

## Day trips programme

### 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.

**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.

**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 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](mailto:hazelwalton1@gmail.com)

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

### 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.**

**Departure:** 8:30 am Opal Springs Holiday Park  
**Transport:** Club Bus  
**Driver:** Rudy Melster  
**Bus Cost:** Members \$35, non-members \$44  
**Accommodation:** Opal Springs Holiday Park – see below  
**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.

If you have a spare bed in a booked or would like to take advantage of a spare bed in a cabin, please contact our ATC Accommodation organiser – [accom@aucktramping.org.nz](mailto:accom@aucktramping.org.nz)

### 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”.

#### 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.

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## Sunday 9 February – No Tramp

But see Whanganui River Multiday Canoe Trip.

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## 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 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; \$1.95 each way with Hop Card
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## 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 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.**

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## Wednesday 26 February – Hunuas (Wairoa)

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

Starting from carpark take Wairoa Valley Track to the gravel road, right here and a short walk to Challenge Track on left, up here to view new hut, return again and onto Wairoa Loop Track, finishing with the upgraded Suspension Bridge Track.

Suitable for all levels of fitness.

**Leader:** Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111 Mob: 021 440711  
**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 Gt.South Rd)  
**Cost:** \$10 members, \$15 non-members. **Pay in cash on the day.**

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## Sunday 1 March – Te Araroa Walkway South of Dome

A must for all those wishing to experience a local section of the Te Araroa Walkway.

**Medium** Pick up the walkway where it crosses the Kaipara Flats Road and follow the trail through to Cook Rd near Puhoi. Time 5 – 6 hours.

The route includes Streamlands Swamp Rd; Old Kaipara Rd; trail; Edgerley Rd; Woodcocks Rd; Matthews Rd; trail; Moir Hill; trail; Remiger Rd; trail; Cook Rd; finish at Puhoi Village, approx. 16km.

Bring your togs for a swim at Wenderholm on the way home.

**Leader:** Murray Gifford ☎ 021 774290  
**Transport:** Club bus

**Driver:** TBA  
**Destination:** Junction of Kaipara Flats Rd and Streamlands Swamp Rd, approx 4.5km west of SH1  
**Departure:** **8.30 am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland  
North shore pickup on request to the driver. Walk starts approx. 9.30 am.  
**Cost:** \$15 members, non-members \$20. **Pay in cash on the day.**

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## **Sunday 8 March – Coromandel: Waiomu Kauri Grove/Te Puna**

**Medium** Starting at Waiomu, follow the Waiomu Kauri Grove up to the magnificent kauri grove, with healthy kauri trees and great views, then continue up till reaching the Te Puru track, then follow this back down to Te Puru Creek Rd, passing one of the best specimens of kauri around. There is a short river walk at the end due to erosion of the track. Time approx. 6 hours.

**Leader:** Tony Walton ☎ 027 478 5223

**Transport:** Club bus

**Driver:** TBA

**Destination:** Waiotahi Rd

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

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

**Note: Early start & late finish**

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## **Wednesday 11 March – Botanic Gardens and Totara Park Area**

Come and explore the Botanic Gardens, Puhinui Stream Forest Trail and Totara Park.

Suitable for all levels of fitness.

**Leader:** Linda Webber ☎ 817 5111 Mob: 021 440711

**Transport:** Car pooling

**Destination:** Car park Botanic Gardens – 102 Hill Road Manurewa

**Departure:** **9.00am** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland  
**9.15am** cnr of Omahu & Lillington Rds Remuera (off Gt.South Rd)

**Cost:** \$10 to drivers.

## Sunday 15 March – No tramp

But see Mt Damper weekend trip.

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## Sunday 22 March – Kawakawa Bay

**Medium** Includes some rock scrambling.

Starting from the village, we walk along the coast to the end of the road at Tuturau Bay. Then over the cliff to Tawhitokino Beach.

Continue along the coast over some tricky rock scrambling (gloves useful) past Orere Stream to Tapapakanga Regional Park.

There is then the option to tramp round the park, have a swim or relax on the beach. After Orere Stream please take care – slippery underfoot in places.

Remember to bring your swimming togs if you wish to swim.

**Leader:** Bill Mancer ☎ 027 230 4850

**Transport:** Club Bus

**Driver:** TBA

**Destination:** Kawakawa Bay

**Departure:** 9.30am Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland

9.45am Marewa Rd, Greenlane (behind Countdown)

**Low Tide:** 13.09 – this is a low tide dependent route

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

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## Sunday 29 March – Seven Volcanoes of the Auckland Isthmus

**Medium** Walking as many green spaces as possible, we will visit Mt Albert, Mt Roskill, Big King, One Tree Hill, Mt St John, Mt Hobson finishing at Mt Eden.

Enjoy seven different panoramic views of Auckland. Time approx. 6 hours.

**Leader:** Christine Major ☎ 021 109 5750

**Transport:** Private cars or public transport. Currently the Outer Link is a good option for returning from the end to the start point, but see below ...

**Meet:** 9.10am Goodwins Property Management, cnr Mt Albert & New North Rds, Mt Albert

**Note:** **Watch for future updates** or check with the leader on the transport options. By this time the Mt Eden train station will be closed for CRL work, and it is possible that Auckland Transport will have terminated the useful section of the Outer Link route.

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## **Saturday/Sunday 4-5 April – Two day tramps in the Mt Pirongia +/- Mt Karioi areas**

Keep this weekend free for tramping on one of both of these Waikato bush clad peaks. More details to follow soon.

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## **Sunday 12 April – No tramp**

But see Tararuas Easter weekend trip.

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## **Sunday 19 April Te Araroa – Mangatawhiri River to Whangamarino Redoubt**

**Medium** We start from the roadside on SH2 at the Mangatawhiri River bridge. A path under the bridge takes us onto a stopbank that follows the lower Mangatawhiri River across the low lying, swampy farmland that utilises Dutch Polder-style agriculture.

After a few kms the track turns and follows along the edge of a true Waikato swamp managed by Fish and Game, and reaching an impressive Archimedes Screw used for draining the farmland.

From there a short road walk takes us to a further section of the trail alongside the Waikato River that ends at the Mercer service centre and ... after any local refreshments ... we continue across the motorway and onto the next TA section that goes up and down a few gullies with views of the Waikato River at regular intervals - all the way through to the Whangamarino Redoubt, an historic site from the time of the Maori Wars.

Time to explore the site there and join the waiting bus for our return back to Auckland.

A total of 18.5 kms of the Te Araroa Trail as it transitions from the Auckland to the Waikato section.

**Leader:** Martin Woodhead ☎ 021 397 734  
**Transport:** Club Bus  
**Driver:** TBA  
**Destination:** SH2 immediately past the Mangatawhiri River bridge  
**Departure:** **8.30am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd,  
**8.45am** Marewa Rd, Greenlane, behind Countdown  
**Cost:** \$10 members \$15 non-members. **Pay in cash on the day.**

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## Sunday 26 April – No tramp

But see North West Pureoras Anzac weekend trip.

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## Multiday trips programme

### 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.

#### 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 completed all 3 steps!**



**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](mailto:bill@rise.co.nz)

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## **Mt Damper / Waitaanga and Moki Forests -13-15 March**

Explore some remote native forests in the North Taranaki backblocks, with a few waterfalls thrown in for good measure.

**Easy Saturday** from the bus walk there and back to view Mt Damper Falls, at 74m one of the highest in the North Island. 45 minutes return. The bus will then drive to the start of the Rerekapa Track in the Moki Forest. Walk in past the picturesque Rerekapa Falls (10m) to stay in Rerekapa Hut 2-3 hours. Time to explore the track continuation in the forest over a low saddle.

**Sunday** return down the Rerekapa Track past the falls to the bus. If it has rained overnight, check out the Damper Falls again!

Rerekapa Hut is managed as a private hut by the Rerekapa Hut Supporters society.

**Leader:** TBA - contact Tony Walton ☎ 027 478 5223

**Medium Fit Saturday** from the bus take the track past the Damper Falls through the Waitaanga Forest to Te Rerepahupahu Falls. While the track is marked, expect treefalls and some points where the track is hard to follow. A variety of mature trees, including kamahi, totara, rata and rimu. Mt Damper (528m) is reached after 2.5 hrs. The track continues along the ridge, finally dropping down to the Waitaanga valley and the Waitaanga Track junction, from where it is not too long to the side track to the Falls, where there is some space to camp. 8-9 hours.

**Sunday** return to the Waitaanga Track and continue on north through the forest over a ridge then following the Waitaanga Stream again to Waitaanga South Road. 4-5 hours.

**Leader:** Tony Walton ☎ 027 478 5223 [tonywalking@gmail.com](mailto:tonywalking@gmail.com)

**Transport:** Club Bus

**Drivers:** TBA

**Transport Cost:** \$65 members, \$82 non-members

**Accommodation Cost:** for the Easy party, add \$10 for Rerekapa Hut

**Destination:** Carpark at start of Mt Damper Falls Walk, Okau Rd  
**Departure:** **Friday 7.00pm**, Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Road  
**NO DINNER BREAK EN ROUTE**  
**Maps:** Topo50 BH31 Whangamomona, BG32 Ohura, BH32 Tokirima

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## Tararua Forest Park, Easter – 9-13 April

A rare chance, given the distance from Auckland, to enjoy the splendour and majesty of the birthplace of organised tramping in Aotearoa/New Zealand. Something for everyone here with some classic Tararua trips.

**Each party is limited to 6**, Easy (completely) and Medium (mostly) parties have guaranteed beds in comfortable huts (already prepaid by ATC).

### **Easy** CLASSIC HOLDSWORTH-JUMBO LOOP

**Thursday** drive from Auckland to Holdsworth camping area, camp / sleep on bus.

**Friday** from Holdsworth road end to Atiwhakatu Hut (3hrs, booked), afternoon explore the track continuing up the delightful Atiwhakatu Valley to Pinnacle Saddle .670 (2-3hrs return).

**Saturday** from Atiwhakatu Hut up Raingauge Spur to Jumbo Hut (2-3hrs, booked), afternoon (if conditions on tops favourable) explore north up the Holdsworth-Girdlestone Range to Angle Knob or further to the aircraft wreck site on Shingle Slip Knob (3-4hrs return).

**Sunday** from Jumbo Hut south down the Holdsworth-Girdlestone Range to Powell Hut with a slight deviation to take in the summit of Mt Holdsworth (3-4hrs).

**Monday** from Powell Hut back to bus at Holdsworth road end (3hrs), drive back to Auckland.

**Leader:** Bill Mancer 📞 027 230 4850 or [bill@rise.co.nz](mailto:bill@rise.co.nz)

### **Medium** EASTERN TARARUA HIGHLIGHTS: TOTARA FLATS, HIGH RIDGE AND THE HOLDSWORTH-JUMBO LOOP

**Thursday** drive from Auckland to Holdsworth camping area, camp / sleep on bus.

**Friday** from Holdsworth road end to Totara Flats Hut (4hrs, 26 bunks, 3 hut tickets/annual backcountry hut pass).

**Saturday** from Totara Flats Hut, re-cross the Waiohine swing bridge and locate cairn on the track a few hundred metres back up Totara Creek. This signals the start of a disced/blazed route up the spur to Flaxy Knob (.965). Follow the sometimes less-than-obvious route along and up High Ridge to

its termination on the track below Mt Holdsworth, drop down to Powell Hut (7-8hrs, booked).

**Sunday** from Powell Hut head north along the Holdsworth-Girdlestone Range to Jumbo Pk (3hrs). If conditions favourable, head further north along range for views from Angle Knob / Shingle Slip Knob plane wreck (3hr return) then drop past Jumbo Hut down Raingauge Spur to Atiwhakatu Hut (2hrs, booked).

**Monday** from Atiwhakatu Hut back to bus at Holdsworth road end (2-3hrs), drive back to Auckland.

**Leader:** Dennis Brown ☎ 021 1955590 [dennis.brown@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dennis.brown@xtra.co.nz)

### **Fit** CLASSIC NEILL FORKS-MANGAHUKA-MID WAIOHINE LOOP

**Thursday** drive from Auckland to Holdsworth camping area, walk in to Atiwhakatu Hut (1.5-2hrs).

**Friday** from Atiwhakatu Hut up Raingauge Spur past Jumbo Hut to Jumbo Pk. Head south down the Holdsworth-Girdlestone Range to Mt Holdsworth summit, traverse Isabelle Pk, drop down to Mid-Waiohine Hut (6-7hrs, 6 bunk, 1 hut ticket/annual backcountry hut pass).

**Saturday** from Mid-Waiohine Hut, over the bridge and a long grunt up Aokaparangi, one of the major peaks of the southern Main Range. Head south over Wright and Simpson to the very scenic Maungahuka Hut (6-7hrs, 10 bunk, 1 hut ticket/annual backcountry hut pass) and tarn. If time and conditions allow, take an afternoon side-trip south to the Tararua Peaks, Tunui & Tuiti, and the famous ladder between them.

**Sunday** from Maungahuka Hut to Totara Flats Hut (7hrs, 26 bunks, 3 hut tickets/annual backcountry hut pass) via Neill Forks.

**Monday** from Totara Flats Hut back to bus at Holdsworth road end (3-3.5hrs), drive back to Auckland.

**Leader:** Robin Houston ☎ 0274 310 010 [robhouston@orcon.net.nz](mailto:robhouston@orcon.net.nz)

**Transport:** Club Bus

**Drivers:** TBA

**Transport Cost:** \$115.00 members, \$145.00 non-members

**Accommodation Cost (Booked Huts):** Easy \$35, Medium \$20, Fit \$5

**When booking, add the applicable amount to the transport cost**

**Destination:** Mt Holdsworth road end carpark, Mount Holdsworth Road

**Departure:** **Thursday 7.00am**, Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Road

**Note:** All trips involve travel on exposed tops. Full storm shell required. Easy & medium trips: decent emergency shelter required. Fit trip: tents should be carried (it's Easter, hunting season, and the huts ain't that big!)

**Easy and Medium groups:** Please bring \$8.00 cash each for camping fee on the Thursday night

**Maps:** NZTopo50 BP33 Featherston & BP34 Masterton

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## North West Pureora Forest Anzac Weekend – 24-27 April

In the North West Pureora Forest volunteers (including ATC members in the areas around Tunawaea Stream) have been baiting some areas as a means to support successful kokako breeding – with the added bonus for all birdlife.

This trip allows you to explore, link, and appreciate two areas that are close as the kokako flies, but a long way apart via road – Tunawaea and Okahukura.

**SATURDAY** We leave in the morning to drive to the Pureroa Forest Lodge near Barryville, settle in, and enjoy some walks in the afternoon in the nearby forest where a further pest control team is active. There is a short forest loop, or a longer walk along the Waipapa South Track and beyond.

**SUNDAY** The bus will drive in to a parking area at the start of the Okahukura Loop from where the 3 different parties will set out.

**Fit Sunday** Walk 7kms up an old vehicle track, then take the Mangatutu Track up to the Rangitoto Range. Follow the range SW to Ranginui (978m) then down the transmitter road for a short distance before heading S down a spur to reach North Line – the first of a number of Tunawaea baiting lines. Follow provided directions to a delightful camping location on the Fantail line. 7 hours.

**Monday** Follow provided directions using parts of Falcon, Line A, Wildlife Hut, Puka, Kauri, Miro and Tyre, then along a newly marked route back to the Okahukura Loop and the bus. 5 hours.

**Leader:** Michael O'Connor ☎ 021 870791  
[michaels.oconnor@gmail.com](mailto:michaels.oconnor@gmail.com)

**Medium Sunday** Walk 1.25kms up the Okahukura Loop then take a newly marked route through to Tunawaea “Spaghetti Junction” where multiple tracks tumble into each other. From there follow provided instructions for Wildlife shortcut, Wildlife track, “Tunawaea View”, Line A, Falcon, to camp location on Fantail. 6 hours.

**Monday** Continue to Line B, past Spaghetti Junction, Kanuka (with a delightful stream at the bottom of a steep gully). And then a new route through to Okahukura and the bus. 4.5 hours.

**Leader:** Tony Walton ☎ 027 478 5223

**Easy Sunday** Walk the full Okahukura Loop, an old logging road, all in the Okahukura pest control area. Listen out for birds and enjoy the forest 16 kms, day pack only. 5 hours.

**Monday** A choice of following the new route part way into the Tunawaea area, possibly to the point where it is above a steep picturesque gully OR explore some of the Okahukura bait lines away from the old road. Maps to be provided. 4 hours.

**Leader:** Martin Woodhead ☎ 021 397 734

**PUREORA FOREST LODGE** has a fully equipped kitchen, fridge, freezers, dormitory rooms – bunks with mattresses, showers, cleaning equipment.

Leave the Lodge clean and tidy, take rubbish home.

Bring towels, pillow, sleeping bag etc, cleaning fluids etc, all food and consumables.

**Transport:** Club Bus

**Drivers:** TBA

**Transport Cost:** \$55 members, \$70 non-members

**Accommodation Cost:** \$20 per person for Saturday night

**Destination:** Pureora Forest Park Lodge, off SH30 near Barryville. Turn onto Waitaramoa Rd, then right after 1.7 kms

**Departure:** **Saturday 8.00am**, Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Road  
**NO LUNCH BREAK EN ROUTE** – bring your own

**Maps:** Topo50 BF34 Benneydale

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## Extended summer trips

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:tonywalking@gmail.com)