

Day trips programme

Saturday

31 August – Hapuakohe (Southern Half)

Medium Beginning at the end of Mangapiko Valley Rd, the track follows a farm track beside the Mangapiko Valley stream, crossing a small stream twice before reaching the Mangapiko Valley Scenic Reserve. Just before reaching the bush, there is a good outlook over the hilly farmland surrounding the valley and a good bush walk to follow. The bush canopy is predominantly tawa, kohekohe, pigeonwood/porokaiwhiri and pukatea.

After 15 minutes the track emerges at a fenceline alongside farmland with great views across to the Kaimai Ranges. Follow up along this fenceline for 5 minutes and the marked track re-enters the bush. To reach Pukeitonga Transmitter Station it is a steep 10 minute climb along a fenceline on privately owned land. Extensive views are seen from the Station (488m).

The track continues along the ridgeline to reach Maungakawa (535m), then drops down through bush to Ohinewai Rd. Turn right and walk down Ohinewai Rd to reach the bus. Duration 4-5 hours.

Fit After reaching Ohinewai Rd, a faster party could walk into the very picturesque waterfall area on the Hapuakohe North track and back again (possibly an extra 4km), then down the road to the bus.

Leader: Martin Woodhead ☎ 021 397 734

Transport: Club bus

Driver: TBA

Destination: East end Mangapiko Valley Rd, 20km east of Ohinewai on SH1. Finish at Ohinewai Rd east by the No Trucks beyond this point sign.

Departure: **8.00am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
8.15am Marewa Rd, Greenlane, behind Countdown

NOT Omahu & Lillington Rds

Approx. start time of walk 9.30am

Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non-members. **Pay in cash on the day.**

Note: **Early start today**

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.

Pay in cash on the day.

Saturday

7 September – North Piha to Anawhata Coastal Track

Medium From the carpark we take Laird Thomson Track at the end of North Piha. At the top of the track a five minute walk takes us to the lookout with views over Whites and North Piha Beaches.

Back to the main track and we climb down using ropes where necessary to Whites beach. At the end of Whites beach we find a track taking you up and over to Fishermans Rock.

We then start coastal rock hopping to Keyhole Rock, a great group photo opportunity. Carry on around the rocks to Anawhata Beach and climb to Anawhata Road. Walk up Anawhata Road to Rose Track, down Rose Track until meeting Laird Thomson Track returning to car park.

Time 4.5 hours. Low Tide: 10.30.

Leader: Trish Hopkins ☎ 021 1273862

Transport: Club bus

Driver: TBA

Destination: Carpark on North Piha Rd

Departure: **8.00am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland (early start to make best use of tide). **No second pickup.**
Approx. start time of walk 8.45am

Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non-members. **Pay in cash on the day.**

Note: **Early start today. Involves some scrambling.**

Wednesday 11 September – Orakei Railway Station to Britomart Transport Centre

From Orakei Station we walk around the Basin, then Hobson Bay walkway including low tide route, Awatea Reserve, Judges Bay, Parnell green areas, through Parnell station and on to Britomart. Low Tide 11.20am.

You will need to sort out your own transport – an Eastern line train leaves Britomart at 10.06 arriving Orakei at 10.12.

There is car parking around the streets of Orakei but be prepared to walk 5-10 minutes to the station.

Leader: Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111 Mob: 021 440711

Transport: Private

Meet: **10.15am on the Orakei Station platform**

Note: **Shorter/Alternative option available**

Sat/Sun 14/15 September weekend no day tramp

Saturday

Saturday 21 September – 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: Tony Walton ☎ 630 2591; 027 478 5223

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, Kingsland
8.15am Marewa Rd, Greenlane, behind Countdown
Approx. start time of walk 9.30am

Cost: \$15 members, \$20 non-members.
Pay in cash on the day.

NOTE: EARLY START TODAY

Wednesday 25 September – Blockhouse Bay, Green Bay & Wood Bay Areas

This is a pleasant day out and includes Gittos Domain & the Manukau Coast. Boots or sturdy shoes recommended. Low Tide 1.15pm.

Leader: Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111 Mob: 021 440711

Transport: Private

Meet: 9.45am in Craigavon Park Green Bay (cnr of Portage Rd & Connaught St – entrance off Connaught St)
Note: Shorter/Alternative option available

Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 September – Two Day Walks in the Coromandel

This is a two-day walk with most staying at the Whangamata Campsite overnight.

SATURDAY – OLD WIRES TRACK/WHANGAMATA TRACK INTO WENTWORTH VALLEY

The Wires Track is named after the telephone line which used to run through the Maratoto. Remnants of these old telephone poles can be seen along the track, as can the fence from an old cattle holding pen.

The track is well marked and gives lovely views across Maratoto. It's steep in places. The Whangamata Track leads into the attractive Wentworth Valley.

Medium Follow the Wires track to the top of the range which leads into the Whangamata track that takes us down into the Wentworth Valley, where the bus will be waiting to take us to the Whangamata Campsite.

This walk is committing - once you start you have to finish it. Approx. 5-6 hours.

Easy Stay with the driver and walk in from the Wentworth carpark until you meet the other party coming in the opposite direction.

Destination: End of Wires Rd, Hikutaia

Departure: 8:00 am Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
9:30 am walk starts

Accommodation: Whangamata Campsite - make your own arrangements. Kitchen, cabins and campsites available. Shops, restaurants and beach within walking distance ☎ 07 865 9128. [Website link](#).

SUNDAY – WHAREKIRAUPONGA TRACK

Medium This is a pretty route made from an old horse-drawn tram track. It passes unusual andesitic rock formations en route to the old camp and battery site for the Royal Standard Goldmine.

Beyond the battery site and tunnel are the Wharekirauponga Falls. There are numerous young kauri alongside the track.

Easy We follow an attractive stream across two bridges. At the Falls we will take a longish break so people can explore an old workings tunnel for at least 100m (bring a torch) or explore around.

Above where we stop is below a working pump associated with current gold mining. Below you can climb down to the river, explore around the boulders or take a swim if so minded.

Time approx. 3.5 hours including the longish break.

Destination: Carpark at end of Parakiwai Quarry Rd

Leave Campsite: 8.30am, walk starts 8.45am.

Leader: Russell Allen ☎ 021 0480380; 276 8770

Transport: Club bus

Driver: TBA

Return ETA: Expected arrival back at Club garage between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. Only a toilet stop on way back.

Cost: \$35 members, \$45 non-members (for use of the bus)

Sunday 6 October – Home Bay Motutapu Island

Medium/Easy People can explore the Island as they wish. However a party will follow tracks around the island depending on who comes.

Leader: Terry Chubb ☎ 940 7453, 021 870158

Transport Ferry. **Pre-book your ticket** for 9.15 departure for Home Bay. Recommend booking 2 weeks in advance on-line at <https://www.fullers.co.nz/destinations/motutapu-island/>

Meet: On Auckland ferry terminal at 9.00am

Return: Ferry at 3.30pm from Home Bay, meet at wharf no later than 3.15pm

Cost: \$36 for an adult

Note: Bring own food, water as usual for ATC tramps – there is no café on the island.

More Info: Check out the DOC [Motutapu webpage](#)

Wednesday 9 October – Clevedon Scenic Reserve and Waitawa Regional Park

First stop is Clevedon – up to the Trig and return same way, then on the bus again to Waitawa to take in the spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf. Low Tide: 10.50am.

Leader: Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111 Mob: 021 440711

Transport: Club bus

Driver: Rudy Meister ☎ 834 3608

Destination: Clevedon – end of Thorps Quarry Road

Departure: 9.00am Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
9.15am cnr of Omahu & Lillington Rds, Remuera
Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non-members.
Note: Shorter/Alternative option available

Sunday 13 October – Goldie Bush

Medium Goldie Bush entering from Constable Rd. walking up Mokoroa Stream, and Falls Lookout Track, returning along Goldie Bush Walkway.

Then moving to Muriwai via Oaia Rd and tracks down to the gannet colony. At Muriwai some might make use of the convenient cafes while others follow the beach north returning along the Coast Rd. Time 4-5 hrs.

Leader: Russell Allen ☎ 276 8770, 021 0480380
Transport: Club Bus
Driver: TBA
Destination: Constable Rd start of Goldie Bush Walkway
Departure: 8.30am Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non-members

Multiday trips programme

Central Kaimais – 13-15 September

Trip full!

The Kaimai Range is a natural barrier between Waikato and Bay of Plenty Districts. An ancient volcanic range, steep on the western side and gentler slopes on the eastern side.

Despite earlier devastation to many areas as a result of mining and logging, the forest has recovered well. The Aongatete area is a showcase for what effective pest control can achieve.

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
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!

A weekend with amazing views over the Waikato and Bay of Plenty, and some challenges!

Easy/Medium Saturday from Hot Springs Road end, Tuahu Track, north on North-South Track to Te Rereatukahia Hut (12 bunks). Drop packs. After lunch a side trip up 'Baldy' for the great views, return to hut. 4 hrs.

Sunday Te Rereatukahia Track, Wharawhara link Track, side trip along Wharawhara Tramway Track beside Wharawhara Stream for approx. 2 kms, return to junction, continue on to Wharawhara Road. 4 hrs.

Leader: Keith Ayton ☎ 630 7010 transport@aucktramping.org.nz

Medium Saturday from Wharawhara Road. Wharawhara Link Track, Te Rereatukahia Track to Te Rereatukahia Hut (12 bunks). Drop packs. After lunch, tramp N over Baldy and along to Wahine Rock, return to hut. 7 hrs.

Sunday south on North-South Track, Tuahu Track to Tuahu kauri tree. Sentinel Rock track up to the top of Sentinel Rock, return to junction with Tuahu Track, then Hot Springs Road. 5 hrs.

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

Medium/Fit Saturday from Wharawhara Road, Wharawhara Link Track, Te Rereatukahia Track to Te Rereatukahia Hut, a quick side trip up 'Baldy' to get the great views. On south on North-South Track to Motutapere Hut (3 bunk with camping). 8 hrs.

Sunday continue south on North-South Track passing by track to Upland Road. 15 mins on, take track to Aongatete Lodge, Wright Road. 6 hrs.

Leader: Dennis Brown ☎ 6200144 or 021 1955590
dennis.brown@xtra.co.nz

Annual Hut Pass or ticket is only required for Te Rereatukahia Hut.

Transport: Club Bus

Driver: Keith Ayton

Transport Cost: \$38 members, \$46 non-members

Destination: Wharawhara Road carpark

Departure: Friday 7.00pm, Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Road
NO DINNER BREAK EN ROUTE

Northwest Ureweras – Labour Weekend 25-28 October

An area the club hasn't been into in the Ureweras since May 2010.

Te Urewera National Park, home to the Tuhoe people, is the largest national park of native bush, streams, rivers and lakes in the North Island. It is rugged and remote country.

Fit Saturday from gate on forestry road to start of Waihua Track, on track then drop down to side stream, along stream for 5 mins, cross Waihua Stream, up track to visit Waihua Hut. On to Casino Bivvy, up Waihua Stream, Te Onepu Stream to bivvy, or camp on the river flats below bivvy. 8-9 hours.

Sunday take track behind Casino Bivvy to drop into Mangahoanga Stream, 5 mins downstream to confluence with Te Weramata Stream. Possible side trip downstream to Mangamako Hut and return to confluence of Te Weramata Stream and Mangahoanga Stream 1-1.5 hours return. Head up Te Weramata Stream to Duckville Bivvy. 6-7 hours.

Monday 15 mins upstream from bivvy take track over the ridge and into a side stream of Ohutu Stream. Out over private farm to the bus. 6-7 hours.

Leader: Robin Houston ☎ 027 431 0010 robhouston@orcon.net.nz

Medium Saturday from Galatea Road walk up forestry road (possibly drive?) to start of track. On track across and down to Karihoto Stream/Mangamako Stream. Up Mangamako Stream to visit hut. Continue upstream to confluence with Te Weramata Stream. Up Mangahoanga Stream 5 mins to pick up track up ridge and down to Casino Bivvy, or camp on the river flats below bivvy. 5.5-6 hours.

Sunday continue down Te Onepa Stream to confluence with Waihua Stream, pick up track to Waihua Hut. 4.5 hours.

Monday drop into Waihua Stream, cross into stream on north side for 5 mins to pick up track up and out to forestry road, walk down road to gate. 4-5 hours.

Leader: Tony Walton ☎ 027 478 5223 tonywalking@gmail.com

Easy/Medium Saturday over private farm (permission given) up track besides Ohutu Stream into side stream to pick up track over ridge and into Te Weramata Stream, 15 mins down stream to Duckville Bivvy. 6.5-7 hours.

Sunday down Te Weramata Stream to Mangamako stream, on down Mangamako Stream to Mangamako Hut. 4.5-5 hours.

Monday continue down Mangamako Stream to confluence with Karihoto Stream, to pick up track a few meters up Karihoto stream to climb to the bush edge, walk down forestry road to Galatea Road. 4 hours.

Leader: TBA. Contact Tony Walton ☎ 027 478 5223 tonywalking@gmail.com

Note 1: Tramping times are estimates only. Lots of stream travel and rough tracks.

Note 2: Tents to be carried by all parties.

Transport: Club Bus

Bus Cost: \$60 Members, \$75 Non-members

Destination: Friday night Kohutapu Lodge (formerly Lake Aniwhenua Lodge), 3836 Galatea Road, Murapara. Please have gold coins for Koha for the use of the lodge toilets etc.

Weekend Bus Destination: Saturday to Monday at private farm, Ohutu Stream location. Details will be available to leaders and drivers.

Departure: **Friday 7.00pm**, Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Road
NO DINNER BREAK EN ROUTE

Canoe the Whanganui River – Waitangi Weekend 2020

This is NZ's best multi-day kayak trip, travelling down the beautiful Whanganui River as it winds its way between high, bush-covered banks through a very remote part of the Whanganui National Park.

Our trip lasts four days using 2-person Canadian Canoes, starting at Ohinepane and finishing at Pipiriki. We will be provided with canoes, lifejackets, waterproof barrels, drysacks, ropes, balers and river maps – generally 2 barrels per person, which allows room for some treats. The best water bottles are able to be tied to the canoe by rope. A pack is not required and will be a hindrance.

Relative to normal tramping standards, this trip is **easy**.

Dates: Wednesday 5 February to Sunday 9 February 2020

Note: The Waitangi Day holiday is on Thursday, so this trip requires you to take time off work on **Wednesday afternoon and Friday**, giving the 4 clear days needed for this trip.

Wednesday Camp at Taumarunui Canoe Hire in bus and tents. Complete check in and fill barrels.

Thursday Starts with barista-made coffee and safety briefings, then travel to Ohinepane by Taumarunui Canoe Hire bus. Canoe to Maharunui and camp. Along the way see the Ohura Falls. 4.5 hours.

Friday Canoe to John Coull, through the green clad Whanganui gorge. 8 hours.

Saturday Canoe to Ramanui. Stop to see the Bridge to Nowhere. Ramanui has campsites, hot showers and a bar. 4.5 hours.

Sunday Canoe to Pipiriki, through the exciting 50/50 rapids. 4 hours. We will be met by the Taumarunui Canoe Hire bus with muffins and taken back to Taumarunui (2 hours). Depart in club bus for early dinner at Jasmines in Taumarunui, and then back to Auckland.

Leader: Bill Mancer ☎ 027 230 4850 or bill@rise.co.nz

Departure: Wednesday 2pm Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd
Short dinner stop en route, or bring your own

Transport: Club Bus

Bus Cost: \$55 Members, \$70 Non-members

Canoe Cost: \$165 per adult, \$140 per youth

DoC Campsites: \$20 per night, free for youth. Two nights

Ramanui Site: \$15 per night, \$5 for youth

Total cost: Adult Members \$275, Adult Non-members \$290, Youth Members \$172.50