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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.



A beautiful day in the upper Waimakariri River, Arthur's Pass National Park.
Anticrow Hut day trip. (Pic: Claire T)

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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 N	Ph 021 167 9338
Treasurer	Claire T	Ph 021 076 2500
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
	Tere L	Ph 981 6431
	Sally B	Ph 338 1097
New members contact	Sally B	Ph 338 1097

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.

Membership Renewal

Our Financial Year is from 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. Membership renewals are due this coming March/April.

Membership cost is single \$30 and family \$35.

Membership renewal forms are at the bottom of our home page:

<http://www.hagleytrampingclub.net.nz/>

Bookings for DAY Trips

For day trips, please book at least the Friday before the Sunday of the trip.

If the weather is unsuitable for Sunday, the trip may be changed to Saturday.

Bookings for OVERNIGHT Trips

As a general rule the latest date for booking is the Sunday of the weekend before the trip unless otherwise stated in the booking information. However, there is always quite a bit of organisation required for weekend trips and it is preferable for the Trip Leader that bookings are made earlier than the Sunday prior.

General Trip Information

See last two pages of this Newsletter.

Vaccine Policy

The Committee has come to a decision that all club members and non-members participating in Club activities must have a Vaccine Pass.

The risk of Covid 19 transmission within the Club is particularly high when car sharing and hut sharing.

To a lesser extent with other activities also, stopping on trips for morning tea & lunch etc.

Additionally, the CCC has mandated that for social events at Abberley Park Hall, all participants either must be vaccinated OR we declare our meetings can have unvaccinated people present and after each event we pay CCC for deep cleaning. Club Membership fees would not cover this additional expense.

Several times a year the club has a restaurant night. Unvaccinated members could not participate.

The same applies to stopping for coffee etc. on the way home from a trip.

A key principle of the Club is that it is open to any member of the public.

With the Vaccine Pass policy unfortunately this is no longer the case.

Hence the Committee has very reluctantly made this decision.

This policy has been added to the Club Rules. Most members are probably unaware of this document but it has been in existence for longer than any current member. They were probably initially developed when the Club started. The Club Rules have been amended from time to time and now Rule 3 has been added.

Rule 3 states the Vaccine Policy and explains how members can prove their vaccination status.

If you have not received the "All Members" email about this, please request from admin@hagleytrampingclub.net.nz

Shared Transport Costs

Due to the substantial increase in fuel costs, we have had to increase the cost for passengers travelling in shared cars.

There is also a cost adjustment applied if the trip involves a car shuttle.

The driver has the discretion to reduce the cost. This would happen if the trip was to a changed destination with less travelling time OR may happen if the driver has a full car.

Trip Reports

Lake Christabel and Saddle Hill (Thanks to Sally for both these reports)

If you're interested in how hard an 'easy' track on the map can be, read the Lake Christabel Trip Report.

(Trip Reports are always welcome for the Newsletter – Dennis)

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Sunday 20 February	Woolshed Creek & Bus Stop
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Drive to Woolshed Creek car park and tramp over the ridges to Woolshed Creek Hut for lunch. Leaving the hut we cross the river and climb to the track that goes around Mt Somers (passing the Bus Stop), then down the Rhyolite Track to return to the cars.

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

Leader Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419 Moderate Transport \$30

Depart from the Z Station on main south Rd Templeton at 8.00am.

Wednesday 23 February 6.30pm	Club Social Night Halswell Quarry
Bring your own fish-n-chips (or alternative) to the quarry. After eating and starting about 7.00pm we will do a short walk around the quarry tracks. Meet opposite the stone building on the entrance road by 6.30pm. Organiser Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419	

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 February	Carlyle Hut
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Carlyle Hut is near the Hope River in the Lewis Pass. We will head up Carlyle Stream through the beech forest. There is a possibility of seeing yellow crowned parakeets and robins. It's a 4 hour tramp to the hut which has 8 bunks. Return the same way.

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Pat by Sunday 20 February

Sunday March 06	Ryde Falls, Oxford Forest
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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.

Please book with Carol by the Friday before Sunday

Leader Carol B Ph 021 222 2054

Easy

Transport \$15

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.30am

Sunday March 13	Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park
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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 by the Friday before Sunday.

Leader Sally B 338 1097/021 127 6419

Moderate

Transport \$20

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car part at 8.00am.

Sunday March 20	Mt Grey – Grey River
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We walk up Red Beech track then down the Grey River where it crosses the track. Return to cars via the river. A canyoning/wading/swimming trip but not extreme. Be prepared to get wet.

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338

Easy-Moderate

Transport \$20

Please book with Pat by the Friday before Sunday

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.30am

Wednesday 23 March 7.30pm	Club Social Night Abberley Park Hall
With a bit of luck, Tere is organising a dance exhibition and participation night followed by supper. An alternative event will be organised if Tere is unable to get the dancers.	

Saturday 26 & Sunday March 27	Lake Guyon Weekend
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We will tramp in to Lake Guyon hut via Fowlers pass. Stay in the hut or camp beside the lake. Likely return the same way though a loop over Maling Pass could also be an option.

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101 or

332 6281

Moderate

Transport \$35

Please book with Heather by the Sunday 20 March

Wednesday 30 March at 7.30pm	Committee Meeting
Committee Meeting at Carol's in Avonhead	

Saturday 02 & Sunday April 03	Little River Basecamp
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Drive over to Little River Saturday morning. We are staying in house with bunks & beds. Various day trip options for Saturday & Sunday. Bring food to share for Saturday night. Dress-up theme for Saturday night is “Cowboys and Indians”
House cost is \$15/person.

Leaders Carol B Ph 021 222 2054 &
Tere L Ph 021 140 1104 or 981 6431

All grades

Transport:
Negotiate with
driver.

Please book with Carol or Tere by Sunday 27 March.

Sunday April 10	Port Levy Saddle to Okuti Valley
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An interesting ridge trip. Starting from the saddle SE on the ridge to Montgomery Reserve then south on the Summit Rd to the French Hill track to Okuti Valley. Car shuttle required for this trip.

Leader Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419

Moderate

Transport \$25

Please book with Sally by the Friday before Sunday.

Depart from outside Halswell School on the Akaroa Road at 8.00am.

EASTER Friday 15 to Sunday April 18	No planned trip for Easter.
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Saturday 23 to Monday April 25 ANZAC Weekend	Barker Hut APNP
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Starting at the Waimakariri Bridge we take O'Malley's track and the riverbed to Carrington Hut. Next day, we cross the White River on the Clough cableway and continue up a cairned trail to the head of the White River where Barker Hut is perched beside a tarn (4-5 hours). The hut is situated below the ANP's highest peaks and offers amazing views. It has some lighting but no heating. Also as it is not a DOC hut, \$10 for a CMC hut ticket is required. On the third day we descend back down to Carrington Hut and walk out.

Leader Bronwyn M Ph 022 506 2442

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Bronwyn by Sunday 17 April

Wednesday 27 April 6.30pm	Club Social Night Pot-luck and Evening Walk
A pot-luck dinner at Claire's. After main course a walk in Westmoreland and return to Claire's for dessert.	
Please advise Claire Ph 021 076 2500 if you are intending to join in and for her address.	

Sunday May 01	Spencer Park – Brooklands
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Meet at Spencer Park in the left-hand side drive-in access from Heyders Rd. (Opposite the main entrance to Spencer Park) Meet at 9.00am for walk to Brooklands and return the same way. This section is part of the ChCh 360 route.

Leader Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419

Easy

Transport BYO

Please book with Sally by the Friday before Sunday.

Walk departs at 9.00am from Spencer Park.

Wednesday 04 May at 7.30pm

Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting at Sally's in Hoon Hay.

Sunday May 08

Woolshed Hill APNP

Drive to the Hawdon River shelter and begin the steep climb out of the bush before the gradient levels off. Steady climbing along the ridge to the summit. (1429m). The reward is 360 views of the Hawdon and Waimakariri Valleys, and the Black Range. Plus of course the best lunch spot around!

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Pat by the Friday before Sunday

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 7.30am.

Sunday May 15

Mt Lyndon Circuit

Mt Lyndon from Lake Lyndon following the ridge to the Porter River and out to Porters Ski field Rd. Red Hill might be added to the route. Car shuttle required.

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422

Moderate-hard

Transport \$25

Please book with Vesna by the Friday before Sunday

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 7.00am.

Sunday May 22

Methven Walkway

An 11km loop track from Methven and return. An interesting walk mostly following the Rangitata Diversion Race. Afternoon tea in Methven.

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999

Easy

Transport \$20

Please book with Dennis by the Friday before Sunday

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

Wednesday 25 May 7.30pm

**Club Social Night & AGM
Abberley Park Hall**

Our AGM night. Finances and Chairperson's Reports. Election of Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer and Committee. Followed by social event. Details TBD and supper.

Sunday May 29

Little Mt Peel Circuit

A round trip to the summit of Little Mount Peel through forest and tussock. Great views of the Canterbury Plains. There is a shelter near the summit. We will take Emily Falls and the South Ridge route up and return down the Deer Spur track.

Leader Bronwyn M Ph 022 506 2442

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Bronwyn by the Friday before Sunday

Depart from the Z Station Main Rd Templeton at 7.30am.

**Saturday 04 to Monday June 06
QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND**

Tarn Col APNP

On Saturday we start from the Hawdon Shelter to Hawdon Hut for the night. A big day on Sunday from the Hawdon River-Walker Pass-Tarn Col to the Edwards Hut. Monday out to Bealey River/Greyneys Shelter. Car shuttle required.

Leader Tere L Ph 021 140 1104 or
981 6431

Moderate-hard

Transport \$35

Please book with Tere by Sunday 29 May.

Wednesday 08 June at 7.00pm

Trip Planning Meeting

Trip Planning Meeting at Heather's in Halswell.

Saturday 11 to Sunday June 12	Cameron Hut, Lake Heron
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Cameron Hut is a Canterbury Mountaineering Club hut (\$10/night) that sleeps 9. It's near Lake Heron set at the foot of the Arrowsmith Mountain range. Walk in is 5-6 hours. Bring own tents and cookers. Maps BX19, BW19 & BW18

Leaders Bill & Wendy T Ph 3542277 or 022 398 5214 Moderate Transport \$35

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 05 June.

Sunday June 19	Cuckoo Creek Cockayne Alley tracks
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A mix of open and forested terrain following Craigieburns MTB tracks while they are closed to bikers for the winter. From the Cheeseman road we'll climb 400m up the Cockayne Alley track and after a short walk along the road, return via the Cuckoo creek and Dracophyllum tracks.

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101 or 332 6281 Easy-moderate Transport \$25

Please book with Heather by the Friday before Sunday

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am.

Wednesday 22 June 7.30pm	Club Social Night
TBA	

Friday 24 to Sunday June 26 Matariki Weekend	TBA
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No confirmed trip at the time of publication. Maybe used for a previous long weekend trip if cancelled due to adverse weather.

!ADVANCE NOTICE! Saturday 30 – Sunday 31 July	Mid-winter Xmas Party Manson-Nicholls Memorial Hut (Lake Daniell)
This hut is on the DOC Hut Booking system but is currently not open for bookings. Confirmation of this trip and details pending via email to All Members and Messenger posting. Leader Dennis W 021 243 9999	

Trip Reports

Lake Christabel

December 27 – 30th, 2021

The planned party of eight diminished by two as Claire and Sergey had car problems so could not meet us at the start of the track. And Pat and Bronwyn chose to leave Christchurch the next day, making their separate way to the hut. So just Carol, Tere, Phil and Sally drove up to the Boyle Lodge where we spent a comfortable night. This allowed us to set off early for what we expected to be a long seven hour walk in to the Lake Christabel hut.

The next morning we woke to (the forecast) pouring rain. We drove for about an hour to the start of the track on Palmers Road a little way beyond Springs Junction. We donned our wet weather gear in good spirits in spite of the rain and after clambering over a stile set off along the grassy track.

We soon found the path to be dreadfully overgrown and difficult which made our progress very slow. The uneven surface, tree roots, hidden rocks, deeply boggy stretches and a great number of fallen trees demanded all our attention. Some of the fallen trees were massive posing considerable difficulty in climbing over them. We had to haul ourselves up steep banks and scramble down slippery drops all of which needed close attention to avoid a nasty fall. The overgrowth of ferns, grasses and low bushes and dripping trees ensured we were always wet even when the rain did let up at times. Only Tere, in his nice new raincoat, was not totally wet through !

We were always in bush with no views. Even when we did reach the lake about half way along the route we had only limited and occasional glimpses of the water though the track did come down to the water's edge a couple of times.

We reached the hut after an eight and a half hour walk and it was a very welcome sight ! We soon got water heating for warming drinks and Tere worked at getting the fire lit. We strung shoe laces across between the beams and hung our soggy clothing up to dry. A very full clothesline !!

Bronwyn and Pat arrived about 7pm, also dripping from top to toe, completing our little party. But we were all very cheerful in spite of less than optimal tramping conditions !

It was good to crawl into our sleeping bags later on with the prospect of a lazy day tomorrow.

The rain had stopped in the morning though it was still overcast. We had patches of blue sky and sunshine during the day and also a couple of sudden showers but generally it was a nice day. We decided to stay around the hut for the day rather than clambering up a nearby mountain. We spent a few hours collecting firewood to replenish the depleted woodshed supplies and the boys did a sterling job of sorting the new wet wood from the drier branches. It looked a much more welcoming woodshed for future cold or soaking trampers after we had finished ! The afternoon drifted pleasantly by reading, snoozing, chatting or going for short exploratory walks in the near vicinity.

After tea we lit the outside fire that Tere had enjoyed building up during the morning. It was a nice evening and we enjoyed gossiping around the fire and toasting marshmallows in the glowing embers.

We were up very early next morning knowing that we had another long walk ahead of us. The rain held off and though it never got sunny the dry conditions made it a more pleasant walk if no less difficult. An obstacle that had nearly stopped us completely on the way in (two massive trunks, impossible to climb over, right across the track and down the steep hillside into the lake) now proved surprisingly easy to circumvent as, in this direction, we realised we could slide on our stomachs or backs under the trunks through a small space created next to the hill. Packs were heaved over the top of the trunks.

We had somewhat better views of the lake in the two places where the track came to the water's edge but otherwise we were always in the dense but magnificent west coast bush. We had two small accidents en route but neither dampened the overall cheerfulness of the group.

We reached the cars after the expected 8 and a half hours and here we bid goodbye to Bronwyn and Pat who were off to do another tramp while in the area. The rest of us piled into Carol's comfortable car and let the wheels do the walking !

A memorable tramp and a most enjoyable day spent at the nice little hut in its lovely grassy setting surrounded by high bush covered mountains but we all agreed we would not choose to repeat it.

Sally B

Saddle Hill, Banks Peninsula

November 7th.

Four of us set off at a civilized hour mid morning. The weather was forecast to improve in the afternoon so we wanted to delay this short trip to encourage better views later on.

We drove to Little River, turning off onto Kinloch Road just before the village, and after winding up the hill we finally left the car at the junction with Bossu

Road. A ferocious wind greeted us and clouds swirled around the hill tops but nevertheless we cheerfully set off walking along the stony road.

The views on either side were (intermittently !) beautiful. On one side Lake Ellesmere and the coast beyond was very clear and the valley in which lie Lake Forsyth and Little River glowed richly green. On the other side was Gap Road winding towards the rocky outcrop of Dragon Crags and the sea beyond.

It took about an hour to reach the junction with Reynolds Valley Road and from there it was a short walk further on to the DOC sign for Saddle Hill Reserve and a stile that led us over onto a grassy track. The track was easy climbing up towards the swirling, fast moving clouds. Every so often they would whisk apart affording a view of the hill ahead and the summit we were aiming for. Sadly, however, they never cleared on the Akaroa side of the hill so we never enjoyed the wonderful views of Akaroa Harbour and its surrounding hills nor of Wainui far below us. Tere did not believe me that they were there beneath the fog !

We reached the Saddle Hill summit at lunch time . The wind was still punishingly strong so we sought out a sheltered spot behind some rocks. Patches of beautiful pinky white flowers delighted us and we agreed they were probably hebes or parahebes. A leisurely lunch was punctuated by occasional clearing of the clouds showing the wonderful views and Bronwyn would leap for her camera (often just missing a shot as the clouds whirled in again !)

The return trip was rewarded by a steady improvement in the weather with a lot more sunshine and blue skies and fabulous views. It was very beautiful up there sparkling with crystal clarity. The sea was turquoise blue and the valleys vibrant green. The air smelt wonderful. Bronwyn and Tere agreed the short trip was worthwhile.

We drove into Little River to look at the Clare Riley exhibition in the cafe and to enjoy coffee and milkshakes. The art was wonderful and made a perfect counterpoint to our walk.

Sally B

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-HARD	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

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