

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	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
	Sally B	Ph 021 127 6419
	Bronwyn M	Ph 022 506 2442
	Phil B	Ph 027 657 4773
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.

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 Program

EARLY BOOKING NOTIFICATIONS

NOTE: All the major huts in Arthur's Pass now require bookings.

These trips require hut bookings:

Casey Hut	Night of 31 May
Manson Nicholls Memorial Hut	Night of 20 June

Sunday 22 February	Barnett Park, Sumner
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Meet at the Barnett Park car park and walk firstly to the cave, then along to the Crater Rim Track.

We will visit the gun emplacements before Captain Thomas Track down to Sumner. A flat walk back to the cars along the coast.

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

Leader Wendy T Ph 354 2277 or
022 398 5214

Easy

Transport NA

Depart from Barnett Park at 9.00am

Wednesday 25 February 6.00pm	Club Restaurant Night Cathays Restaurant
Delicious Chinese cuisine.	
Located at 7/11 Chalmers St, Hornby.	
Please book with Tere L Ph 021 140 1104 by Sunday 22 Feb.	

Saturday 28 Feb - Sunday 01 March	Griffin Creek
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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.

Leaders Bronwyn M Ph 022 506 2442 & Claire T Ph 021 076 2500 Moderate-Hard Transport \$45

Please book with Bronwyn by Sunday 22 Feb.

Sunday 08 March	Diamond Harbour - Purau Bay-Charteris Bay loop
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Start at Diamond Harbour, walk to Purau Bay round the coast then over the top behind Diamond Harbour and drop down to the coastal track at Charteris Bay to return to the ferry.

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

Leader Zeeb McN 027 479 5398 Easy-Moderate Transport NA

Meet at the Lyttelton Ferry Terminal 8.30am for the 8.50am ferry

Thursday 11 March 7.30pm	Committee Meeting
Committee Meeting at Heather & Kevins	

Sunday 15 March	Tims Stream – Hogsback Circuit
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Turnoff SH73 to Mt Chessman ski field road, drive for a few hundred meters and park at the bridge. Get down to the river bed and walk up Tims Stream crossing and recrossing it to just before waterfalls. Then, we will scramble up a short steep bank to the terrace and walk along the edge & through bush to join the Dracophyllum Flat track. From there we will continue to Texas flat, up and along Hogsback track and ridge and descend to Hogsback creek which will bring us back to the car(s).

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

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422 Moderate Transport \$20

Depart from School Rd Yaldhurst at 8.00am

Saturday 21 - Sunday 22 March	Mingha / Goat Pass Hut, APNP
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A 3-4 hour walk over mixed terrain. Return by the same route.

Option to visit Lake Mavis after lunch for keen trampers.

Hut stay is one standard hut ticket. (No booking required)

Departure at 8.00am.

Leader Tere L Ph 021 140 1104 Moderate Transport \$25

Please book with Tere by Friday 13th March

Wednesday 25 March 7.30pm	Club Social Night Abberley Park Hall
Tramping Food - ideas and tips. Exchange ideas on preparing your own tramping food - recipes, dehydrating, vacuum sealing and storing.	
Followed by supper.	

Sunday 29 March	Mt Lyndon & Cloudy Hill
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We leave the cars at Lake Lyndon.

A round-trip climb and ridge traverse across Mt Lyndon and Cloudy Hill.

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

Leaders: Bronwyn M Ph 022 506 2442 & Moderate Transport \$15
Sally B 021 127 6419

Depart from School Rd Yaldhurst at 8.00am.

Sunday 05 April (EASTER SUNDAY)	Heathcote Quarry & John Britten Reserve
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From Bridle Path Rd a steep climb to the top of the ridge and John Britten Reserve.

Round trip via Bridle Path or a longer option via Castle Rock to be decided on the day.

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

Leader Dennis 021 243 9999 Easy Transport NA

Depart from 131 Bridle Path Road Heathcote at 9.00am.

(Outside the Heathcote Valley Riding School & Coffee Roasters)

Sunday 12 April	Leith Hill to Castle Rocks
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Hogsback carpark (Castle Hill village) to Castle Rocks carpark via Leith hill and the ridge beyond.

Permission from the station is required to confirm this route.

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

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422 Moderate Transport \$20

Depart from School Rd Yaldhurst at 8.00am

Sunday 19 April	Camp Saddle Circuit
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Start from the beginning of the Mistletoe Track.

From the Lyndon Saddle go along the Craigieburn Edge Track & up a slope to Camp Saddle.

Return to Lyndon Saddle via a ridge track & a good scree slope, then back to the cars.

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

Leader Bruce H 027 321 5022 Moderate Transport \$20

Depart from School Rd Yaldhurst at 8.00am.

Sunday 17 May	Mt Barrosa 1364m Hakatere Conservation Park
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We will take a trip up Mt Barrosa to the summit where we can scout for some agate geodes and hopefully get a good view across the Hakatere Conservation Park. Returning the same way.

(Note departure is from Templeton)

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

Leader Claire T Ph 021 076 2500 Moderate Transport \$25

Depart from opposite the Z Station in Templeton at 8.00am

Sunday 24 May	Tupari Reserve to Packhorse Hut
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We will walk the new track (opened Jan 2026) through the Tupari reserve to the Packhorse hut.

Depending on the group there are options to climb Mt Bradley (would make this a moderate tramp) or just climb to point 570m. Return via the Kaituna valley track or the Gebbies Pass track if we have sufficient cars for a car shuttle.

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

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101 Easy Transport \$10

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

Wednesday 27 May 7.30pm	Club Social Night & AGM Abberley Park Hall
Our AGM night. Finances and Chairperson's Reports. Election of President, Secretary & Treasurer and Committee.	
Followed by Sally's pictogram challenge and supper.	

Saturday 30 May to Monday 01 June Kings Birthday Weekend	Poulter Hut & Lake Minchin APNP
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Day 1: Starting from the Andrews Stream the track to the Poulter Hut once over the Casey saddle is flat river valley, approx. 8 hrs to the hut. Day 2: Lake Minchin /Worsley biv, then 3 hrs back to the Casey Hut for the night (this is a bookable 12 bunk hut and is popular so if you are thinking of doing this trip book soon so you don't have to tent outside in the cold). Day 3 King's Birthday, walk back to the car park via Binser Saddle.

Book for the Casey Hut for the night of 31 May

Depart Christchurch 7am.

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338 Moderate Transport \$25

Please book with Pat by Sunday 24 May.

Sunday 07 June	Coach Stream & Trig M
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Korowai Torlesse Forest Park

Take the Coach Stream route to Trig M. Can return the same way or do a partial loop.
Lovely views and a bit of huff and puff!

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

Leader Zeeb McN 027 479 5398 Moderate Transport \$15

Depart from School Rd Yaldhurst at 8.30am

Wednesday 10 June 7.00pm	Trip Planning Meeting
Trip Planning Meeting at Claire's.	

Sunday 14 June	Gondola to Sumner
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A long trip. This section of the 360 Trail is 16.5km but we will need to climb up from the gondola carpark adding an extra 2-3 kms. A shorter option would be to drop down into Sumner from Evans Pass.

My plan is to take the bus (no. 3) back into town and another (no. 8) to get back to the carpark, but I will consider other transport options (car shuttle?)

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

Leader Sally B 021 127 6419 Easy Moderate Transport NA

Depart from Gondola carpark at 9.00am

Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 June	Midwinter Xmas Lake Daniels, Lewis Pass
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We will be tramping to Lake Daniels (Easy, 2 hours) to stay at the Hut to celebrate a Midwinter Christmas with the usual Potluck dinner. A flat easy tramp of about 2 hours with an additional walk to the end of the lake if the weather is good. No dress up or secret Santa but bring some festive decorations.

The hut is on the booking schedule – Book now

The club will not be making a group booking so you will need to make your own booking. Currently no one (except the leader) has booked for this date, but you should book now.

To Book:

Go to <https://bookings.doc.govt.nz/web/>

You will need to Login or create an account

Click on "Book a Campsite, Hut or Lodge"

Select: Kohanga Atawhai - Manson Nicholls Memorial Hut (under "K" in the drop down box)

Book for Saturday 20 June.

Cost is \$25 or free if you have an annual backcountry hut pass.

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101 Easy Transport \$40

Please book with Heather by Sunday 14 June

Wednesday 24 June 6.30pm

Restaurant night

Kostas Taverna (<https://costastaverna.co.nz>).

3/478 Cranford Street • Redwood • Christchurch

Please book Pat by Monday 22 June

Sunday 28 June

Avon River Trail

An easy but lovely walk from the city to New Brighton (10 kms.)

Meet at the corner of Barbadoes and Salisbury Streets at 9am.

Return by bus or walk back the same way.

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

Leader Sally B 021 127 6419

Easy

Transport NA

Depart from the corner of Barbadoes and Salisbury Streets at 9.00am