

Day trips programme

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**

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.

Saturday/Sunday 7/8 December – No tramp

Wednesday 11 December – Takapuna to Long Bay

A mostly coastal walk from the 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.

Saturday 14 December – Mangakino Pack Track, Northern Kaimais

Saturday tramp

Medium / Long This involves tramping from Te Aroha to Dickey Flat via the Mangakino Pack Track - a chance to see part of the Kaimai that we seldom get to, even though it is not far away!

Follow the road uphill for around 2kms, then look for the track on the left that heads up to the Tui Saddle. Continue straight down the other side and the track soon reaches the Mangakino Pack Track. Turn left and follow this past the Mangakino Shelter, and past the turnoffs to Daly's Clearing Hut and Dean Track to reach the Waitawheta River. Note that the crossing is now likely to be before where it is marked on the topo map. Take care to ensure the crossing is safe – link up if necessary.

Once on the other side, follow the track alongside the river to Dickey Flat, where the bus will be waiting. Time 5-6 hours.

Leader: Andrew Murdoch ☎ 021 489 206

Medium / Short From Dickey Flat follow the track upstream alongside the Waitawheta River. Take care with the crossing! Link up if necessary.

Once on the other side, continue on the Mangakino Pack Track, past the Dean Track junction. At the Daly's Hut Track junction, take the track to the hut. From there continue down the track to the Waitawheta River, then follow the track out to the Franklin Road road end. Time 4 - 5 hours. (A shorter option is to go down Dean Track to Franklin Rd).

Leader: TBA

Transport: Club Bus

Driver: Athol Berry, Keith Ayton

Destination: Te Aroha - a short distance up Tui Rd before it comes to a locked gate

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

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

Note: **Early start and late finish**

Sunday 22 December – No tramp

Sunday 29 December – No tramp

Sunday 5 January – Tawharanui Peninsula

Medium West End track loop, North Coast, Takatu Point, back track to South Coast track, back to Takatu Rd. Time for a swim before heading back to Auckland. Low Tide: 9.22 am

Leader: David Holl ☎ 309 4906, 027 9483115
Transport: Club bus
Driver: TBA
Destination: T-junction on Takatu Rd and minor road to West End track
Departure: **8.30 am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
8.45am Des Swann Drive, opposite AON, Takapuna
Cost: \$15 members, non-members \$20. **Pay in cash on the day.**

Sunday 12 January – Karekare and Mercer Bay Loop

Medium We will start with the recently re-opened Comans track, then onto Mercer Bay Loop, at Log Race Rd view the upgraded story (now with photos and captions) of the WW2 Radar Observation Post.

From there we continue on around the Mercer Bay Loop taking in the spectacular scenery, then return on Comans and down to the northern end of Karekare Beach. From there we walk south to Tunnel Point, have lunch, then return the same way via Pohutakawa Glade, Karekare Waterfall and to the carpark.

Leader: Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111 Mob 021 440711
Transport: Private cars
Destination: Karekare Beach Carpark
Departure: **8.30am** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
No second pickup point. Walk starts approx. 9.30 am
Cost: \$10 to driver. **Pay in cash on the day.**

Sunday 19 January – Waitekauri Old Mining Relics

Easy We will explore old mine workings in the southern Coromandel north of Waikino (on the road to Waihi). We will visit the top of the Komata Reef and the old Durbar mine workings. Around 6 hours.

Leader: Martin Woodhead ☎ 021 397 734
Transport: Club Bus
Driver: TBA
Destination: Corner of Scheltema and Waitekauri Road
Departure: **8.00am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland,
8.15am Marewa Rd, Greenlane, behind Countdown
Cost: \$20 members \$30 non-members. **Pay in cash on the day.**
Note: **Earlier start and later finish today**

Sunday 26 January – 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 4m 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 ☎ 021 0480 380

Short Stay with the driver and drive via Matakana to the Dome carpark. Walk up into the Dome Forest, over The Dome, and on through the Waiwhiu kauri grove to the lookout point towards Kawau Island, before returning the same way to the bus and the Tearooms.

Transport: Club bus
Driver: TBA
Destination: Govan Wilson Road at the start of the walkway
Departure: **8.30am** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
8.45am Des Swann Drive, opposite AON, Takapuna
Cost: \$15 members, \$20 non-members. **Pay in cash on the day.**

Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 February – Mt Te Aroha and Te Whare Okioki

You must book online and pay in advance for this trip – see below

This weekend will allow us to explore some Kaimai gems without a long drive there and back in a single day. So there will be more time to enjoy each stunning location.

SATURDAY

Medium Climb to the top of Mt Te Aroha, which at 952m offers amazing views all around, then head south to the Waiorongomai Valley with its interesting tunnels, inclines and other mining relics. The bus will be there to meet the party

Leader: Hazel Walton - contact details below

Short Climb to the top (2 hours) or as far as you wish with the main group and then return back to the bus. The bus drives to the Waiorongomai carpark and waits for the Medium party. Time to explore the mining relics along the Low level Pack Track

Leader: TBA

Destination: Te Aroha domain.

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

SATURDAY EVENING

The bus drives to the Opal Springs Holiday Park for people to check in and change before going in to Matamata for dinner – or self-cater at the Holiday Park.

On return, the hot pools (free to guests) are open until 9pm.

SUNDAY

Depart at 8.30am and drive to the end of Te Tuhi Road. From there the track heads up initially through open farm land, with great views along the edge of the Kaimais and across the Hauraki Plains. The ascent then continues through bush to reach the North South junction – turn right there and an hour later you will arrive at the new Kaimai hut – Te Whare Okioki (approx. 2.5 hours). There will be time for a leisurely lunch break in and around the hut, before returning to the bus the same way.

Leader: Hazel Walton ☎ 027 478 5223

Email: hazelwalton1@gmail.com

Destination: DOC track sign at the end of Te Tuhi Road.

Departure: **8:30 am** Opal Springs Holiday Park

Transport: Club Bus

Driver: TBA

Bus Cost: Members \$35, non-members \$44

Accommodation: Opal Springs Holiday Park – see below

Total Cost, no accommodation: Members \$35, non-members \$44

Total Cost, with accommodation: Members \$65, non-members \$74 TBC

OPAL SPRINGS HOLIDAY PARK

Make your own accommodation arrangements OR book a bunk via ATC in a shared standard cabin. Various cabins and campsites available.

Telephone 0800 800 198 Website <http://www.opalhotsprings.co.nz/>

If you have a cabin booked and have a spare bed to share with someone else, please contact our ATC Accommodation organiser - accom@aucktramping.org.nz

If you would like to take advantage of a spare bed in a cabin already booked, please contact our ATC Accommodation organiser - accom@aucktramping.org.nz

For requesting a bunk in a cabin, please email as above, and then once confirmed, pay the full bus and accommodation fee to the ATC bank account 02 0100 0024675 00 immediately to secure your booking. In the payment details provide your name and "Opal Springs".

Note:

You need to bring food for breakfast, 2 lunches and if self-catering, dinner.

Also bring sleeping bag and the usual things for a day trip and overnight toiletries.

HOW TO BOOK FOR THIS TRIP

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

Sunday 9 February – No Tramp

But see Whanganui River Canoe Trip in the Multiday Trips programme.

Wednesday 12 February – Karekare

We will start with the newly upgraded Comans track, then onto Mercer Bay Loop taking in the spectacular West Coast scenery, then return on Comans and down to the northern end of Karekare Beach, south down coast to Tunnel Point, lunch, then return same way to carpark via Pohutakawa Glade and Karekare Waterfall.

Leader: Linda Webber 📞 817 5111 Mob: 021 440711

Transport: Car pooling
Destination: Karekare Beach Carpark
Departure: 9.15am Gymnasium carpark, Olympic Park, Portage Road, New Lynn.
There will be no meeting point at Sandringham Rd.
Cost: \$10 to drivers.

Sunday 16 February – 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 along bush tracks through 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 40 minutes prior to ferry sailing, every half hour, so no need to hurry away – enjoy!
Note: only the 4.00 pm & 6.00 pm ferries go via Devonport
Cost: Fares: Gold Cards free. Ferry return: \$40.00
Bus: \$3.50 cash each way; \$1.95 each way with Hop Card.

Sunday 23 February – Mataia Farm Park, Kaipara District

This is a new walk for us, on the edge of the Kaipara Harbour.

The Mataia 12km circular walk starts and finishes at Mataia Homestead and takes up to 5 hours. We will take time to enjoy the many features of interest along the way.

The unique circular journey crosses rolling farmland, traverses ancient and regenerating native forests, passes through unique saltmarsh wetlands, and touches the coast of the Kaipara Harbour – the largest harbour in the southern hemisphere.

An intensive conservation project begun in 2005 encompasses the entire farm and evidence of this will be seen as you journey. Kilometres of fencing now protect streams, waterways, wetlands and gullies, and teams of volunteers have planted over 100,000 native trees in the last 12 years.

Pest and predator traps can be seen at regular intervals along the trail and protect the growing number of endangered flora and fauna that call Mataia home, including North Island brown kiwi which were re-introduced to Mataia in 2013.

Leader: Vicky King ☎ Mob 021 0736 056
Transport: Club Bus
Driver: TBA
Destination: Mataia Homestead carpark. 2791 Kaipara Coast Highway, Glorit
Departure: **8.30am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
8.45am Des Swann Drive, opposite AON, Takapuna
Cost: Members \$20, non-members \$25. This includes the \$8 walk fee. **Pay in cash on the day.**

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!

Kaimanawa Forest Park – 6-8 December

Trip full, but there's a waiting list

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 ½hr 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

Drivers: 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

Extended Anniversary Weekend Tramp – Ruapehu Round The Mountain

THURSDAY 23 TO MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2020 (5 DAYS)

This trip is full, BUT a reverse trip may also run - contact Robin to register your interest

Thursday 23rd evening drive down, stay at F&B Lodge at Whakapapa.

Friday 24th from Whakapapa Village to Mangaturuturu Hut.

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

Sunday 26th to Rangipo Hut.

Monday 27th back to Whakapapa village, drive home.

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

Transport: Private cars

Canoe the Whanganui River – Extended Waitangi Weekend, 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

Christmas Trips 2019-2020 – Arthur's Pass Area

All trips full!

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, Otehake 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

Trip full!

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

Trip full!

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