

# 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 at Carroll Hut, Arthur's Pass National Park.

## **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.

### **Advance Notification – Mid-Winter Xmas Base Camp**

See July at the end of this Newsletter.

## ***Calendar of Trips and Social Events***

**Wednesday 08 February at 7.30pm**

**Committee Meeting**

Committee Meeting at Carol's in Avonhead.

**Sunday February 12**

**"The Gap" from Porters Pass**

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.

**Sunday February 19**

**Mt Cloudsley 2107m**

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

**Wednesday 22 February 6.30pm**

**Club Social Night  
Restaurant Night**

The Club Restaurant night at the Boteco Café and Bar. It features Shisha and Mediterranean cuisine and is located at 237 Kilmore St (near Barbados)

Please book with Heather H 021 079 7101 or 332 6281 by Sat 18 February, although I can take late bookings until Monday 20th.

<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

<b>Saturday 04 – Sunday 12 March</b>	<b>Five Passes</b>
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Location: Mt Aspiring and Fiordland National Parks.

A long hard trip for fit and very experienced trampers only.

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338

Hard

TBA

Please talk to Pat if you wish to join this trip.

NOTE: The following trip is on Saturday!

<b>Saturday 11 March</b>	<b>Waimakariri Walkway</b>
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A round trip from Spencer Park. We hike up the sandspit to the Waimakariri River for lunch and return via the beach.

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

Leader Tere L Ph 021 140 1104 or 981 6431

Easy

Transport NA

Meet at Spencer Park at 9.30am. Tere will advise detail of meeting place.

<b>Sunday 19 March</b>	<b>Curry Track, Akaroa</b>
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This track starts from Long Bay Rd just before Akaroa and climbs steadily to Purple Peak Curry Reserve. Options to climb Stony Bay Peak or round trip via Akaroa or return the same way to be determined on the day.

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

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999                      Easy                      Transport \$25

Depart from outside Halswell School on the Akaroa Rd at 8.30am.

<b>Wednesday 22 – Sunday 26 March</b>	<b>Paparoa Track Great Walk</b>
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Bookings already closed for this trip as the Hut Bookings had to be made with DOC last year.

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101 or 332 6281

<b>Wednesday 22 March</b>	<b>No social event planned.</b>
Due to large group of trampers on the Paparoa Track.	

<b>Sunday 02 April</b>	<b>Port Hills Walk</b>
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From the meeting place we car pool to Halswell Quarry. Take the 360 trail up Kennedys Bush track and along to the Sign of the Kiwi. Drop down to PMH via Victoria Park and various lanes.

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

Leader Wendy T Ph 3542277 or 022 398 5214                      Easy                      Transport NA

Meet on road opposite Princess Margaret Hospital (Eastern end) at 9.00am.

<b>Friday 07 – Monday 10 April (Easter)</b>	<b>Ballarat Cabin (Private) Basecamp.</b>
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Base camp at our Off Grid Cabin in Hokitika that sleeps up to 10 with optional day trips to places like Mt French (1305m), Mt Te Kinga (1196m) Mt Tuhua (1125m), Mt Brown Hut (1000m)

Early start Friday morning with possibility to do some tracks in Arthurs Pass on the way over, Cons Track, Mt Aicken Track to bushline

Will need sleeping bags and day packs and your own food for a couple of days with the option to pop into Hokitika for a meal and supermarket shop.

Gas Cookers and BBQ available.

There is no cost for the accommodation but a small donation to go towards upkeep and gas would be very much appreciated.

Petrol costs are to cover getting over there and the transport to town and beginning of the tracks.

This trip will be cancelled if weather is not fine as these tramping tracks are moderate to hard and are long days.

Leader Claire T Ph 021 076 2500

Moderate-Hard

Transport \$100

Please book with Claire by Sunday 02 April if you intend to join this trip.

<b>Sunday 16 April</b>	<b>Mt Lyndon 1489m</b>
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Plan is to climb up to the top and then head towards the far end of the lake dropping down towards the hostel. Then walk back around the lake shore, on the other side from the road. If that can't be done, then walk back via the road.

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 Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am

<b>Wednesday 19 April at 7.30pm</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Committee Meeting at Pat's in Avonhead.	

<b>Sunday 23 April</b>	<b>Ashburton River Bike Ride</b>
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Starting from Ashburton bike the river track to the sea (Hakatere) and return. About 39km return. Not suitable for road bikes. Transport your own bike to Ashburton.

If the weather has been very wet the track is impassable, we will bike locally as an alternative.

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

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999

Grade NA

Transport NA

Depart from opposite the Z Station in Templeton at 9.00am.

<b>Wednesday 26 April meet at 6.30pm</b>	<b>Walk &amp; Fish'n'chips</b>
Meet at Sally's in Hillmorton. Sally will advise her address when you book.	
An hour's walk in Nga Puna Wai followed by return to Sally's for Fish'n'Chips.	
Please book with Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419 for this event.	

<b>Saturday 29 – Sunday 30 April</b>	<b>Cass-Lagoon Saddle Circuit</b>
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Starting at Cass, we tramp into the Hamilton Hut for one night. Next day a long tramp out to Cora Lynn. A car shuttle may be required before the trip starts.

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

Leader Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Sally by Sunday 23 April if you intend to join this trip.

<b>Sunday 07 May</b>	<b>Mt Alford 1171m</b>
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Join us for a climb in the Canterbury foothills between Mt Hutt and Mt Somers. We will be ascending through beech forest & subalpine vegetation to the summit of Mt Alford where we will have great views across the Plains and inland mountains. Have lunch and return the same way.

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

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101 or 332 6281	Easy-Moderate	Transport \$30
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Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.30am.

NOTE: Following trip is on a Saturday!

<b>Saturday 13 May</b>	<b>Mt Oxford 1364m</b>
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A solid climb from Coopers Creek to the summit for lunch. We may return the same way or continue over the summit to link up with the Wharfedale then Ryde Falls Tracks to complete the loop back to the cars at Coopers Creek

Please book with Vesna by Thursday if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422	Moderate-Hard	Transport \$20
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Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel at 8.00am.

<b>Saturday 20 – Monday 22 May</b>	<b>Yeats Ridge Hut, West Coast</b>
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This hut is up the Toaroha River inland from Hokitika. It is about 7hrs tramp to this 4 bunk hut. If the weather permits, we will check out Crystal Biv and return to Cedar Flats on Sunday. Walk out and drive home Monday. Bring own tents, cookers etc. Map BV19

Please book with Bill if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Bill T Ph 354 2277	Moderate-Hard	Transport \$70
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Please book with Bill by Sunday 14 May.

**Wednesday 24 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:

Bibbulmun Track talk and pictures. This track is a scenic 1000-km walking trail through forests & parkland in West Australia. Vesna and Milomir completed this epic journey last year. **Not to be missed!!**

Supper to follow.

**Sunday 28 May**

**Pigeon Bay Walkway**

Pigeon Bay is on the north side of Banks Peninsula. Walkway follows the eastern edge of Pigeon Bay out to the head of the bay & has spectacular coastal views. 14km return by the same track.

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

Leader Carol B Ph 021 222 2054

Easy

Transport \$20

Depart from outside Halswell School on the Akaroa Rd at 8.30am.

NOTE: Early booking required for this trip.

**Saturday 03 – Monday 05 June  
King's Birthday Weekend**

**Poulter River & Lake Minchin**

Plan to start at the Andrews shelter & over Casey Saddle. Will make decision on which hut to head for depending on progress/daylight. Options are Casey/Poulter/Poulter Trust. Second day head up to Lake Minchin as far as we like. Third day out via Binser Saddle. Contact Tere by 19th May (2 weeks notice). Will be early start due to limited daylight.

Leader Tere L Ph 021 140 1104 or 981 6431

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Tere by Friday 19 May.

**Wednesday 07 June at 7.00pm**

**Trip Planning**

Trip Planning Meeting at Vesna's in Wigram.

**Sunday 11 June**

**Sidle SH73- Lyndon Saddle circuit**

Starting from the Craigieburn valley track on the Craigieburn skifield road, we will have a gentle climb to Lyndon saddle.. From there we will drop down Helicopter Hill track to the picnic area. Return to the road via the Sidle73 bike track (which should be closed to bikes).

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

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101 or 332  
6281

Easy-  
Moderate

Transport \$25

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.30am.

**Sunday 18 June**

**Ryde Falls Oxford Forest**

Join me for a walk through pretty forest. The falls are surprisingly impressive falling in five steps, three of which are visible from the bottom.

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

Leader Carol B Ph 021 222 2054

Easy

Transport \$20

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.30am

<b>Sunday 25 June</b>	<b>Diamond Harbour Loop</b>
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Trip will traverse Purau, Diamond Harbour, Church Bay and Charteris Bay with return to the ferry on the coastal track.

I don't know how long it might take as never done it before

Meet at the Lyttelton ferry terminal.

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

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422

Moderate

Transport NA

Depart from Lyttelton on the 7.50am ferry to Diamond Harbour

<b>Wednesday 28 June 7.30pm</b>	<b>Club Social Night</b> <b>Film night at Sally's</b>
Enjoy a film recommended by Sally followed by supper.	
Please book with Sally by Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> .	

<b>Wednesday 07 July at 7.30pm</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Committee Meeting at Dennis's in Bishopdale.	

<b>Friday 14 – Sunday 16 July</b> <b>Matariki Weekend</b>	<b>Mid-Winter Xmas Base Camp</b>
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We have booked the Peel Forest EcoLodge for Friday and Saturday nights.

<https://peelforestoutdoors.org.nz/accommodation/eco-lodge/>

There will be more information in the June Newsletter.

Organiser: Claire T Ph 021 076 2500

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Transport TBA

Please book with Claire by Sunday 02 July

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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.

## ***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/>