

Day trips programme

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 Woodcocks Road and Mathew Road and follow the trail through to Cook Rd near Puhoi. Time 5 – 6 hours.

The route includes 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: Teresa Janssen ☎ 021 264 4434

Transport: Club bus

Driver: Marilyn Best

Destination: Woodcocks Road and Mathew Road, approx 7.5km west of SH1

Departure: **8.30 am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
North shore pickup at Des Swann Drive on request to the driver or leader. Walk starts approx. 9.30 am.

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

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.

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: Suresh Nanu

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

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 page 18.

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: Marilyn Best

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.**

Wednesday 25 March 2020 Mokoroa Stream / Goldies

We will walk in from Constable Rd and go up the stream to the waterfall, then return via tracks. This has become a very popular loop since the upgrade of Goldies Bush.

It has been many years since the Wednesday group have been up the stream, so do take this opportunity for an adventure.

Leader: Terry Chubb ☎ 940 7453 Mob 021 870158
Transport: Club Bus
Driver: Sue Grant ☎ 846-5821 Mob 027 2726112
Destination: Constable Rd Muriwai
Departure: **9.00am** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland
Please Note: Only 1 departure point today
Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non-members. **Pay in cash on the day.**

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.

Saturday/Sunday 4-5 April – Mt Pirongia and Mt Karioi

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

SATURDAY – MT PIRONGIA – A 610M CLIMB

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: Tony Walton ☎ 027 478 5223 / 09 630 2591

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 Either camping at Raglan Holiday Park or book cabin accommodation for yourself <https://www.raglanholidaypark.co.nz/> or 07 825 8283. For this weekend we will **NOT** be pre-organising shared accommodation as there are no good sized multi bunk cabins. If you book a unit and have a spare bunk, we will however pass on any enquiries for that to you, so do let us know.

SUNDAY – MT KARIOI 756M – A 540M CLIMB

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 Wairake track to Karioi Rd, 6 hours.

Leader: Tony Walton ☎ 027 478 5223 / 09 630 2591

Medium Starting as above going up to the lookout then returning. Time 5 hours.

Leader: TBA, probably driver.

Start time for both walks is **8.30am**, bus leaves Raglan holiday park at **8.00am**.

SUNDAY – BRIDAL VEIL FALLS

If time permits after the Mt Karioi walk, we will have a short stop at the 55m Bridal Veil Falls on the way home.

Departure: **8.00am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland

Transport: Club bus

Driver: TBA

Return: If all goes well, by 7.30pm on Sunday. We will stop for a half hour meal break on the way home.

Cost: For bus: \$45 members, \$60 non-members.
Booking: **Online booking and pre-payment to the ATC bank account required**

Wednesday 8 April – Waiheke Island

We will do a loop of the southern side from Matiatia, a bit different to previous trips and slightly shorter.

Suitable for all levels of fitness.

Leader: Linda Webber 📞 81705111 Mob 021 440711
Transport: Ferry
Destination: Matiatia Wharf
Departure: **9.30am** Ferry Terminal, 99 Quay Street, Downtown Auckland
This ferry goes directly to Waiheke.
Fare cost: **\$42 return, SuperGold Card Holders No Charge**

Sunday 12 April – No tramp

But see Tararuas Easter weekend trip page 19.

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 stop bank 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.**

Sunday 26 April – No tramp

But see North West Pureoras Anzac weekend trip page 21.

Sunday 3 May – Waiotahi/Karaka tracks, Thames

Medium Waiotahi track climbing up to just under 600m, returning by Karaka track. Good views. The Karaka track in particular is full of variety with some open sections giving splendid views over the Coromandel mountains. Total climb 678m, distance 12.8km, approx. time 6 hrs.

Leader: Tony Walton ☎ 630 2591 / 027 478 5223

Short Stay with the driver and walk in some of the way from both ends.

Transport: Club bus
Driver: TBA
Destination: Waiotahi Rd
Departure: **8.30am** Club Garage, 31 Sandringham Rd. Kingsland
8.45am Marewa Rd. Greenlane (behind Countdown)
Walk starts at track start on Waiotahi Rd approx. 10.15am
Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non-members. **Pay in cash on the day.**

Sunday 10 May – Pukekohe Five Summits Trail

Easy In 2019 the Pukekohe Tramping Club led the establishment of the Five Summits Trail to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. It provides a 21km loop around Pukekohe that connects many parks and reserves and visits five volcanic hill tops with some great views of the Pukekohe area and interesting volcanic features. Approx 4-5 hours, with time for a café stop before returning home.

There are options to make a shorter loop.

Leader: Hazel Walton ☎ 630 2591 / 027 4119 444

Transport: Club bus

Driver: TBA

Destination: Station Rd, Pukekohe opposite the train station entrance

Departure: **8.30am** Club garage, 31 Sandringham Rd, Kingsland

8.45am Marewa Rd, Greenlane behind Countdown

Walk starts approx. 9.30 am

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

Sunday 17 May – Tree Planting, Motutapu Island

Details to be provided later.

Multiday trips programme

Mt Damper / Waitaanga and Moki Forest –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 Rerepahu 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

Transport: Club Bus

Drivers: Keith Ayton & Marilyn Best

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

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!

Tararua Forest Park, Easter – 9-13 April

Trip almost full!

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

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

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

Transport: Club Bus

Drivers: Chris Burnett, Keith Ayton

Transport Cost: \$115 members, \$145 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

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
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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.

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.

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

Transport: Club Bus

Driver: Chris Burnett

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

Cape Reinga / Te Pahi – 29 May - 1 June

We're working on it – book the dates! Keep an eye on the website and next Wanderlust.