

Hagley Tramping Club

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Welcome to the **Hagley Tramping Club** Newsletter & Trip Program

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.



Slogging up Foggy Peak from the top of Porters Pass on a beautiful clear fresh day in the mountains.

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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	Tere L	Ph 981 6431
Treasurer	Claire T	Ph 0210762500
Secretary	Dennis W	Ph 021 243 9999
Club Captain	Bill T	Ph 354 2277
Committee	Heather H (Website)	Ph 021 079 7101
	Dennis W (Newsletter)	Ph 021 243 9999
	Carol B	Ph 021 2222 054
	Pat N	Ph 021 167 9338
	Sally B	Ph 338 1097
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.

Pat’s Report (HTC Chairperson) to the AGM

Hello everyone. This rather belated AGM has thankfully caused no real grief to the workings of the club. We’ve had a pretty reasonable year with lots of trips going ahead and on the whole some pretty reasonable weather. But then you know what happened which threw our schedule and many people’s lives out of kilter. Thankfully the weather over this time was lovely and many people were out stretching their legs, a few had to work through and we felt for you, we really did.

With the lockdown over and trips up and running again we've had some great attendance on most weekends. Last weekend's midwinter Christmas was no exception with stunning weather and a great turnout for the spots and stripes party theme.

Let's keep it up team. With people in general trying to get outdoors as much as possible, it would be a great time to encourage family, friends, and work mates and anyone you meet at a bus stop to come along and try tramping as we all know the mental and physical benefits are almost magical.

Lastly a big thank you to the Committee and Trip Leaders: For Heather on the website, Dennis for the Newsletter & Secretary and Claire for her excellent job as Treasurer.

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Sunday 04 October -POSTPONED	Camp Saddle- Lyndon Saddle
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POSTPONED due to heavy snow on Camp Saddle. Rescheduled to 14 February.

Sunday 11 October	Hinewai
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A good walk through the reforested Hinewai Reserve. Multiple track options, Leaders will decide route on the day. <https://www.hinewai.org.nz/maps/>

Please book with Carol if you are intending to join this trip.

Leaders Tere & Carol B 021 2222 054 Easy-Moderate Transport \$20

Depart from Main Rd to Akaroa outside Halswell School at 8.00am

Sunday 18 October	Mt Oxford & Ashley Saddle
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From Coopers Creek, a good climb on the Mt Oxford Track to the summit. Return via the lesser known Ashley Saddle route.

Please book with Vesna if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422 Moderate Transport \$15

Depart from west end of Richill St Belfast at 8.00am

!!NOTE: This Social Event is on the 3rd Wednesday not the usual 4th Wednesday.

Wednesday 21 October 5.30pm
Bookings required for this event!

Burnside Bowling Green
Avonhead Rd

Bring your family along and we will have some fun learning how to Bowl.

If you are unable to arrive by 5.30pm – please come when you can.

Cost: \$15/person for coaching and bowls.

Wear flat shoes and casual warm clothes.

Bring food to share after the game & money for a drink.

Please book with Carol Ph 021 2222 054 by Sunday 18th October



Sunday 25 October

Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park

Trip starts at the car park off the hairpin this side of Porters Pass. Climbing to Trig M via Coach Stream Route and return via Old Coach Rd.

Please book with Sally if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Sally B 338 1097/021 127 6419 Moderate Transport \$15

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am.

Sunday 01 November

Stour River to Woolshed Creek Hut

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 return the same way.

Generally an Easy-Moderate tramp but graded Moderate as part of it is off-track.

Please book with Heather if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Heather H 332 6281/ 021 079 7101 Moderate Transport \$25

Depart from Z Station Main Road Templeton at 8.30am

Wednesday 04 November 7.30 pm

Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting at Bill & Wendy's.

Sunday 08 November

Ryde Falls, Oxford Forest

Join me for a walk through pretty forest. The falls are surprisingly impressive, a series of five steps of which three are visible from the bottom. Return to cars via same route.

Please book with Claire if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Claire T 021 076 2500

Easy

Transport \$15

Depart from west end of Richill St Belfast at 8.00am

Tuesday 10 – Monday 16 November

Great Walk - Kepler Track

Bookings have closed for this trip.

Sunday 22 November

No planned trip

Wednesday 25 November 7.30pm

Treasure Hunt

Meet Abberley Park Hall at 7.30pm. Tere has organised a neighbourhood treasure hunt. Followed by supper for those that can find their way back.

Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 January	Tarns above Cass Saddle
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Starting at Cass we walk up the Cass River to the saddle. From Cass Saddle we climb, then side 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 T 354 2277/022 398 5214

Moderate Plus Transport \$25

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 17th January.

Wednesday 27 January about 6.00pm	Club Picnic and Games Night Abberley Park
<p>Our traditional New Year picnic at Abberley Park.</p> <p>Bring your picnic with one dish to share and an outdoor game. (French cricket is always popular).</p> <p>No booking required just come.</p> <p>Picnic on east boundary of the park (closest to Springfield Rd)</p> <p>We will meet in the Hall if it's wet.</p>	

Sunday 31 January	Avalanche Peak (1833m)
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A good day's climb from Arthurs Pass Village. On this high peak, great views all over Arthurs Pass.

Please book with Bronwyn if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Bronwyn M 022 506 2442

Moderate

Transport \$30

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 7.30am.

Wednesday 03 February at 7.00 pm	Trip Planning Meeting
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Trip Planning Meeting at Heather's in Halswell.

Saturday 06 to Monday 08 February (Waitangi Weekend)	Reefton Base Camp
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There are multiple tramping options in the Reefton area. One definite day trip is Waiuta to Big River. The other day trip to be decided at the time.

Accommodation details pending.

Leaders:

Glenda F 03 314 3365/022 411 9099

Easy-Moderate Transport \$50

Dennis W 021 243 9999

Please book with Dennis by end of November.

Sunday 14 Feb	Camp Saddle/Lyndon Saddle
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We drive to the Craigieburn Ski Field Rd leave the cars and hike up the Craigieburn Valley Track to the turn off to Camp Saddle. From Camp Saddle it's a ridge walk to a shingle slide down to the Lyndon Saddle and return to the cars.

Leader Sally B 338 1097/021 127 6419

Moderate

Transport \$20

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am

Wednesday 17 February at 7.30 pm	Committee Meeting
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Committee Meeting at Pat's in Avonhead.

Sunday 21 Feb	Leith Hill & Cave Stream
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In the morning climb Leith Hill (2 hours Easy-Moderate).

After lunch we will traverse the Cave Stream cave (grade depends on water level) or you can do some more walking if caves aren't your thing.

For the cave you MUST bring a head torch, warm clothing and a change of clothes for after as you will get wet. Most of the cave is ankle to knee level but a couple of pools can reach hip/waist level. Phone Heather for more information.

Please book with Heather if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Heather H 332 6281/ 021 079 7101	Easy- Moderate	Transport \$20
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Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 9.30am

Sunday 28 Feb	Mt Guy Hakatere Conservation Park
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Starting from Lake Clearwater we will hike up to the summit of Mt Guy (1319m) before returning via a different track.

Please book with Pat if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Pat N 021 167 9338	Moderate	Transport \$30
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Depart from Z Station Main Road Templeton at 8.00am.

Trip Reports

Planting on Otamahua/Quail Island

August 15 & 16th, 2020

Eleven club members met with another group of volunteers at the Diamond Harbour Ferry terminal in Lyttelton on a gorgeous sunny morning. We had all signed up to help plant trees on Otamahua/Quail Island. This is an annual event organised by the Otamahua Ecological Restoration Trust with 3000 small trees being planted over the month of August. Every Saturday and Sunday through the month groups of up to twenty people undertake this voluntary work. Many

businesses and clubs sign up for the work as a way of contributing to the Christchurch community.

After clambering off the ferry at the wharf with all our gear for two days on the island we walked up to the shed where we gathered for an introductory briefing from Ian. The new DOC hut was close by so we left our packs there swapping them for small day bags and then trudged up to the planting area.

Ian gave us all a very detailed demonstration of how he required the planting to be done before letting us loose on the hillside. Plants had been placed at roughly one metre's separation from each other complete with stakes, weed mats and combiguards. We were soon happily digging holes, placing the soil on plastic bags (to reduce weed spread) and firmly settling the future trees and bushes into their new home with their protective surrounds.

Conversation ebbed and flowed up and down the slope. We all enjoyed chatting with the non-club volunteers and learning something of their lives and interests. We had a break for morning tea and a longer one for lunch and everyone basked contentedly in the very warm sunshine with wonderful views across the harbour to the enclosing hills.

Work, if you can call it that !, finished at 2 pm and we were told we had done well having planted the requisite number of new trees (300+). After handing in the spades and ascertaining where we should meet up the next morning we were free to enjoy the magic of the island. We walked back to the DOC hut and brewed up tea and coffee, before setting off for a group walk right around the island. Most people had visited Otamahua years ago, often with children, but we all agreed it has changed a great deal as earlier plantings have grown lush and tall over 23 years.

We sat outside as evening drew on enjoying drinks and nibbles. Then, as the lights came on in Lyttelton across the water and the air cooled, we moved inside and prepared our communal meal. The log fire in the hut was very effective and with the new insulation and double glazed windows we were very warm. We sat around the table chatting easily as darkness enveloped us in cosy companionship and Lyttelton twinkled like distant stars.

Everyone slept well and awoke ready to take on another busy and productive day of planting. We were now "old hands" so didn't need Ian's demonstration.

The weather continued warm and sunny : we could not have chosen a better weekend. We again reached our target and although we were happy to carry on past 2pm Ian refused the offer as he needed enough plants left for the next weekend. So there was plenty of time to further explore the island.

And finally we packed up and trooped back down to the jetty. Back across the water to Lyttelton and cheerful farewells to old friends and new.

Back again next year ?

Sally B.

(Thanks Sally – we all thoroughly enjoyed the weekend.

YES – back again next year. That’s my vote anyway. Dennis)

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 Park 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: Bill 354 2277, Dennis 021 243 9999; Tere 981 6431

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/>