificent kauri tree and there are *pimelea tomentosa*, an endangered species on the side of the track. Time: 6 - 7 hours.

**Leader:** Russell Allen ☎ 09 276 8770 or 0210480380

**Medium** As above but peeling off onto Tarau Track and back to Tararu Creek Rd just out of Thames. Bus to Te Puru. Time: 3 - 4 hours.

**Leader** TBA probably driver (who will have an extra 20min walk back to the bus).

**Start time** for both walks is 10.00am.

**Accommodation** is either camping at Te Puru Holiday Park or book cabin accommodation for yourselves - 07 868 2879.

#### Sunday

**Long** Starting at Waiomu, follow Waiomu Valley Track till it joins Crosbies Main Range Track. Past Crosbies Hut, turn onto Wainora Tramping Track then south to Whangaiterenga Campsite. Time: 7 - 8 hours.

**Leader:** Russell Allen ☎ 09 276 8770 or 0210480380

**Medium** As above but when others join Crossbies Main Ridge Tk, join the Te Puru Track (see above) thus completing the circuit. Time: 5 - 6 hours.

**Leader** TBA probably driver (who will have an extra 3km walk back to the bus).

**Start time** for both walks is 8.00am.

**Easy** Climb up to the kauri with the others. Enjoy the magnificent trees and setting, then return to the road (all on good tracks, 1 - 2 hours), follow up with a beach walk.

**Leader:** TBA

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

**Transport** Club bus

**Return** If all goes well, by 6.00pm on Sunday, assuming no major traffic problems.

**Cost** For bus: \$30 members, \$40 non-members. Pay on the bus.

**Note:** It would be very helpful to let Russell know if you intend coming so we have some idea of numbers:  
E-mail [russellallen8484@gmail.com](mailto:russellallen8484@gmail.com) or text 0210480380

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### Wednesday 13 February 2018 – Hunuas (Wairoa)

This is a leisurely walk with some magnificent areas of bush and scenic views.

Starting from the carpark take Wairoa Valley track, go left when coming out on the road and then Wairoa Loop track, down to Wairoa Dam and then onto Suspension Bridge track back to car park.

**Leader:** Russell Allen ☎ 276 8770 Mob 021 0480 380

**Transport:** Club bus

**Driver:** Allen Small ☎ 846 4794 Mob 021 958 746

**Destination:** Carpark off Otau Rd – off Moumoukai Rd

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

9.15am cnr of Omahu & Lillington Rds Remuera (off Great South Rd)

**Please Note this pick up point**

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

**Note:** Shorter/Alternative option available

## MULTIDAY TRIPS PROGRAMME

### Coromandel Forest Park – 7-9 December

**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 Crosbies 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 021 397 734

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

### 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".

**You're only confirmed on the trip when you're done all 3 steps!**

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

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.

**Transport:** Club Bus  
**Driver:** 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**

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## 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, Hurihurihanga 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

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

**Transport:** Club bus

**Driver:** Chris Burnett

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

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

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

**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**

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## 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 ☎ 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.

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## Mount Hikurangi – 22-24 March

**Visit and climb the sacred mountain of Ngati Porou.** Hikurangi is New Zealand's highest non-volcanic mountain and has two summits, male and female. It's our first mountain to see the sunrise.

**Friday:** Meet at Gisborne Airport 5pm. Drive to marae accommodation at Ruatoria.

2 - 2.5 hours. There are several maraes at Ruatoria. Accommodation not yet finalized.

**Saturday am:** Drive to Mt. Hikurangi carpark, 50 mins. Walk up 4WD road to carvings, 10kms uphill, 3 - 4 hours.

These are a series of nine carved artworks created for the millennium. A local Ngati Porou guide will give a commentary on the story behind each carving relating to Hikurangi and what it means to Ngati Porou. Cost of local guide not yet known.

Walk up to hut and settle in, 30 mins.

**Saturday pm or Sunday am:** Climb Hikurangi. 3 hours return to hut.

**Sunday pm:** descend to carpark and return to Gisborne/Auckland.

**Note:** Hut is already booked with Ngati Porou Trust. \$15 per person for Saturday night. Sleeps 10. No camping at hut.

**Leader:** TBA

### TRANSPORT TO GISBORNE

**Option 1** Fly Auckland to Gisborne return (approx. \$400 return). Flight to arrive Gisborne by 4.30pm Friday. Return flight after 5pm Sunday.

**Option 2** Private car. Drive to Gisborne airport. Arrive by 4.30pm Friday. Return leaving Gisborne after 5pm Sunday. Suggest paying your driver 10c per km. Long term parking at airport \$10 for 12 - 24 hours per car.

### TRANSPORT GISBORNE TO MT HIKURANGI

By minivan (\$180 per day x 2 days + diesel, hire cost divided between 10 people). Van Driver: Russell Allen.

**Note:** Depending on final number of people flying and/or driving, transport arrangements may change.

To be updated as more information comes to hand. **Watch this space!**

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## Motu Trail Ride – 5-7 April

**Two days mountain biking the popular Motu Trails.**

Friday travel by private/shared car to Opotiki 340km, 5hr travel time via Matamata and Tauranga.

### Option 1

Motu Trail Backpackers \$35pp/night, two nights

**Saturday** Matawai to Opotiki including the Pakihi Track Grade 4, has some steep drop offs.

Shuttle \$50 to Matawai (1hr), cycle 75 km (33 km on the road 300m climb, 21 km Pakahi Track mostly downhill, 23km Otara Rd), 800m descent. 6 to 8 hrs.

Optional shuttle drop off points, Park Boundary \$65, cycle 53 km ride (9 km on the road, 100m climb, 21 km Pakahi Track, 23 km Otara Rd), shorter ride.

**Sunday** Dunes Trail 20 km, travel home, swim at Ohope.

### Option 2

Motu Trails loop 91km over two days, Saturday night in a farm stay, midway.

**Saturday** 40km uphill ride on Motu Rd (Dunes Trail 10 km, 24 km to Toatoa 400m climb), overnight.

**Sunday** down the Pakihi Track (12km uphill, 250m climb, 21 km Pakahi Track, 23 km Otara Rd to Opotiki).

**Leader:** Murray Gifford ☎ 021 774290

Call Murray to book a spot, indicate an option preference and whether you could provide transport, or need to hire a bike.

Bookings close on 1 March.

Bikes can be hired from \$65/day.

See the [Motu Trails website](#) for further information.

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## Ruahines Easter/Anzac Extended – 19-28 April

Plans for our Easter trips into the Ruahines are percolating nicely and will be finalised shortly – keep checking the website.

The **extended trip** will be an **8-10 day** private car **Fit adventure** into several less-visited sections of the park. Untracked wilderness, arduous terrain, exposed tops, potential winter conditions and several nights camping make this a trip for fit and experienced trampers only.

**Friday 19** drive from Auckland to Sentry Box Hut track start on Mangleton Road (6hrs), climb to ridgeline, south to Parks Peak Hut. 2½ hrs.

**Saturday 20** drop to upper Makaroro, up Totara Spur, south along main ridge (possible detour to Kylie Biv), camp at tarns before Maroparea. 7 hrs.

**Sunday 21** Continue south on main ridge past Sparrowhawk Biv to Sunrise Hut. 7 hrs.

**Monday 22** climb to Te Atuaoparapara, head north on ridge over pt 1546 into bush to meet track dropping to Wakelings Hut. 5 hrs.

**Monday 23** climb to Rangotea, north along Mokai Patea Range, down spur over pt 1247 to Otukota Hut. 6-7 hrs.

**Tuesday 24** down Maropea/Waikamaka River to Iron Bark Hut (high level track if river is high). Short day, 4 hrs.

**Wednesday 25** follow river down 1 km, ascend track to Ohutu Ridge, continue to pt 1298 and locate and follow taped trapping line across to Te Rakaunuiakura and Ruahine Corner Hut. 7 hrs.

**Thursday 26** take ridge to Potae, track to main ridge then over Piopio past Aranga hut site and around to Parks Peak Hut. 8 hrs.

**Friday 27 – Sunday 29** spare days; return to cars, back to Auckland.

**Contact:** Dennis Brown ☎ 6200144 e-mail [dennis.brown@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dennis.brown@xtra.co.nz)

**Notes:**

- Trip is weather dependent and subject to change.
- Get in quick! Numbers are limited.

### EXTENDED SUMMER TRIPS

## CHRISTMAS TRIPS

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

This trip is full

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY ...**

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

This trip is full

**OR ...**

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

This trip is full

**To join a Christmas  
or Summer trip**

Phone the leader to discuss.

**Important:** Get in quick! A few  
spaces are still available.

**Don't miss out!**



## 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

### 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.

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 – 2-16 March**

This trip is full