

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.

Club Committee

President	Tere L	Ph 021 140 1104
Treasurer	Claire T	Ph 021 076 2500
Secretary	Bronwyn M	Ph 022 506 2442
Club Captain	Bill T	Ph 354 2277
Committee	Heather H (Website)	Ph 021 079 7101
	Dennis W	Ph 021 243 9999
	Sally B	Ph 021 127 6419
	Pat N	Ph 021 167 9338
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New members contact	Sally B	Ph 021 127 6419

For information about trips, please ring the Trip Leader.

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.

Paying for Shared Transport Costs

Please ensure you have cash for the driver. Petrol costs have been increased by the Committee, in line with the rising cost of fuel at the pump.

Club Membership

Our annual membership subscription is \$40 single or \$45 family. Our financial year commences 1 April.

Membership Forms are available as a download form at the bottom of our website Home page:

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

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.

Trips and Social Events Programme

Sunday 18 Oct Hog's Back Track

The track starts at Castle Hill Village. Hike from Castle Village on the walking/MTB track to Texas Flat. We will have lunch and return taking a slightly longer route back.

It's not a long or a hard tramp but has amazing 360 views on an awesome day. There is one very small narrow and shallow river crossing to navigate, you may or may not get wet feet. Approx. 5.5 hours.

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

Leaders Karen ph [027 678 5943](tel:0276785943) and Theo ph 027 470 1606

Moderate Transport \$30

School Rd Yaldhurst at 8.00am

24 - 26 October Labour Weekend

No trip planned.

Wednesday 28 October Restaurant Night

Restaurant night at The Vibe, 88 Harris Crescent, Papanui at 6.30pm.

See <https://thevibepapanui.com> for menu

Please book with Dennis by Sunday 25 October.

Sunday 1 November Mt Richardson

From the Glentui Picnic area we will climb up through the beech forest to Mt Richardson, follow the Blowhard track along the ridge and finally complete the circuit by taking the bypass track back to the cars.

Leader Heather Ph 021 079 7101 or (03) 332 6281

Moderate Transport \$20

Depart from Richill St, Belfast at 8.30am

Sunday 8 November Diamond Harbour Circuit

Starting at Diamond harbour, walk to Purau Bay round the coastal path then over the top and drop down to the coastal path at Charteris Bay and return to the ferry.

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

Leader Sally Ph 021 127 6419

Moderate Transport \$10 adult return fare on the ferry; free with a Gold Card.

Meet at Lyttelton Black Cat ferry terminal around 8.30 for the 8.50 ferry.

13-15 November (Canterbury Show Weekend) Otago Rail Trail

Otago Rail Trail (Easy Grade 1). Heather and Kevin invite other cyclists to join them on this 3-4 day trip in Central Otago. Exact dates and travel arrangements to be negotiated. Non-bikers also welcome to join us each evening and assist with logistics.

Please contact Heather ASAP if you are interested, as bookings for accommodation will need to be made very soon.

Leader Heather Ph 021 079 7101 or (03) 332 6281

22 November Rangitata Gorge

Track starts in the north bank of the Rangitata River at the Rangitata Diversion Intake. It follows up the river through the gorge and ends at the flats. Returns same way. Interesting day trip.

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

Leader Dennis Ph 021 243 9999

Easy-Moderate Transport \$35

Depart from Z station Templeton at 8.00am.

Wednesday 25 November Club Social Night at Abberley Park Hall, 7.30pm

Camino Adventures. Bronwyn will present photos and talk about her recent 865km walk on the Camino Francès in France/Spain (St Jean Pied de Port - Santiago de Compostella) and Finisterre on the Atlantic coast. Followed by our pre-Christmas supper - please bring a plate.

Sunday 29 November Mt Alford

Starting from the Mt Alford Scenic Reserve, a steady climb through beech forest beside a stream then up through tussock farmland. Then its more climbing following poled route over ridges which level out as you reach the top. Big wide views across the Canterbury Plains and inland mountains. The top is quite exposed to wind so bring a warm jacket. Boots are recommended as the bush section can be quite muddy.

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

Leader Zeeb Ph 021 277 2422

Moderate Transport \$25

Depart from Z Templeton at 8.30 am.

Sunday 6 December Eastern Suburbs and Coast

A circuit from the old New Brighton bridge incorporating the 360° Trail until Rothesay Road. From there we will head east to the coast and depending on wind direction, walk on tracks, dunes or the beach to New Brighton. Return to the cars via Rawhiti Domain.

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

Leader Wendy Ph (03) 354 2277 or 022 398 5214

Easy Transport N/A

Meet at the New Brighton bridge on the Bexley side (Pages Road) at 9am.

12 December Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party is kindly being hosted by Zeeb at her home in Rolleston. Save the date. Details to follow.

Sunday 13 December Port Hills Toddle

Depart Victoria park and heading for Sugarloaf, taking in numerous other tracks with a stop at the Sign of the Kiwi for refreshment before continuing along the Summit track for as long as we want.

Please book with Pat by Friday 11 December if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Pat Ph 021 167 9338

Easy Transport N/A

Meet in Victoria Park carpark at 9am.

Christmas / New Year period

No Club trip planned.

Sunday 10 January 2027 Le Bons Bay

In the morning we will walk the easy Wharf Road track where the low tide may allow us to drop down to the beach and walk out to the remains of the old wharf. This is the first track on the land purchased by the Le Bons Bay Conservation Trust (there are plans for more). After lunch we will do the Panama Rocks circuit at Le Bons Bay (bush, rock and views). If time we could also do Lavericks track or, if it's a hot day, we could finish with either a swim or walk along the beach.

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

Leader Heather Ph 021 079 7101 or (03) 332 6281

Easy Transport \$30

Depart from Akaroa main road outside Halswell School at 8.30 am.

Sunday 17 January Camp Saddle circuit

Start from the beginning of the Mistletoe Track. From the Lyndon Saddle we will go along the Craigieburn Edge track and up to Camp Saddle. Return to Lyndon Saddle via a ridge track and a good scree slope, then back to the cars.

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

Leader Claire Ph 021 076 2500

Moderate Transport \$30

Depart from School Road, Yaldhurst at 8am.

23-24 January Andrews Stream Explorer

We will start from Andrews Shelter and wade up Andrews Stream. There are some nice tent sites before Halleluia Flat. Back along the Andrews valley track to the cars. Bring your own tent and cooker. Map BV21.

Please book with Bill by Sunday 17th if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Bill Ph (03) 354 2277

Moderate/Hard Transport \$40

Wednesday 27 January about 6pm Club Picnic and Games Night

Our traditional New Year Picnic at Abberley Park. Bring your picnic food and drink, including one dish to share, and something to sit on. We traditionally play French cricket on the grass, but other games are welcome.

No booking required - just come along! We can use the Hall if the weather is wet.

The picnic is held on the east boundary of the Park, closest to Springfield Road.

Sunday 31 January Peak Hill

Peak Hill near Lake Coleridge offers spectacular 360° views of the lake, river and surrounding mountains. It starts with a steepish 600m climb followed by an easier walk along the top. Return the same way.

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

Leader Bronwyn Ph 022 5062442

Moderate Transport \$30

Depart from School Road, Yaldhurst at 8am.

6-8 February (Waitangi weekend) Kirwans Hut - Montgomery Hut loop

Leaving Saturday morning we will drive to the track start to Kirwans Hut (12 bunks) near Reefton. Although the track says it is closed on the DOC website, there is a workaround crossing a creek avoiding the bridge which is closed. It's a steady climb up to one of the nicest huts you will ever find with stunning views of the Paparoas. Sunday takes us down past lots of old gold mining relics and stamping batteries to Montgomery Hut (6 bunks) and Monday takes us home.

Kirwans Hut needs booking so if you are thinking of coming on this trip, it would be advisable to try and book a bed early. Hut cost is \$25, pay online. Montgomery Hut requires a ticket, \$15.

Leader Pat Ph 021 167 9338

Moderate Transport \$80

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

Sunday 14 February Bridle Path to Cass Bay

A Port Hills tramp using well known tracks such as the Crater Rim Walkway, Steadfast & Major Hornbrook Tracks, finishing back at the Gondola Carpark.

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

Leader Bruce Ph 027 321 5022

Easy/Moderate Transport N/A

Meet at the Gondola Carpark at 8.30am.

Sunday 21 February Day trip

We walk through the riverbed in shallow river crossings, then return along the cliff tops/escarpment. There is an option for reverse direction too. Bring togs if you feel like a dip at the gorge. Suggest gaiters to keep little stones from getting into your boots in the riverbed and also stops seeds from getting into your socks on the escarpment.

Waipara River limestone is rich in fossilised shells and skeletal debris from the plants and animals that lived in the ocean over 65 million years ago. The first fossil bones to be discovered in New Zealand were found

here in 1859. The river's extraordinary fossil legacy includes huge shells, the bones of ancient penguins, and teeth from enormous sharks. We are likely to see giant 'geological pearls' known as concretions which contain the fossilised remains of marine reptiles such as mosasaur and plesiosaur.

Leaders Karen & Theo

Please book with Karen ph 027 678 5943 or Theo ph 027 470 1606 if you intend to join this trip.

Moderate Transport \$20

Depart from Richill St, Belfast at 8.00am

Wednesday 24 February Takeaways and Evening Stroll

Grab your dinner and bring it along to Claire's place at 6pm.

Bring your walking shoes because then we go for a walk up to the Westmorland East Valley Reserve and back via Esplanade Reserve.

If time allows, a coffee and cake back at Claire's. A good chance to catch up.

Ring or message Claire for address – Ph 021 076 2500

27-28 February Sudden Valley Bivvy

Drive to Hawdon Shelter. Cross the Hawdon river and follow Sudden Valley stream to Barrier Falls. The gorge can be cold with multiple river crossings and boulder hopping; up the scree slope and out into the open valley to the Biv. The track is unmarked and has been washed out in sections so some skilful navigation may be required! Bring tents and cookers.

Book with Claire by Sunday 21 Feb. if you want to join this trip.

Leader Claire Ph 021 076 2500

Moderate/Hard Transport \$40

