

Newsletter

Hagley Tramping Club

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***SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2019
JANUARY FEBRUARY 2020***

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.



Glorious weather for tramping in the snow to Tribulation Hut.

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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.

Club Committee

Chairperson	Pat Nolan	Ph 0211679338
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

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.

Transport Costs

At the last Committee Meeting we revised our transport cost to \$16/hr one way. If it is a 2 hour trip the transport cost is \$16/person.

If the driver has a full car of passengers it is generally expected the cost per person will be reduced. This is at the driver’s discretion.

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Sunday 08 September	Mt Lyndon
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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 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.

Wednesday 25 September 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 see and hear all about it!!

They have lots to tell and show!

Supper to follow.

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29th September

Evangeline Biv

We will drive to the Sisters swing bridge, then head up to Gabriel Hut beside Lake Sumner and up Evangeline Stream to tent by the biv.

Own cookers and tents required.

Maps BU22 & BU23

Leaders Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277

Moderate Plus

Transport \$30

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 22 Sept.

Sunday 06 October

Peak Hill

Peak Hill is on the south side of Lake Coleridge. A good climb to the top with fantastic views of the lake and surrounding alps.

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

Leader Vesna Ph 021 277 2422

Easy-Moderate

Transport \$20

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.30am.

Sunday 13th October	Kowai Hut & Bob's Knob
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We drive to the Kowai River near Porters Pass and hike into the hut for morning tea. A hard climb to the top of the east ridge to wonder at the big vegetable sheep grazing there. Option of ridge walk (steep descent) back to the cars (assuming the weather is clear) or return the same way as we came in.

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

Leader Dennis Ph 021 243 9999 Moderate Transport \$15

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.30am.

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 October	Bobs Camp Biv
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Bob's Camp Biv is north west of Mt Thomas. From the Mt Thomas picnic area, we climb Ridge Track and then onto Bob's Camp Route to the Biv. About 5-6 hours each way.

Tents and cookers required for this trip.

Leader Pat Ph 021 167 9338 Moderate Transport \$18

Please book with Pat by Sunday 13 October

Wednesday 23 October at 6.15pm	Club Social Night
	Evening Walk and Pot luck Tea
Please bring pot-luck tea.	
Meet in the car park at the far end of Sawyers Arms Rd at 6.15pm. We will walk through the Sawyers Arms Reserve around Lake Roto Kohatu and return to the cars. Drive to Bronwyn's in Bishopdale for a pot luck tea.	

Saturday 26 to Monday 28. October (Labour Weekend)	No planned trip.
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Wednesday 30 October at 7.30 pm Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting Bill & Wendy's in Redwood.

Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 November

Comyns Hut

Comyns Hut is an old musterer's Hut (8 bunk) in the Hakatere Conservation Park. We will drive up the south bank of the Rakaia River then follow Glenrock Stream up over Turttons Saddle (1100m) passing A-Frame hut onto Comyns Hut approximately a 5 hour trip.

This is part of the TA Trail, tents may be required and there is plenty of open space for camping. Option for walking further up Round Hill Creek after we arrive for those who want.

Departure planned for 8.00am Saturday.

Leaders Pat 021 167 9338 &

Claire 021 076 2500

Moderate

Transport \$32

Please book with Claire and/or Pat by Sunday 27 October.

Sunday 10 November

Mt Barrosa

We will take a trip up Mt Barrosa to the summit (1364m) where we can scout for some agate geodes and hopefully get good views out across the Hakatere Conservation Park then return the same way back down to the cars.

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

Leader Claire Ph 021 0762500

Moderate

Transport \$25

Depart from Z Station Main South Rd Templeton at 8.30am.

Sunday 17 November (Show Weekend)

No planned trip.

Sunday 24 November	Nikau Palm Gully, Akaroa Harbour
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Nikau Palm Gully is a densely populated valley of palms south of Akaroa overlooking Akaroa Harbour. Easy hike on a farm track across private property.

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

Leader Bronwyn Ph 022 506 2442 Easy Transport \$25

Depart from the Main Road outside Halswell School at 8.30am.

Wednesday 27 November at 7.30pm	Club Social Night Abberley Crescent Hall
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Bring an indoor game for a fun games night.
Followed by pre-Xmas supper – please bring a Christmas plate (with food on it!)

Sunday 01 December	Stour River Track
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The Stour River Track is accessed from the Ashburton Gorge Road. Tramp alongside the Stour River to the end of the valley where we will leave the track and climb a spur (2-300m) up to the saddle above Woolshed Creek hut.

Lunch may be on the saddle or at the hut after which we will either return the way we came or follow the ridge for awhile.

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

Leader Heather Ph 021 079 7101 Easy-Moderate Transport \$25
OR 332 6281

Depart from Z Station Main Road Templeton at 8.30am

Sunday 08 December	Barnett Park, Moncks Bay
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From Barnett Park we will explore a network of tracks visiting Windsor Castle (the Queen’s favourite weekend home), Jollies Bush and Mt Pleasant.

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

Leader Wendy T Ph 022 398 5214

Easy-moderate Transport NA

OR 354 2277

Meet at Barnett Park at 9.00am

Saturday 14 December	Club XMAS Dress-Up Party
<p>The Club Christmas party is at Heather & Kevin’s new home in Halswell. Starting about 5pm and dinner about 6.30 – 7.00pm. BYO drinks and Xmas food to share. Partners very welcome & bring a Secret Santa gift (\$5-\$10). Dress up theme “Garden Party” Think parasols, gnomes, slugs, naked ladies. (Amaryllis belladonna of course) Access to her subdivision is off Halswell Junction Rd>Denali St. There is no access from Springs Road. Please advise Heather if you are coming and for her address details. Heather Ph 021 079 7101 OR 332 6281.</p>	

Sunday 15 & 22 December	No planned trips
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Post Xmas to Sunday 05 January	TBA
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I may be available for an overnight trip, one or two nights.

If you would like to go tramping at some time during this period, please contact me.

Please phone Dennis

Leader Dennis 021 243 9999		Transport
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Sunday 12 January 2020	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

Wednesday January 15 at 7.00 pm	Trip Planning Meeting
Trip Planning Meeting at Dennis's in Bishopdale.	

Sunday 19 January 2020	Pinchgut Hut Day Trip
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We will drive to Fox Creek, leave the cars and cross the Okuku River (you will get wet feet) to follow the track to Pinchgut Hut for lunch.

Return the same way or if it's a lovely hot day then bring a change of clothes and we can amble our way down Whare Stream.

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

Leader Claire Ph 021 076 2500 Easy-Moderate Transport \$16

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.30am.

**Wednesday 22 January about 6.00pm Club Picnic and Games Night
Abberley Park**

Our traditional New Year picnic at Abberley Park.

Bring your picnic with one dish to share and an outdoor game.

Then work off the calories with outdoor games.

No booking required just come.

Picnic on east boundary of the park (closest to Springfield Rd)

Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 January

Tarns above Cass Saddle

Starting at Cass we walk up the Cass River to the saddle. From Cass Saddle we climb, then sidle into the stream that leads up to the tarns. Return the same way. Bring your own tent cooker etc.

Maps BV29 & BV21

Leaders Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277

Moderate Plus

Transport \$25

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 19 January

Sunday 02 February 2020

Wharfedale Hut Day Trip

We will drive to the car park on View Hill and tramp to the Wharfedale Hut lunch and return the same way. Nice forest trip – ideal for a hot summer’s day!

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

Leader Tere Ph 021 140 1104

Moderate

Transport \$16

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.00am

Trip Reports

Cycle ride: Groynes to Spencerville. 26th May

After half an hour of riding around in circles (literally !) our little party of 7 eventually found the trail out of The Groynes. We followed this to White's Crossing for the first leg of our trip. We had three new friends in the group who were testing out what HTC has to offer for an outing and they were rewarded by a delightful ride in glorious weather and an easy track that mostly followed part of the Christchurch Enviro 360 Trail. After White's Crossing we followed the Waimakariri river climbing up onto the stopbank until we reached Brooklands , now sadly almost deserted since the earthquakes. From there we joined the road that runs to Spencerville and at Spencerville Park we found a shop that sold us coffee and ice creams. (Limited choice at this time of year.)

Sally

Prebble Hill

Ten happy hikers headed down a farm track opposite Castle Hill station which after a 30 minute walk we needed to cross Porter River after a brief stop to take boots off and put sand shoes on so we would have dry boots on the other side. We headed off down the river eventually getting to a small bluff we need to go up and over before slowly ascending the large Gully. After 20 minutes walk we stopped for morning tea.

We carried on climbing past a few grazing cattle till we reach near the summit around (905m) it had a large drop off over the back which looked out over Cave Stream area and down Broken River. we had a great time finding different shaped rocks to park up for lunch.

With lunch over we all roamed around interesting limestone rocks and played peekaboo even finding one that look like a space rocket it was a lovely sunny day and everyone was in Great Spirits as we headed down the down the Gully passing the cattle and back to the cars. we stopped at the nice cafe at Springfield for a coffee a pie and good ol yarn.

With plenty more to see on Prebble Hill I can see another trip there in the future.

Pat

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/>