

Newsletter

Hagley Tramping Club

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JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER 2019

Welcome to the **Hagley Tramping Club** Newsletter.

The **Hagley Tramping Club** was originally established as the Hospital Tramping Club in 1974 with the aim of making the back country experience more accessible to the average person and to foster a respect for the wilderness.

The Club organises a variety of trips to suit all ages and levels of fitness. We encourage prospective new members to experience 2 or 3 trips to see if we suit their style before joining.

Newsletter Contents

Calendar of Trips & Social Events, Trip Reports & Pictures.

For general information about the club and trips, refer last two pages.

Club Email Address

For general communication: contact@hagleytrampingclub.net.nz

For information about trips, please ring the Trip Leader.



Summer! Combining tramping and swimming! (Pudding Hill Stream)

Club Committee

Chairperson	*****	
Treasurer	Claire T	Ph 0210762500
Secretary	Dennis W	Ph 021 243 9999
Committee	Heather H (Website)	Ph 021 079 7101
	Dennis W (Newsletter)	Ph 021 243 9999
	Sally B	Ph 338 1097
	Pat N	Ph 021 167 9338
	Tere L	Ph 981 6431
Club Captain	Bill T	Ph 354 2277
New members contact	Wendy T	Ph 354 2277

***** No Chairperson was elected at the AGM.

The Club Captain is a technical leadership position available to advise anyone on equipment, trips etc. Please contact Bill if you have tramping enquiry.

(For specific tramps, contact the Trip Leader)

Committee Meetings are not "closed." Any club member is welcome to come along to our meetings.

Increased Transport Costs

Unfortunately, we have had to increase transport costs in this Newsletter as a consequence of the rising cost of fuel.

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

!!NOTE: Following trip is on Saturday due to Mother's Day Sunday.

Saturday 11 May	Woolshed Creek Circuit
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Woolshed Creek is on the south side of Mt Somers. From the car part we tramp to the Woolshed Creek Hut then climb via the Mt Somers Track to go around Mt Somers to the Rhyolite Track back to the cars. Great day trip.

Please phone Vesna if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Vesna Ph 021 277 2422 Moderate Transport \$25

Depart from Z Station Main South Rd Templeton at 7.30am

Sunday 19 May	Anti Crow Hut
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Drive to car park at the east end of the Waimakariri Bridge in APNP. Relatively easy day walk through forest and tussocks up the Waimakariri River flats to the Anti Crow Hut and return. We may return via the river depending on the river conditions.

Please phone Heather if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Heather Ph 021 079 7101 Easy-moderate Transport 25
OR Ph 332 6281

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.30am.

Wednesday 22 May at 7.30pm

**Club Social Night
Abberley Crescent Hall
AGM & Hiking Offa's Dyke**

Our AGM night. Finances and Chairperson's Reports. Election of committee roles of Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer. Election of Committee.

Followed by pics and story of Sally & Chris's recent traverse of Offa's Dyke in Britain.

Really interesting, not to be missed!

Supper to follow.

Sunday 26 May

**MTB Cycle Trip
Groyne to Spencerville**

Start in the Groynes and follow the cycle tracks to Whites Crossing on the Waimakariri. Then along the stop banks to Brooklands and road to Spencerville for ice creams! Return the same way.

Please phone Sally if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Sally 021 127 6419

NA

Transport NA

Depart from the Groynes at 9.00am.

(Meeting place and parking: First car park on the right after the first bridge as you enter the Groynes).

Queen's Birthday Weekend Saturday 01 to Monday 03 June	Elizabeth Hut
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Saturday early start to drive to Gloriavale Christian Community. The tramp is up the Haupiri River in West Coast tramping conditions. Saturday night at Elizabeth Hut. Sunday tramp over Trent Saddle to the Top Trent Hut and back to Elizabeth Hut for day tramp. Monday back to cars with stop at Haupiri Hot Pool.

Own cookers and tents required.

Map BU21

Leaders Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277 Moderate Plus Transport \$50

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 26 May.

Sunday 09 June	Port Levy Saddle to Montgomery Park (Te Ara Pataka Walkway)
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A great ridge tramp with interesting and varied landscape and native vegetation. Return the same way.

Please phone Sally if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Sally Ph 021 127 6419 Easy-Moderate Transport \$15

Depart from the Main Rd outside Halswell School at 8.00am

Sunday 16 June	Mt Alford
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Mt Alford is the next peak south of Mt Hutt. Great views of the hinterland and plains on a good day.

Please phone Dennis if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Dennis Ph 021 243 9999 Moderate Transport \$25

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8.00am.

Wednesday 19 June at 7.30 pm

Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting at Heather's in Halswell.

Sunday 23 June

Prebble Hill

Prebble Hill is in the same area as the Castle Hill but on the other side of SH73.

Enjoy some different limestone formations on this trip.

Please phone Pat if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Pat Ph 021 167 9338

Moderate

Transport \$22

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8.30am.

Wednesday 26 June at 7.00pm

Club Social Night

Madam Kwong Restaurant

Enjoy a restaurant night out with fellow trampers.

155 Blenheim Rd. Driveway entrance to car park is left immediately after the Caltex Station when driving west on Blenheim Road.

Please book with Dennis by Sunday 23 June. Ph 021 243 9999

Sunday 30 June

Mt Thomas

Mt Thomas plan is to ascend by Summit track and return by Wooded Gully.

About 6 hours round trip. Great views of the Canterbury Plains from the top. The tracks are sheltered but the summit can be very windy – be prepared!

Please phone Claire if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Claire Ph 021 076 2500

Moderate

Transport \$18

Depart from Richill St, Belfast (Main North Rd end) at 8.00am

Wednesday 24 July at 7.30pm

Club Social Night

Abberley Crescent Hall

Tramping the Te Araroa

We are honoured to have Pat & Claire as club members who have recently completed the Sth Island leg of the Te Araroa. Come and hear all about it!!

They have lots to tell and show!

Supper to follow.

!!Note following trip is on a Saturday!!

Saturday 27 July

Lyttelton Loop Walk

Lyttelton loop walk on market day.

A Saturday walk to Lyttelton (market day) from the Gondola to the Summit Rd, Crater Rim walk to behind Mt Pleasant, then the new Urumau track down to Lyttelton and Stan Helms track up and back to cars.

Please phone Vesna if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Vesna Ph 021 277 2422

Moderate

Transport \$NA

Meet and depart from Gondola car park at 9.00am

Saturday 03 & Sunday 04 August

Camp Creek Hut

Camp Creek Hut is by Lake Brunner. There is a rugged little DOC track up through the bush. It is a 6 bunk hut with outdoor bath!

Own cooker and tents required. Map BU20

Leaders Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277

Moderate

Transport \$45

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 28 July.

Sunday 11 August	Rangitata Gorge Walkway
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An explore (I haven't been there before) up the north bank of the Rangitata River in the vicinity of the Diversion Canal intake and onto Tenahaun Track.

Please phone Dennis if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Dennis Ph 021 243 9999 Easy Transport \$30

Depart from the Z Station in Templeton at 8.00am

Sunday 18 August	Ghost Stream
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Ghost Stream is tributary of the Porter River. This tramp starts at the Porter River bridge on SH73 and climbs steadily up Ghost Stream. Return the same way.

Please phone Pat if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Pat Ph 021 167 9338 Moderate Transport \$22

Depart from the Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am.

Wednesday 21 August at 7.30 pm	Committee Meeting
Committee Meeting at Claire's in Hoon Hay.	

Sunday 25 August	Buicks Bridge to Lake Clearwater
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From Buick's bridge we will follow the Te Araroa trail between Mt Guy and the Dogs Range through to Lake Clearwater. If we only have one car, we will return the way we came or via the 4WD Paddle Hill creek track. An easy winter walk with only 200m very gentle climb.

Please phone and txt Heather if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Heather Easy-Moderate Transport \$36
Ph 021 0797 101 or 332 6281

Depart from Z Station in Templeton at 8.00am

Wednesday 28 August at 7.30pm

**Club Social Night
YMCA "Clip'n Climb"**

Fun Clip'n Climb 239 Waltham Rd. Very safe in the fun climbing room.

If you haven't been before see website for more information.

Be there at 6.50pm for a 7.00pm start.

Please book with Pat Ph 021 167 9338 by Wednesday 21 August.

Saturday 31 Aug to Sunday 01 Sept

Newton Range Biv

Newton Range Biv is on the tops above the Styx River behind Hokitika. The tramp crosses the Styx River and follows the Styx track until we find a route up through the bush to the tops. Own cookers and tents required. Map BV19

Leaders Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277

Moderate Plus Transport \$70

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday August 25th.

Wednesday 04 September at 7.00 pm

Trip Planning Meeting

Trip Planning Meeting at Tere's in Hornby.

Sunday 08 September

Mt Lyndon

Starting from the roadside shelter on the shores of Lake Lyndon we climb 650m up an open spur to the top of Mt Lyndon (1489m). We drop down a gentle spur to the lodge at the far end of the lake then walk along the lakeshore back to the cars.

Please phone Claire if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Claire Ph 021 076 2500

Moderate

Transport \$20

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.30am

Sunday 15 September	Dry Acheron
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The Dry Acheron track starts from the road to Lake Coleridge eventually climbing to the top of Big Ben. I'm not sure whether we will actually climb to the top of Big Ben. Will see how we go on the day. Return the same way.

Please phone Dennis if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Dennis Ph 021 243 9999 Moderate Transport \$25

Depart from the Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am.

Sunday 22 September	Cow Stream
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Cow Stream is in the St James Station accessed from the Clarence River. A long day walk (but no climbing) into the Cow Stream hot springs and return the same way. Bring swim togs and towel. The hot water is great but the sand flies are desperate and ferocious. Be prepared!

Please phone Tere if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Tere Ph 021 140 1104 or 981 6431 Easy-Moderate Transport \$35

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 7.30am.

<p>Wednesday 25 September at 7.30pm</p> <p>Club Social Night Abberley Crescent Hall Exploring Jersey</p> <p>Club Member Bronwyn has lived the last 5 years in Jersey, and island just off the coast of France. Come along and hear all about her adventures! Supper to follow.</p>

Trip Reports

(No trip reports for this Newsletter)

[Any reports about your recent club trips would be very welcome! – Ed]

Meeting dates & locations

Our general meetings are generally held on the 4th Wednesday of every month. As this may vary, please check program for confirmation and venue location. Abberley Crescent Hall is the venue for most of our general meetings. Abberley Crescent continues west from Edgeware Rd after it crosses Springfield Rd.

Trip Gradings

	Description
EASY	A day tramp for almost anyone who can walk 5-6 hrs. Possibly some short gentle slopes, but generally on a track or flat riverbed.
MODERATE	Longer tramp of up to 7hrs, requiring a reasonable level of fitness. Usually involving some uphill sections and generally on a track.
MODERATE PLUS	A long tramp of up to 8 hrs requiring good level of fitness. More difficult terrain, varying gradients including steep slopes. *Ice axe & crampons may be required
HARD	A challenging trip requiring excellent fitness and experience. 8-10+hrs tramping on high passes and untracked routes. *Ice axe & crampons may be required.

*If these items are required, it will be stated in the Trip Description.

The Trip Leader is responsible for the safety and well-being of everyone on the trip. Therefore, the Trip Leader has the right to refuse to take anyone, who, in his or her opinion, is not equipped, or fit for the trip in any way.

Checklist for a Day Trip

Essential	Essential (Cont)	Optional
Day pack	Warm hat	Walking pole
*Parka (Essential)	Gloves	Camera
*Warm clothes (wool or polyprop)		Binoculars

Strong walking shoes or boots	Seasonal	
Food & drink	Sunglasses	
Sunscreen	Sun hat	

*Due to changeable and often unpredictable nature of the weather in New Zealand, a good waterproof parka and warm clothing must be carried for all trips.

Overnight Trips

If you are planning to go on an overnight trip, please contact Trip Leader for information about food and equipment requirements.

About our trips

Typical numbers on our trips are 4 – 10 people. For safety reasons, the minimum of people on a Club trip is four. However if there are fewer than four, the trip can still go ahead but becomes a private and not an official Club trip.

As a safety precaution, a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) is carried on all trips.

Delayed Trip Returns

Return delays can be caused by for example, track closures (requiring a change in route), weather (affecting routes & rivers) and travel conditions (road closures & breakdowns). Consequently return times are always a bit uncertain.

If you have concerns about a delayed return please contact one of the following Club members: Wendy 354 2277, Dennis 021 243 9999; Tere 021 140 1104

Club Membership

Our annual membership subscription is \$30 single or \$35 family. Our financial year commences 1 April. We encourage prospective new members to experience 2 or 3 trips to see if we suit their style before joining.

Membership Forms are available as a download form at the bottom of our website Home page. <http://www.hagleytrampingclub.net.nz/>