

Hagley Tramping Club

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Welcome to the **Hagley Tramping Club** Newsletter & Trip Programme.

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.

50th Anniversary 1974 - 2024
Saturday 20th April 2.00pm
Harvard Community Lounge

Hagley Tramping Club
(Hospital Tramping Club)

Join us for a social event
to mark our 50th
Anniversary
Partners welcome too



Please RSVP to:

HTC50@hagleytrampingclub.net.nz

By Friday 12th April 2024

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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	Carol B	Ph 021 2222 054
Club Captain	Bill T	Ph 354 2277
Committee	Heather H (Website)	Ph 021 079 7101
	Dennis W (Newsletter)	Ph 021 243 9999
	Tere L	Ph 021 140 1104 or 981 6431
	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 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 or increase the cost. This would happen if the trip was to a changed destination with less (or more) travelling time OR may reduce if the driver has a full car.



The Hawdon to Edwards River team via Walker Pass & Tarn Col.

See Trip Report (page 12) for the story behind this picture.

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Wednesday 28 February 6.00pm	Club Social Night
	Pétanque at Halswell Quarry
Meet at the Pétanque car park in Halswell Quarry. Bring picnic tea and of course your pétanque set. Don't worry if you haven't got one, there will be plenty to share.	
Organiser Tere L Ph 021 140 1104 or 981 6431	

Saturday 02 - Sunday 03 March	Jollie Brook Hut Lake Sumner Forest Park
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A moderately easy trip with very little climbing. We will start at Sisters Stream and back track to go up the Jollie Brook, lots of river crossings but not of challenging size. Returning next day past Gabriels Hut. This is a lovely summer trip with plenty of lush native bush. Ideal for those who want to try overnighing. Departure time and place to be confirmed.

Leader Tere L Ph 021 140 1104 or 981 6431 Moderate Transport \$40

Please book with Tere by Wednesday 28 February

Wednesday 06 March at 7.00pm	7.00pm Anniversary SubComm
	7.30pm Committee Meeting
Committee Meeting at Sally's	

Sunday 10 March	Rakaia Gorge
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An easy walk up the Rakaia Gorge from the inland road bridge. We will hike to the far end of the walkway then to Terrace Downs via cross country route. Bring some \$ to enjoy a drink on their patio.

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 Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.30am

Sunday 17 March	Castle Hill & Cave Stream
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In the morning we will explore the rocks on Castle hill. After lunch there will be an optional traverse of the cave or another walk if the water is too high. Those entering the cave MUST bring a (head) torch and a change of clothes for after as you will get wet to the waist at the entrance. Happy for you to phone me for more information.

Grade for Walking: Easy

*Grade for Cave: Dependent on water level – it can be a challenge!

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

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101 or

332 6281

*Easy

Transport \$25

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.30am

Friday 22-Sunday 24 March	Ashley Gorge Base Camp
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Plan is to camp in the Ashley Gorge Holiday Park. See website for facilities & costs.

<https://www.agkhp.co.nz/>

Arrive Friday night (2 nights) or Saturday morning (1 night).

Bring tent or camper van. Numerous day trip options.

I will advise the Camp of our group so we can be allocated an area to camp in the same location. Each party will book their own camp site directly with the Camp.

Pot luck dinner Saturday night.

Trip is weather dependent. I will advise by night of Wednesday 20th if the trip is confirmed so please do not book until advised.

Car pooling is an option to be arranged between individuals. Advise me when booking if you would like to car pool.

Please book with Dennis by Sunday 17 March if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999

All grades

Transport NA

Wednesday 27 March	Club Social Night
	Restaurant Dinner
Meet at 7.00pm Formaggio's Italian Restaurant, 150 Colombo St	
Please book with Pat N Ph 021 167 9338 by Monday 25 th .	

Friday March 29 – Monday 01 April (Easter Weekend)	
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No planned trip for the whole weekend, but there is a trip on Easter Monday.

Monday 01 April	Sumner - Godley Head Circuit
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Walk over to Taylor's Mistake and onto Godley Head. Follow the Crater Rim Walkway to Evans Pass and down the Captain Thomas track to return to Sumner.

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

Leader Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419

Easy

Transport NA

Depart from Clock Tower in Sumner at 9.00am.

Saturday 06 -Sunday 07 April	Lake Guyon
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Leaving early Saturday morning we will drive to Fowlers Hut where we will leave the cars and tramp up Fowlers Pass (1293m), past Stanley Vale Hut and onto Lake Guyon where we will camp beside the lake. This trip is expected to be around a 6-7 hour day. Return the same way.

Bring tents, cookers and togs if nice weather.

Leaders: Bronwyn M Ph 022 506 2442 &

Moderate

Transport \$45

Claire T Ph 021 076 2500

Please book with Bronwyn by Sunday 31 March

Wednesday 10 April at 7.00pm	7.00pm Anniversary SubComm
	7.30pm Committee Meeting
Committee Meeting at Bronwyn's in Burnside.	

Friday 12 April	Register now for Anniversary
Please register now for the 50 th Anniversary on Sat 20 th if you have not already done so.	

Sunday 14 April	Mt Bruce Craigieburn Forest Park
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Starting from Cora Lyn we climb up through beech forest and tussock to the top of Mt Bruce 1630m. Have fun running down the scree slopes to Broad Stream and then follow a very pleasant bush track back to the cars. Coffee at Springfield on the way home.

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

Leader Claire T Ph 021 076 2500

Moderate-
Hard

Transport \$35

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am.

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Sunday 21 April

Packhorse Hut Anniversary Walk

Anniversary walk: Packhorse Hut from Kaituna Valley. A steady climb up from the carpark to enjoy the hut and the view.

Dust off your old gear and bring it along!

It would be good to have some past members along with our current members.

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

Leader Carol B Ph 021 222 2054

Easy

Transport \$10

Depart from the Akaroa Rd outside Halswell School at 9.00am.

Wednesday 24 April

Club Social Night

No planned event for this night.

Sunday 28 April	Cloudy Hill
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From Porter Heights Access Rd leave cars and climb Cloudy Hill. From the top follow the ridge towards Mt Lyndon. Negotiate valley to reach it, then back down the road. Short car shuttle needed.

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

Leader Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419 Moderate Transport \$25
Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel at 8.00am.

Sunday 05 May	Tirimoana (near Waipara)
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The Tiromoana Bush Walkway is a great way to experience being in a regenerating native forest complete with ponds, wetlands, and native birds as your companions. The Walkway travels through open farmland with sweeping views over the forest and the coastline to Pegasus Bay, Motunau Island and the Pacific Ocean.

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

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999 Easy Transport \$15
Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.30am.

Sunday 12 May	Avalanche Peak, APNP
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A steady climb up Scott's track through bush and then over rocky terrain to the summit of Avalanche Peak. Excellent views over Arthurs Pass, and expect to be entertained by keas.

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

Leader Bronwyn M Ph 022 506 2442 Moderate Transport \$40
Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel at 7.30am.

Saturday 18 - Monday 20 May	Yeats Ridge Hut, West Coast
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Yeats Ridge Hut is up the Toaroha River inland from Hokitika. (2.5 hours beyond Cedar Flats). It is a 7hr tramp to this 4 bunk hut. If the weather permits we will tramp to Crystal Biv and return to Cedar Flats on Sunday for a soak in the hot pool. Walk out and drive home on Monday. Bring tents, cookers etc. Map BV19.

Leader Bill T Ph 3542277 or 022 398 5214

Moderate-
Hard

Transport \$70

Please book with Bill by Sunday 12 May.

Wednesday 22 May 7.30pm	Club Social Night & AGM Abberley Park Hall
<p>Our AGM night. Finances and Chairperson's Reports. Election of Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer and Committee.</p> <p>Followed by an entertaining talk by intrepid traveller Pat on his travels in the USA last year.</p> <p>Supper to follow.</p>	

Sunday 26 May	Diamond Harbour Circuit
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We take ferry to Diamond Harbour and the coastal walk to Purau Bay. 5km road climb to the Purau-Port Levy Saddle and turn off onto the Monument Track to Mt Herbert. Mt Herbert Walkway Track to return to Diamond Harbour.

A full day walk.

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

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422

Moderate

Transport NA

Leave from Lyttelton on the ferry which departs at 7.50am.

Saturday 01 – Monday 03 June Kings Birthday Weekend	
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No planned trips for the whole weekend, but there is a trip on Monday

Monday 03 June	Lake Catherine
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Drive to Lake Selfe, park the cars and follow the track which takes us to Lake Ida and onto Lake Catherine. Return the same way.

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

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999

Easy

Transport \$40

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am.

Wednesday 05 June at 7.00pm	Trip Planning Meeting
Trip Planning Meeting at Heather's in Halswell	

Sunday 09 June	Stony Bay, Banks Peninsula
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From Cabstand car park hike over Stony Bay Peak and down to Stony Bay beach via Opatuti Track. Return to Stony Bay Saddle may go up the road from Pikimai Zigzag, option to have a look along Misty Peak track as time allows.

Return to carpark via Paripai Track. Hopefully the early start will allow time for exploring and afternoon tea/Ice Creams on the way home.

Go online to Hinewai website <https://www.hinewai.org.nz/maps/> for map and other details.

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

Leader Tere L Ph 021 140 1104 or 981 6431

Moderate

Transport \$30

Depart from Akaroa Highway outside Halswell School at 7.30am.

Wednesday 12 June at 7.30pm

Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting at Carol's in Burnside

Sunday 16 June

Port Hills Mystery Tour

Expect a classic Vesna trip of considerable distance and it is the Port Hills – so lots of ups and downs.

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

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422

Moderate

Transport NA

Departure location to be advised by Vesna. Departure time 8.30am

Sunday 23 June

Onawe Peninsula and Curry Reserve

Planned to catch the low tide, our first walk will be to the end of Onawe peninsula to enjoy the great all round views of Akaroa Harbour. We will then drive up Long Bay rd to Heritage park to explore the trails - either in a circuit or a walk down to Akaroa if we have a suitable car shuttle.

Please book with Heather by Friday 21 if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101

Easy

Transport \$30

or 332 6281

Depart from Akaroa Rd outside Halswell School at 8.30am

Trip Report

TARN COL TRAVERSE, APNP.... December 27th - 29th.

Seven of us left the Hawdon Shelter on a lovely sunny morning. It was an easy flat walk for the most part and we enjoyed the wonderful fresh air and exercise after the excesses of the Christmas period ! The route to the Hawdon hut was along the river flats and bush beside and above the rushing water. We stopped for morning tea in a shady spot before carrying on up the valley, arriving at the

hut after three and a half hours, at lunchtime. Shortly before reaching our destination we passed an open grassy area where the old hut had been before fire destroyed it. Mike and Anne chose to camp here rather than staying in the hut and Dennis also chose to sleep in his tent. But the hut was never filled up: a party of three young men arrived in the early evening and another large party chose to camp across the river.

We enjoyed a relaxed lunch before some of us set about re-stocking the much depleted woodshed. Tere and Mark did sterling work with the axe and saw while Sally happily dragged large branches from the surrounding bush which the boys rendered into smaller logs. We also collected plenty of dry kindling twigs and branches. After a couple of hours the woodshed looked very healthy and Tere laid a fire in the stove ready to be lit by future exhausted cold and soaked trampers.

The evening passed very pleasantly with our various meals, conversation, reading and puzzles.

We awoke early next morning to low cloud but this cleared after a few hours and the weather was perfect for a long tramp. Only three of us planned to walk on : the others were returning down the Hawdon valley with an arrangement made that Dennis would drive Tere's car round to Greyneys Shelter to await us three at the end of our tramp. He would then return in Mike's car to Christchurch with the other three. And so the story continues now with just Tere, Mark and Sally.

We sauntered along a flat path before a very steep climb led us up above the river. In retrospect this was easy if very demanding on legs and breath ! Our view of the Hawdon valley below was obscured by cloud but ahead of us Walker Pass was emerging from the mists and looked very lovely. We appreciated the view while we recovered our breath. The route to the pass was rather hidden by bushes and involved frequent crossings of a stream with slippery rocks to be negotiated but overall it wasn't too tricky. An attractive tarn on the top of the pass could have been inviting on a very warm day !

We veered off to the right as indicated by the red route markers with the way now becoming harder, less obvious and more rocks, roots and large bushes making progress slow. We met a couple who had camped the night before up on

Tarn Col, our next destination, and we shared advice about the track. The steep valley leading up to Tarn Col proved to be an extremely demanding section of the day's tramp. Almost no visible track and route markers few and difficult to locate with just occasional cairns; rocks, slippery stones, roots, and all manner of sub- alpine vegetation often preventing passage (though they did provide good hand holds !) Sally was delighted to find plenty of Mt. Cook lilies higher up the valley: they looked so beautiful clinging to the mountain slopes.

Tarn Col was finally reached with a sigh of relief, a flat easy stroll across low grass with no treacherous terrain slowing progress and the tarn looked delightful in its glorious surrounds. We were looking forward to the long shingle run down the far side which Tere and Sally remembered from thirty years back. But when we reached the marker pole on the far side of the pass we were greeted instead with a vague path descending very steeply to another red pole in the flat land below. Clearly it was the intended way down but it looked most uninviting and quite risky. So no quick slide down deep soft shingle but instead a really slow and extremely difficult clamber down a precipitous route.

Well, we made it without any disasters and looked ahead to an amazing area below Falling Mountain. A huge amphitheatre of rocky walls and scree, and below boulders stretching without a break to the far distance where our onward route lay. Before setting forth across this forlorn but fascinating landscape we stopped for lunch and a welcome break. We could just make out the first red pole which would start our walk across this difficult section. There was no real route : a series of cairns and occasional marker poles guided us across the rocks towards the head of the Edwards valley. It was hard going, boulder hopping and scrambling across rocks and stones of varying sizes. Occasional snatches of a vague path were soon lost again.

However, we eventually left the barren rocky Falling Mountain behind and settled into a lovely and generally easy walk down the Edwards valley. The first appearance of the river, as a small stream, was very welcome and we all enjoyed a cool drink of refreshing clear water and refilled our bottles. Soon the stream widened into more of a river which we had to repeatedly cross. Shallow hops at first, gradually deepening but never too much. Ahead we could see the Williams Saddle which lies above the Edwards hut and as it got closer we felt

assured our day's efforts were nearing an end. The hut was indeed a welcome sight and soon we were relaxing with cups of tea and a well earned lie down. We had the hut to ourselves.

As forecast we awoke to rain which became quite heavy as we prepared for the last part of our tramp. Fully waterproofed we set off early as we were rather concerned about rivers coming up with the rain and making river crossings difficult or impossible. In fact the East Edwards, Mingha and Bealey were all perfectly crossable though we did link up for safety's sake. The initial bush track eventually emerged onto the open river flats and by now the rain had settled and we even enjoyed some patches of blue sky and occasional sunshine. Behind us the valley was shrouded in clouds.

We arrived back at the car (safely left at Greyneys for us) after a three and a half hour walk , much sooner than we expected as the wet track had been tricky to navigate over slippery rocks and roots with some steep and difficult sections.. We were all very wet now after the last wade across the Bealey and were glad to change into our awaiting dry clothes.

And so home after a very enjoyable if tramp, even if very tough in the mid section.

Thank so much Tere for organising this trip.

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.

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

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/>