

Day trips programme

Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 November – Pinnacles Two Day Walk

You must book online for this trip – see next page

The aim is to explore some of the high country in the Coromandel, making use of a comfortable hut in a magnificent area, without too much lugging a heavy pack, and plenty of time to enjoy the setting.

Medium **Saturday** depart from carpark at the end of the Kauaeranga Valley Rd and make our way up to the Pinnacles hut for a late lunch, using the Moss Creek and Webb Creek tracks. The afternoon is free to explore or climb to the top of the Pinnacles. Time to hut approx. 3 hours

Sunday depart at 8.30am. This gives time to catch the sunrise at 6.15am from the top of the Pinnacles and get back for some breakfast before departing. Return via the Billy Goat track to depart by about 12.30 to get back to Auckland by about 3.30pm. Time approx. 4 hours

Leader: Russell Allen ☎ 276 8770, 021 0480380
Email: russellallen8484@gmail.com

Transport: Club Bus

Driver: Rudy Melster

Bus Cost: Members \$20, non-members \$25

Hut Cost: \$15

Total Cost: Members \$35, non-members \$40

Destination: Carpark at the end of the Kauaeranga Valley Rd.

Departure: **8:00 am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
No second pickup. Walk starts approx. 10.30 am.

To join a standard day trip

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

BUT, if this is your first trip with the Club, please phone the leader beforehand for advice.

Pay in cash on the day.

NOTES:

1. If you have not been on previous tramps with ATC, you must contact the leader before booking for this trip.
2. You need to carry food for breakfast, 2 lunches and dinner, sleeping bag and the usual things for a day trip and overnight toiletries.
3. Bring all your food with you – you can't buy it on the way.
4. Pinnacles Hut must be pre-booked. The club has booked 20 places, so you need to book for this trip through our website.
5. Because hut numbers are restricted, non ATC/WSCTC members will go on a waiting list and be accepted only if places are available.

HOW TO BOOK FOR THIS TRIP

1. Register on the [trip page](#) on our website.
2. Pay the trip fee into the Club bank account: 02-0100-0024675-00.
Quote: "Weekend + [your name] + Trip 1776".

Saturday 9 November – Waiorongomai Tops

Saturday tramp

The full loop involves an ascent from the Waiorongomai Valley via the Pylon Peak Track, with some superb areas of bush, including rimu and northern rata and a few remains of an old pylon line. Once on top of the Kaimai Range, the track then continues around the head of the valley before dropping down past historic mining relics.

Medium/Fit Ascend the Pylon Peak track up the eastern side of the valley, past an old water race tunnel to the existing Pylon Track and from there to the junction with the Old North South track (2-2.5 hours). Continue along the modest ups and downs on the Kaimai Ridgeway to the junction with the Waipapa Track near Pukekohatu. This crosses the head of the valley, and then we will return to the carpark via the High Level Pack Track.

Be prepared to travel uphill at a good pace. Elevation to the range 660m from the carpark. Duration 6-7 hrs.

Leader: TBA

Medium Climb to the Pylon Peak summit for great views from there and along the old North South Track, return the same way. Duration 5-6 hrs.

Leader: Russell Allen ☎ 021 0480380

Easy Stay in the Waiorongomai Valley and explore the historic mine relics, tunnels and pack tracks. Duration 4-5 hrs.

Leader: TBA

Note: If the Medium and Easy walks are completed with enough spare time, and if a driver is available, there could be an option for a drop-off in Te Aroha for a café break while waiting for the longer group to finish.

Transport: Club bus

Driver: Suresh Nanu

Destination: Waiorongomai road end

Departure: **8:00 am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
8:15 am Marewa Rd, Greenlane, behind Countdown

Cost: \$25 members, \$30 non-members. **Pay in cash on the day.**

Note: **Early start and late finish**

Wednesday 13 November – Arataki Area

The Slip Track and most of the Arataki Nature Trail is now open.

We will start from Arataki, down Slip Track, Pipeline Rd, Huia Rd, track to Waima and Woodlands Park Rd, lunch at Mt Atkinson. Return Exhibition Dr and Beveridge track to Arataki. We can then do the Nature Trail if people wish.

Leader: Linda Webber 📞 817 5111 Mob: 021 440711

Transport: Private cars

Meet: 9.45am Arataki Visitor Centre, 300 Scenic Drive, Titirangi

Saturday/Sunday 16-17 November – No tramp

Saturday 23 November – Mt. Karangahake and Northern Kaimais

Saturday tramp

Medium Start at the entrance to the Forest Park, then follow the direct route up Mt Karangahake with its great views. Continue on

the Around the Mountain track and on to Dickey Flat. This trip can be shortened. Time 6 hours.

Leader: TBA

Easy / Short Walk from the carpark through to Dickey Flat via the picturesque Waitawheta Pipeline Walk OR walk from Dickey Flat back to the Karangahake Gorge carpark / café and wait for the bus to collect you on the way home. Time 4 - 5 hours

Leader: TBA / appoint on the day

Transport: Private cars

Destination: Karangahake Gorge carpark

Departure: 8.00am Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland

8.15am Marewa Rd, Greenlane, behind Countdown

Cost: \$20 to the driver

Note: **Early start today**

Wednesday 27 November – Musick Point Area

Wakaaranga Creek wetlands area, Half Moon Bay Marina, Bucklands Beach foreshore to Musick Point, Eastern Beach, Macleans Park back to Pigeon Mountain. Low tide: 2.30pm

- Leader:** Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111 Mob: 021 440711
Transport: Club bus
Driver: Allen Small ☎ 846 4794 Mob: 021 958746
Destination: Pigeon Mountain Carpark – off Pigeon Mountain Rd by Pigeon Mountain Kindergarten
Departure: **9.00am** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
9.15am cnr of Omahu & Lillington Rds Remuera (off Gt. South Rd)
Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non-members. **Pay in cash on the day.**
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Saturday 30 November – Kaitarakihi Peak 852m

Saturday tramp

This is a shortish but demanding tramp involving 650m of uphill over newly cleared tracks and involves use of fixed chains and some scrambling. A well worthwhile tramp and a chance for those going on the Christmas trips to prepare.

Medium/Hard Starting at the highest point on Kopu Hikuai Rd follow the track up to the summit. Then reverse back down. Time: 5 hours

- Leader:** Terry Chubb ☎ 940 7453; 021 870 158
2nd Leader: Russell Allen – so that people can back off before the top if they wish.
Destination: Highest point on Kopu Hikuai Rd. Park on layby opposite start of tramp or 100m back down the road.
Transport: Club bus
Departure: **8:00 am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
8:15 am Marewa Rd, Greenlane, behind Countdown
Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non-members. **Pay in cash on the day.**
Note: **Early start today**
Please check the ATC website to confirm details as these may change after completing a recce.

Saturday/Sunday 7/8 December – No tramp

Wednesday 11 December – Takapuna to Long Bay

Mostly coastal walk from south end of Takapuna Beach to Long Bay Reserve. Low tide: 1.30pm

- Leader:** Linda Webber 📞 817 5111 Mob: 021 440711
Transport: Club bus
Driver: Brian Alexander 📞 622 2138 Mob: 027 4330050
Destination: End of Hauraki Rd, Takapuna
Departure: **9.00am** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
Only this pick up.
Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non-members. **Pay in cash on the day.**
Note: A shorter option will be to go with driver to Long Bay and explore Long Bay Regional Park.
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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
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 completed all 3 steps!

Tongariro National Park –15-17 November

A variety of trips, some off the beaten track, in the unique and spectacular landscape of New Zealand's first national park.

Easy Saturday from Mangahuia Campsite, up Mangahuia and Whakapapa Valley Tracks to stay in Whakapapaiti Hut (3x \$5 hut tickets or annual hut pass) or camp thereabouts (1x \$5 ticket). 3.5-5 hours.

Sunday to Whakapapa Village via Whakapapa Valley and Silica Rapids Tracks with scenic diversion to Punaruku Falls and Silica Rapids. 4 hours.

Leader: Martin Woodhead ☎ 021 397 734

Medium Saturday from Mangahuia Campsite drive to Mangatepopo Road end via Whakapapa Village. Traverse Mount Tongariro via Hardman's Ridge, South Crater and Mangatepopo Valley. **Please respect iwi sensitivities by not standing on actual summits when climbing significant peaks.** Return to Mangahuia Campsite to camp / sleep in bus. 5-6 hours.

Sunday return to Mangatepopo Road end. Traverse Pukekaikiore Peak and possibly climb Mount Ngauruhoe. 4-6 hours.

Leader: Rudy Melster ☎ 8343608 pythea0@gmail.com

Fit Saturday from Mangahuia Campsite drive to Whakapapa Village. Head east on Northern Circuit & Tama Lakes tracks to Upper Tama Lake then over .1562 and Tama Peak and down ridge to camp by Waihohonu Stream. 6-7 hours.

Sunday cross the Northern Circuit track and head southwest up Ruapehu's northern flanks to Saddle Cone, then northwest to eventually gain the ridge passing .1315 to drop down behind the Chateau at Whakapapa Village. 5-6 hours.

Leader: Andrew Murdoch ☎ 021 489 206
livingscapes@hotmail.com

Transport: Club Bus

Drivers: Rudy Melster, Simon Rainger

Transport Cost: \$69 members, \$86 non-members

Accommodation Cost: \$15 for campsite Friday night **(to be paid individually at campsite, please ensure you bring correct cash)**, medium party \$30 to include Saturday night

Destination: Mangahuia Campsite, State Highway 47

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

NO DINNER BREAK EN ROUTE

Maps: Topo50 BH34 Raurimu, BH35 Turangi, BJ34 Mt Ruapehu, BJ35 Waiouru

Kaimanawa Forest Park – 6-8 December

A good opportunity for those wishing to aid their fitness for longer summer trips to come, or just a fine chance to enjoy the peace and majesty of some marvellous native forest in the run up to Christmas.

Medium 1 Saturday from Te Iringa Campsite, Clements Mill Road along the pleasant and well-graded Te Iringa & lower Kaipo tracks to Oamaru Hut (12 bunks, 3 hut tickets/annual hut pass). 6-8 hours.

Sunday from Oamaru Hut out to Poronui Station. 4 hours.

Leader: Martin Woodhead ☎ 021 397 734

Medium 2 Saturday from Poronui Station, lunch at Oamaru Hut, continue up the lower Kaipo track to camp at either of two good campsites – just before the swing bridge (grid ref Topo50 BH37 796749), or half an hour on by Tiki Tiki Stream at the base of the climb up to Te Iringa (788759). 6-8 hours.

Sunday out along Te Iringa track to Te Iringa Campsite, Clements Mill Road. 3-4 hours.

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

Fit Saturday from Te Iringa Campsite, Te Iringa Track to the Kaipo swing bridge then hang a right up the Upper Kaipo Valley Route with its 'numerous river crossings and log jams', over Kaipo Saddle thence to Cascade Hut (6 bunks, 3 hut tickets/annual hut pass). 9-11 hours.

Sunday to Clements Mill Road end via Hinemaiaia Track. 4-5 hours.

Leader: Robin Houston ☎ 0274 310 010 robhouston@orcon.net.nz

Transport: Club Bus

Driver: Chris Burnett, Rudy Melster

Transport Cost: \$65.00 members, \$82 non-members

Destination: Te Iringa Campsite, Clements Mill Road

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

NO DINNER BREAK EN ROUTE

Note: As the area is very popular with hunters, even those parties aiming for huts may wish to carry tentage.

Maps: Topo50 BH36 Motutere, BH37 Rangitaiki

Possible trip

Ruapehu Round the Mountain Track – Extended Anniversary Weekend 23-27 January 2020

This trip is a possibility, and requires an organiser/leader to proceed.

If interested, contact Andrew ☎ 021489206 livingscapes@hotmail.com

Medium, possibly private cars. Could be done in either direction, or both if there is lots of interest and two potential leaders. Booking would be

required for Waihohonu Hut/campsite (it's also part of the Tongariro Northern Circuit Great Walk) or you'd need to camp on the last/first night.

TENTATIVE PLAN:

Thursday 23rd evening drive down, camp at Mangahuia Campsite

Friday 24th from Whakapapa Village to Mangaturuturu Hut (possibly partly cross-country if feeling adventurous)

Saturday 25th to Mangaehuehu Hut (possibly partly-cross country via Blyth Hut if feeling adventurous)

Sunday 26th to Waihohonu Hut

Monday 27th back to Whakapapa village, drive home

Contact: Andrew Murdoch ☎ 021489206 livingscapes@hotmail.com

Canoe the Whanganui River – Extended Waitangi Weekend 2020, Wednesday 5 to Sunday 9 February

Trip full!

A four day trip using Canadian canoes, paddling 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.

The trip starts at Ohinepane and finishes at Pipiriki – see our [website page](#) for full details. Relative to normal tramping standards, this trip is **easy**.

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 Maharanui 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 with muffins and taken back to Taumarunui (2 hours). Depart in club bus for early dinner in Taumarunui, then back to Auckland.

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

Extended summer trips

See the Club website for full details of these trips.

Places still available on some trips.

Christmas Trips 2019-2020 – Arthur's Pass Area

TRIP 1: **THREE PASSES CIRCUIT** 27 DECEMBER - 2 JANUARY

Medium Fit Three Passes, Newton Saddle, Taipo, Kelly, finishing at Arthur's Pass.

Leader: Robin Houston, e-mail: robhouston@orcon.net.nz

TRIP 2: **UPPER WAIMAKARIRI EXPLORATION** 27 DECEMBER - 2 JANUARY

Medium Carrington Hut base with day/overnight tramps away to Waimak Falls, Harman Pass, Barker Hut, finishing at Arthur's Pass.

Leader: Tony Walton, e-mail: tonywalking@gmail.com

TRIP 3: **MINCHIN, HAWDON, MINGHA** 2-10 JANUARY

Medium Fit Taramakau – Townsend – Minchin – Hawdon – Lake Mavis – Goat Pass, finishing at Arthur's Pass.

Leader: Robin Houston, e-mail: robhouston@orcon.net.nz

TRIP 4: **HAWDON / EDWARDS, OTEHAKE TO AICKENS** 2-10 JANUARY

Medium Hawdon OR Edwards to Tarn Col OR Taruahuna Pass, possibly Lake Mavis, Otehaake Route, including hot spring, Lake Kauratapaka to Aickens, finishing at Arthur's Pass.

Leader: Tony Walton, e-mail: tonywalking@gmail.com

Interim Trips February 2020 – Lewis Pass Area

TRIP 1: **DOUBTFUL TOPS** 16-22 FEBRUARY

Medium Shuttle from Christchurch to the Lewis Pass area, then walk from the Nina Valley through to the Doubtful Valley via Devilskin Saddle.

We then climb onto the Doubtful tops, staying at Lake Man and then tarns further eastwards, before descending to the valley floor for a morning pickup and shuttle back to Christchurch.

Leader: Tony Walton Email: tonywalking@gmail.com

TRIP 2: SPENSER MOUNTAINS 22 FEBRUARY - 8 MARCH

Medium Fit A loose figure 8 loop starting and finishing at Lewis Pass criss-crossing the Spenser Mountains in southern Nelson Lakes National Park and the St James Conservation Area including the following passes: Three Tarns, Enid, Thompson, D'Urville.

Time, conditions, and inclination allowing, we may also scramble up Gloriana and/or Faerie Queen.

Some long days and reasonably arduous alpine terrain anticipated so good fitness, ice axe and crampons/spikes required. Robust (ie mountain-worthy) tents to be carried.

Leader: Andrew Murdoch ☎ 021489206 livingscapes@hotmail.com

TRIP 3: BANKS PENSINSULA 22-25 FEBRUARY

Medium Bus from Christchurch to Hilltop, tramp through reserves and over Mt Sinclair and Mt Fitzgerald to Rob Donald Hut. Continue over Mt Herbert and Mt Bradley to Packhorse Hut. Climb to Gebbies Pass, shuttle to Christchurch.

Leader: Tony Walton Email: tonywalking@gmail.com