

# 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.



Club trampers in the Otehake hot pool APNP. (Photo credit Sergey K)

See Tere's Trip Report on page 10.

## **Newsletter Contents**

Calendar of Trips & Social Events, Trip Reports

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

## **Club Email Address**

For general communication: [contact@hagleytrampingclub.net.nz](mailto:contact@hagleytrampingclub.net.nz)

For information about trips, please ring the Trip Leader.

## **Club Committee**

Chairperson	Tere L	Ph 021 140 1104 or 981 6431
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
	Pat N	Ph 021 167 9338
	Sally B	Ph 338 1097
	Bronwyn M	Ph 022 506 2442
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 & Trip Planning Meetings are not “closed.” Any club member is welcome to come along to our meetings.

## **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 & Membership Information

See last two pages of this Newsletter.

### 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.

## *Calendar of Trips and Social Events*

<b>Sunday October 16</b>	<b>Coringa Ridge, Motunau</b>
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Coringa Ridge is an interesting limestone ridge climb just inland from Motunau Beach. We will meet Glenda at her home just off Motunau Beach Rd and return to her place for afternoon tea.

Please book with Glenda by Friday if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Glenda F Ph 03 314 3365

Easy

Transport \$20

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.30am

<b>Wednesday 19 October at 7.30pm</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Committee Meeting at Claire's in Hillmorton.	

<b>Saturday 22 October – Monday 24 Labour Weekend</b>	<b>No planned trip for this weekend.</b>
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**Wednesday 26 October 7.30pm**

**Club Social Night  
Bill & Wendy's**

General meeting followed by a table tennis and supper.

Bill & Wendy will set-up table tennis in their garage – who has the best hand & eye co-ordination?

Please contact Bill & Wendy if you need their address. Ph 354 2277

**Saturday 29 & Sunday October 30**

**Griffin Creek, West Coast**

Griffin Creek is on the west side of the Main Divide. Starting from the Harrington Road bridge it is a steep climb to the bushline then a steep descent down a side ridge to the basin below. Then walk/boulder-hop up Griffin Creek crossing 7 times. Griffin Hut (4-5 hours) has 4 bunks and an outdoor bath. There are mountain cedars round the hut, attractive rockpools, and we may see who in the creek. Possibility of making a round trip via Rocky Creek. Bring stove and tent. Moderate-Hard depending on track conditions.

Leader Bronwyn M Ph 022 506 2442

Hard

Transport \$45

Please book with Bronwyn by Sunday 23 October

**Sunday November 06**

**Isaac Farm Park & Otukaikino  
Track**

Meet at the car park at west end of Sawyers Arms Rd. The walk passes around Lake Roto Kohatu & Rua & onto river track to Isaac Farm Track which takes us to the Waimakariri River. Return via Whites Crossing, Otukaikino Track, Groynes and Clearwater. An easy but long walk.

Please book with Dennis by Friday if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Dennis 021 243 9999

Easy

Transport NA

Depart from Sawyers Arms Rd car park at 9.00am.

<b>Friday 11 November – Sunday 13 Show Weekend</b>	<b>No planned trip for this weekend.</b>
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<b>Saturday 19 November &amp; Sunday 20</b>	<b>Black Hill Hut, Oxford Forest</b>
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Black Hill Hut is 6 bunks one ticket hut (\$5). Tents required as there maybe other trampers staying. We are leaving from View Hill & taking Wharfedale Track to the Fosters Ridge Track turn-off for the long climb to the hut at 1200m. Great views from Black Hill a short distance beyond the hut.

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338

Moderate

Transport \$15

Please book with Pat by Sunday 12 November.

<b>Wednesday 23 November 7.30pm</b>	<b>Club Social Night Abberley Park Hall</b>
General meeting followed by tramping related “Nifty Gadgets & Clever Ideas”.	
Bring along and show ‘n share a nifty gadget or clever idea you use to support your tramping. Xmas supper to follow.	

<b>Sunday November 27</b>	<b>Mt Barossa</b>
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A moderate climb (700-800m) up Mt Barossa behind Mt Somers. A peak with great views and interesting rocks, agates and crystals on the top.

Please book with Claire by Friday if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Claire T Ph 021 076 2500

Moderate

Transport \$30

Depart from Yaldhurst Tavern carpark at 8.00am

<b>Saturday 03 December &amp; Sunday 04</b>	<b>Cameron Hut</b>
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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's Mountain range. The walk in is 5-6 hours. Bring own tents & 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 27 November

<b>Sunday December 11</b>	<b>"The Gap" from Porters Pass</b>
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The Gap is in the Torlesse Range north of Porters Pass. Park in Porters Pass & climb Foggy Peak & continue on to Castle Hill Peak to drop down into The Gap. Return the same way. A hard day trip.

Please book with Bronwyn by Friday if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Bronwyn M Ph 022 506 2442

Hard

Transport \$20

Depart from Yaldhurst Tavern carpark at 7.00am.

<b>Saturday 17 December</b>	<b>Club XMAS Party</b> <b>"Down on the Farm"</b> 
<p>The Club Christmas party is at Glenda's home off the Motunau Rd.</p> <p>Starting from about 4.30pm and dinner about 6.30 – 7.00pm.</p> <p>BYO drinks and Xmas food to share. BBQ available too.</p> <p>Partners very welcome &amp; bring a Secret Santa gift (Up to \$10)</p> <p>Dress up theme "Down on the Farm"</p> <p>(For people staying the night, there will be an easy day trip on Sunday)</p> <p>Please advise Glenda F Ph 03 314 3365 if you intend to come.</p>	

<b>Sunday January 15</b>	<b>Bealey Spur</b>
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An Easy-Moderate climb above the Bealey settlement to an historic hut with beautiful views of the upper Waimakariri and many peaks in Arthur's Pass National Park.

Please book with Carol by Friday if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Carol B Ph 021 222 2054

Easy-Moderate

Transport \$25

Depart from Yaldhurst Tavern car park at 8.00am

<b>Saturday 21 January &amp; Sunday 22</b>	<b>Carroll Hut, Kelly Range, APNP</b>
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Depart Saturday morning to Kellys Creek car park a few kms passed Otira. We have a good hard climb through forest and alpine shrub to Carroll Hut situated on a tussock flat above the bushline. The next day climb Kellys Hill (1319m) and return home the same way. Carroll Hut has no heating so warm clothes essential.

Leader Claire T Ph 021 076 2500

Moderate

Transport \$35

Please book with Claire by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> if you intend to join this trip.

<p><b>Wednesday 25 January about 6.00pm</b></p> <p><b>Club Picnic and Games Night</b></p> <p><b>Abberley Park</b></p> <p>Our traditional New Year picnic at Abberley Park.</p> <p>Bring your picnic with one dish to share and an outdoor game.</p> <p>Then work off the calories with outdoor games.</p> <p>No booking required just come.</p> <p>We can use the hall if wet.</p> <p>Picnic on east boundary of the park (closest to Springfield Rd)</p>
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<b>Sunday January 29</b>	<b>Mt Somers 1688m</b>
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(Re-run of the October trip last year which did not reach the summit when the weather closed in.)

Plan is to go up from Jig Rd carpark towards the Bus stop on the Rhyolite Track then turn off up the back ridge to the summit and return the same way.

Please book with Tere by Friday if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Tere L Ph 021 140 1104 or 981 6431      Moderate-  
hard      Transport \$30

Depart from Z Station Templeton at 7.30am

<b>Saturday 04 February - Monday 06 Waitangi Weekend</b>	<b>Doubtless Hut, Lake Sumner Forest Park</b>
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The Doubtless Hut is approx. 11km up the Doubtful River after crossing the Boyle River in the Lewis Pass. After passing Doubtful Hut, we will move onto the bigger 6 bunk Doubtless Hut. Day trip from the hut on the Sunday probably to Lake Man. Return to cars the same way.

Because it is Waitangi Weekend we will need to take tents.

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338      Moderate      Transport \$35

Please book with Pat by Sunday 29th if you intend to join this trip.

<b>Wednesday 08 February at 7.30pm</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Committee Meeting at Carol's in Avonhead.	



<b>Sunday February 12</b>	<b>Port Levy Saddle to Little River</b>
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An interesting ridge trip starting from Port Levy Saddle on Western Valley Rd. Traverse ridge to Montgomery Reserve and onto the French Hill track to Okuti Valley & Little River. A longish day trip. A car shuttle is required.

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

Leader Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419      Moderate      Transport \$20

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

<b>Sunday February 19</b>	<b>Mt Cloudsley 2107m</b>
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Drive to Castle Hill Village and climb Mt Cloudsley via Long Spur. On the return trip descend the ridge which takes us over Leith Hill & back to Castle Hill Village.

Please book with Pat by Friday if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338      Hard      Transport \$20

Depart from Yaldhurst Tavern car park at 7.30am

<b>Wednesday 22 February 6.30pm</b>	<b>Club Social Night Restaurant Night</b>
Meet up with fellow trampers for an evening restaurant night out.	
Venue to be determined. More information closer to date.	
Please book with Dennis 021 243 9999 by Friday 17 February.	

<b>Sunday 26 February</b>	<b>Waipara Gorge</b>
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Impressive limestone cliffs, fossils, fascinating concretions, historic geology – it's got it all. Join me for wet feet (and more) wander through the Waipara Gorge. Be prepared to get wet.

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

Leader Glenda Ph 03 314 3365

Easy

Transport \$15

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 9.00am

## ***Trip Report***

### **Otehake Hot Pool**

A good size group of 6 crossed a shorts deep (hem on mine slightly higher for some of the group) Otira River in warm, still, overcast conditions and headed up the Taramakau in excellent tramping conditions. We were a little unsure of what awaited us as DOC in Arthurs Pass had warned us that the island at the hot pools had been eroded away in the winter floods and they did not know what had happened to the pools.

Progress was brisk to Lake Kaurapataka but then slowed around the lake and on the steep slopes of the Otehake gorge.

There was a delay for first aid when I impaled my hand on a track marker but we found an excellent crossing where the river breaks up to cross a natural causeway and were thrilled to find the island fully intact and the pools in excellent condition. We chose the true right bank for our campsite directly overlooking the pools which offered far more room than we required.

A little civil engineering by Sergei ensured the pool temperature could be moderated with stream water to a comfortable low simmer and most of us had a good long soak in the evening and a short morning warm up before heading back the way we had come.

The weather continued to smile on us for the return journey with just a little shower as we reached the Otira and then it proceeded to deteriorate all the way

back to a Christchurch which had experienced a grey rainy weekend. All round a great weekend with good company and a beaut hot pool.

I then had a quick bite of dinner and went to spend 6 hours at the after hours surgery so they could tell me it was too late to stitch my hand, I'm please to say it is healing well in spite of that.

Tere

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## ***Meeting dates & locations***

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Our general meetings are generally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## ***Trip Gradings***

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	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***

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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***

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

## ***About our trips***

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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***

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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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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/>