

Hagley Tramping Club



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Welcome to the **Hagley Tramping Club** Newsletter.

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.

Newsletter Contents

Calendar of Trips & Social Events, Trip Reports & Pictures.

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

Club Email Address

For general communication: hagleytrampingclub@yahoo.co.nz

For information about trips, please ring the Trip Leader.



Kevin & Heather Hughes (nee Murray) Married 11 January.



Trig Station blown over on Mt Herbert, Banks Peninsula

From Your Committee

40th Anniversary

This is a major event for the Club.

We would really appreciate your support to make it a Weekend to remember.

Lots of options for trips and arrival/departure days and times.

See the flyer next page.

New members

Welcome to Ian Revell and Fay Brorens.

It's great to have new members and we are sure you will enjoy tramping with this club as much as we do.

!Subscription Fees!

Subs for 2014-15 are now due.

Payment options are on the forms.

Please update your contact details if they have changed.

Newsletter Format

As you will have noticed we have been experimenting with changes to the Newsletter format.

Your preferences, comments etc. welcomed. Please pass onto to Dennis or someone else on the Committee. (Listed on last pages)

AGM

The AGM will be held on Wednesday May 28th

Bring a special dessert and plate and spoon!

See page 7 for more detail.

Backcountry Foods

We have offered members Backcountry food at discounted retail prices by bulk purchasing. The last opportunity did not have many takers so we are holding this service over to the next newsletter, with the intention of maybe making the offer annually in future.



Hospital
Tramping Club

1974
to
2007

**40th Anniversary
Celebration
Weekend!**



Hagley
Tramping Club

2007
to
2014

Boyle River Lodge, Boyle River, Lewis Pass
Friday March 21 to Sunday March 23, 2014

Main Event: Potluck dinner on Saturday night starting with drinks at 5.00pm. Wear your favourite tramping hat! Bring potluck, memorabilia, photos & reminiscences. There will be speeches, cake, music & spot prizes!

Optional Events: Informal get-together Friday night, three grades of day trips planned for Saturday.

Accommodation: Boyle River Lodge has plenty of accommodation with kitchen, showers etc. Cost is \$25 per person per night. Option of one or two nights.

Partners: Welcome too!

Anniversary Coordinator: Pauline Croft

Email: paulinemcroft@hotmail.com Home ph: 329 4414

We really need your support to make this a memorable event!

- Contact Pauline **now** to register your interest and for follow-up information
- Confirm by full payment directly into our bank account: 03-0802-0123483-00
- Payment is \$25/night/person. (\$50 for one person for Friday & Saturday night)
- ***Important!*** Text to appear on Club bank statement: "40" and your surname.
- Support the current Club Committee who have maintained the legacy of the Club by attending this event.
- Spread the word around previous members and encourage them to attend.
- For more information: www.hagleytrampingclub.net.nz

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Sunday 9 March

Taylor's Mistake – Godley Head

We will walk around to Taylor's Mistake to check out the new walkway to gun emplacements (which may still be closed). Find a good lunch spot and return by the bike track to Taylor's Mistake and refreshments at Sumner.

No water available on this trip so take plenty!

Leader Michael B Ph 358 3081

Easy

Transport. NA

Meet at Sumner by the clock tower at 9.00am

Wednesday 12 March at 7.30pm

Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting at Tere's.

Sunday 16 March

Mt Cloudesley

From Castle Hill Village we climb through beech forest and up Long Spur to the summit of Mt Cloudesley 2017m. We will climb 1300m in height. Worth it for magnificent views. Return by the same route.

NZ Topomap 50: BW20 & BW21; Topomap 260:K34

Leaders Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277

Moderate Plus

Transport \$20

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 7.00am

Friday 21 to Sunday 23 March

Club 40th Anniversary

A major event for the club!

Various walks and activities around the Boyle River, Lewis Pass.

See page 3 for full information.

Also on the front page of the club website: www.hagleytrampingclub.net.nz

Coordinator: Pauline Croft

All grades

Wednesday 26 March

(Usual) Club Social Night

There will not be a Club Social Event this night due to the proximity of 40th Anniversary the weekend before.

Sunday 30 March

Lake Hood & Water race

Lake Hood is East of Tinwald, just out of Ashburton.

After walking halfway around Lake Hood we will divert along the water race towards the Ashburton River. After lunch return and complete the walk around the lake. Bring a change of footwear & cash for coffee at the Lake House.

Leader Diane Ph 358 4720

Easy

Transport \$15

Depart St Asaph St Meeting Place at 9.00am (See last pages)

Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 April

Wharfedale Hut from View Hill

Depart Saturday morning to View Hill car park.

A pleasant walk through bush & tussock on the line of the original Lees Valley Road behind Mt Oxford. Four hours on a well graded track.

8 bed hut, 1 DOC Hut Ticket. Return the same way.

Leader Tere Ph 981 6431

Moderate

Transport \$15

Please book with Tere by Sunday 30 March

Sunday 13 April

Benmore Hut

Drive to Benmore Station between Springfield and Porters Pass where we leave the cars. A nice walk across farm and forest to Benmore Hut (basic A frame) for lunch and return the same way. Approx 5hrs tramping time.

Leader Dennis Ph 359 1211

Easy -Moderate

Transport \$15

Meet Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark at 8.00am

Friday 18 to Monday 21 April (Easter)

Edwards River to Taramakau River

A major trip in Arthur's Pass. Edwards River, Taruahuna Pass, West Branch of the Otehake, Lake Kaurapataka, Taramakau River and out to Aickens.

The mid-section of the Otehake is a very hard traverse.

Weather dependent. An alternative will be planned if the weather is unsuitable.

Expected transport cost approx \$50, depending on how the car shuttle is organised.

Leader Neal Ph 343 6980

Hard

Transport: TBA

Please book with Neal by Sunday 13 April

Wednesday April 23**Alvarados Mexican Cantina**

Alvarados Mexican Cantina is back! Christchurch's most authentic Mexican restaurant. 77 Stevens St, Waltham. Ph 374 4149

Meet at 6.30pm for drinks and dine at 7.00pm.

Come along and enjoy the tastes of Mexican cuisine with your friends and family.

Please book with Sandra Ph 354 9521 by Sunday 20 April.

Friday 25 & Sunday 27 April**The Ballroom, Fox River, West Coast****Anzac Weekend**

Depart 7.00am on Friday. Drive to Fox River north of Punakaiki where we leave th cars. Approx 3.5hrs to the Ballroom, a large limestone cavern where will camp for two nights. On Saturday explore up the Fox River and Dilemma Creek. Sunday an option for some of the party to return via Pack Track to Bullock Creek. Easy tramping with multiple river crossings. Tents and cookers required etc. Weather dependent. An alternative trip will be planned if the weather is unsuitable.

Leader Mike R Ph 337 5944

Moderate

Transport \$65

Please book with Mike by Sunday 20 April.

Sunday 4 May**Kaiapoi & Ohoka Walkways**

We will walk part of the Kaiapoi Walkway going up to the Lakes. Returning to the cars we'll travel to Ohoka for lunch. An easy flat walk.

Leader Diane Ph 358 4720

Easy

Transport \$5

Depart Richill St Belfast at 9.00am.

Wednesday 07 May at 7.30pm**Committee Meeting**

Committee Meeting at Sandra's.

NOTE: As Mothers Day is on Sunday 11th this trip is on SATURDAY

!!Saturday 10 May**Peak Hill, Lake Coleridge**

Drive to the Algidus Road on the south side of Lake Coleridge. Peak Hill is a prominent small peak (1240m) on the south side of the Lake. A good track, steep in places but fairly short leads to the top for great views Lake and Southern Alps.

Leader Heather Ph 332 6281

Easy- Moderate

Transport \$20

Depart from Z Service Station, Main Sth Rd, Templeton at 8.30am

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 May**Hunts Creek Hut**

Hunts Hut and the access track to it is up Kellys Creek just past Otira. Most of the travel is in the creek. Kiwi can still be heard calling at nightfall. Hunts Hut is only 4 bunks so we will be taking tents plus cookers etc required.

Map BV20

Leaders Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 11 May.

Sunday 25 May**Kate Valley & Tiromoana Bush**

Drive to Waipara and on to Kate Valley to meet the loop track. It takes approx 5 hrs. After lunch we'll go down to the beach then return along the farm track. Please remember to bring plenty of water as none is available on this track.

Leader Sandra Ph 354 9521

Easy

Transport \$15

Depart Richill St Belfast at 8.30 am.

Wednesday May 28 at 7.30pm**Dessert Night & AGM**

Abberley Crescent Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.

Agenda: AGM followed by Special Desserts!

AGM: This is your opportunity to have input into the running of the club. Come along and find out about the Club's financial position, plans for 2014 and to vote on Club Office Holders. You will not be pressured to join the Committee, however you are very welcome to put yourself forward.

Special Desserts: Bring your best dessert to share. Prize for the best! And bring a plate and spoon for sampling!

Saturday 31 May to Monday 2 June**Cass to Cora Lynn via Lagoon Saddle****Queens Birthday Weekend**

Depart Saturday morning for Cass. A car shuttle to leave a car at Cora Lynn.

First night at Hamilton Hut. Next day a side trip to the Pinnacles (Harper River) and night at West Harper Hut. Out to Cora Lynn on the Monday.

Leader Neal Ph 343 6980

Moderate

Transport \$25

Please book with Neal by Sunday 25 May.

Wednesday 4 June at 7.00 pm

Trip Leaders Planning Meeting

Meet at Heathers, Milton St Sommerfield Ph 332 6281

Sunday 8 June

Peel Forest

We will car pool and drive to the main picnic ground.

Easy option: The Fern Walk, Moderate option Allans Track.

Meet up in Blandswood for lunch. Return via Fern Walk. Short walk to the big Totara. Ice creams at the Peel Forest Store.

Leader Dennis 359 1211

Easy & Moderate Transport \$20

Meet Z Service Station Main South Road, Templeton at 8.00am.

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 June

Packhorse Hut & Mt Bradley

An easy overnighter with 2.5hrs gentle climb & sidle from Gebbies Pass to the Kaituna Saddle. Historic stone hut, 3 hut tickets required. Easy access means opportunity for fancy dress, pot-luck or both. Contact Tere for final details.

Leader Tere 981 6431

Easy-Moderate Transport \$10

Please book with Tere by Sunday 8 June.

Saturday 21 June

Peninsula Tramping Club

SOCIAL EVENT

Annual Barn Dance

The Peninsula Tramping Club organise an annual Barn Dance to which all tramping clubs are invited. This is a very active night! No time to get cold!

Supper provided. Further info: www.peninsulatrampingclub.org.nz

Please contact Heather Ph 332 6281 for details and tickets.

Sunday 22 June

Mystery Walk

Obviously it's a mystery so can't say much more than that other than it will start from where we meet.

Leader Michael B Ph 358 3081

Easy Transport NA

Meet on the road outside Princess Margret Hospital car park at 9.30am.

Wednesday June 25 at 7.30pm

Club Social Night

Corsica & Cycling Southern France

Meet at Dennis's 7.30pm. All welcome. Ph 359 1211

Dennis will have recently returned from Corsica and cycling in the Languedoc region of southern France. A show and tell!

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 June

Greta Explorer Glenlock Basecamp

A social & tramping winter trip based at Glenlock (off Motunau Beach Rd.)

Various local walking and exploring options to be confirmed closer to the date.

Options include Motunau beach walk to explore clay cliffs and giant concretions, Cotswold Farm traverse and Mt Vulcan.

Overnight at Glenlock, bring sleeping bag and sleeping mat. BBQ and pot luck Saturday night.

Option to come for the weekend or just for one day. Transport cost is to ChCh to Glenlock but there may be additional costs for day trip transport.

ChCh Coordinator for shared transport: Claire Ph 339 8713

Leaders Glenda & Lex Ph 03 314 3365 Easy Transport \$20

Please book with Glenda & Lex by Sunday 22 June.

Wednesday 02 July at 7.30pm

Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting at Tere's.

Trip Reports

Lake Guyon

An enthusiastic group of 12 fizzed north fuelled on coffee from Hanmer and were ready to start the climb to Fowler Pass by 11am from the historic Fowler Hut which has been renovated and is very palatial (note this will become relevant later in the narrative).

Ably lead by Claire and her faithful Indian companion Serge the group included Carol, Agnete, Steiner, Glenda, Tere, Fay, Dianna (D2) and Vesna. It was also a pleasure to have the company of Frank and Diana (D1) who provided transport

and came some of the way to Fowler Pass before turning back to camp for the night by Lake Tennyson (note this will also be relevant later).

The day was warm and slightly overcast with a strong nor-west breeze so a rest and bubble blowing break on top of the pass was welcomed by all. Then on down to the narrow wooded valley for a sheltered lunch by the briskly babbling stream. Mid-afternoon brought us to the grassy flats of the main valley and across to the fascinating Historic Stanley Vale hut (some were fascinated by the pressed earth walls and ancient library others by the ripe gooseberries) then on over the old glacial moraine to the beautiful Lake Guyon nestled in the afternoon sun within a small but delightful bush and tussock clad glacial U-shape valley.

At the small but well maintained 4 bunker were a pair of MTB fishermen and a Llama farmer with three of his charges in training picketed amongst the long grass and a cheery greeting was exchanged (a Llama can carry about 80kg so hiring one from this gentleman for future trips was discussed although he was a bit coy about the cost). Our little tent village soon sprang up down on the lake shore and along the tree line and a pleasant evening was whiled away with small talk, swimming and star gazing followed by a breezy but largely comfortable night amongst the bird life (I shared my fly biv with an enthusiastic group of robins).

Sunday dawned pink and blustery and an early start was made with an eye on a deteriorating forecast and by the time we reached the Waiau Valley the Nor-west rain had closed the valley ahead with a grey pall. Rain gear was dragged out and heads went down and faces were clenched as we ground our way north into the teeth of a full gale driving rain horizontally along the valley and over the ridges of the Maling Pass, lunch was abandoned and small groups huddled beside Matagouri and Manuka looking for any respite from the elements to grab a peanut and a mouthful of water. It was a tired, saturated, footsore and altogether fed up group who were greeted by Frank and Diana at Lake Tennyson and whisked away to the comfort of Fowler Hut for dry clothes and hot coffee. We all agreed that the reason for tramping in this weather is that it feels so good when you stop.

What a lovely place Lake Guyon is, even with the weather this was a trip that in the comfort of the Red Post Café we agreed was well worth the effort.

Lake McRae, Waitangi Weekend

Having collected Glenda at Waipara, Bill, Dennis and I drove to our camping site at Acheron, on the Molesworth on Wednesday evening. Breakfasting at first light we continued along the Molesworth parking at the DOC Rangers house at the northern end. We gladly accepted the offer of a ride to the start of our track.

There was plenty of briar rose growing rampantly as we headed east up Robinson Creek, climbing gradually. Also profuse was Vipers Bugloss, an upright blue flower with a coarse prickly stem. The saddle became apparent in the distance and we had lunch before tackling the climb. Views were magnificent! Dillon Cone nearby and Lake McRae beckoning some 6 kilometers in the distance. We sidled rather than staying on the spur as we made the 600m descent. Probably a mistake as we encountered masses of matagouri and briar. The sun was out and it was warm when we finally clocked up the 22k to the recently renovated hut. The much anticipated swim was a real treat, with the sun hitting the perfectly calm and wonderfully isolated waters. Just Bill and I took the plunge on this occasion with the hut about 700m and a small climb away.

Friday, we headed off to Elliot's Biv, pleased to be carrying only day packs. Shore walking and wading where necessary we took about an hour to reach the head of the lake. Over a saddle and down to Elliot's Stream for several km to the Biv, which proved to be a bit elusive, hidden away amongst poplar and elm on a bit of a rise from the stream. Returning the same way, cloud cover dispelled hopes for a dip in the lake.

Bill was up early and away by 7.am to climb Turk's Head at 1959m. I went back to sleep and was surprised to learn it was 9.00 when I woke, making a leisurely start to the day. Glenda, Dennis and I were aiming for a pyramid-shaped hill behind the hut and we got beyond that. Were rewarded with some great patches of soft scree for the descent down to the lake. We all had a gloriously refreshing dip. Timed it well to be back at the hut within a few minutes of Bill's return. He had successfully climbed Turk's Head having sat on the lower ridge waiting for the cloud to lift. We all sat outside in the evening sun enjoying the company and our surrounds.

We needed an early start on our final day and we hit the trail at 6.50am. Long damp grass had our shorts wet and clingy and the mist gave us about 75m visibility as we climbed the spur to the saddle at 1440m. No views this time. The day warmed as we negotiated our way back along Robinson

Creek. We calculated the rangers ride had shaved 25min off the walk in yet we made it out in 7 hours. Two hours later we had driven the Molesworth and had a snack at Hanmer each of us very satisfied with our tramp into Lake McRae. Thanks to Bill, Dennis and Glenda for helping to make this such a memorable trip.

Wendy

My thanks to you both Bill & Wendy.

A remote farm trip ventured by few. We met no-one else over the four days. Flora & dry landscape similar to Central Otago but without the schist formations. Really historic hut & biv, festooned with antlers. Those huts could tell some great stories I'm sure.

Only Bill spotted deer, but we saw cattle, goats, crested grebes, hares, a cat, far too many Canadian geese and there was a pig mud wallow not far from the hut. We saw that wilding pines were slowly encroaching on this landscape, wind blown from plantations at Molesworth Station. Bill did his bit for conservation by sawing down every one of them we found on the flats. Unfortunately we could see much bigger ones on craggy ridges. Great and really interesting trip.

Dennis

Omahu track from Summit Rd

Very pleasant initial descent through a stand of native trees, we soon cleared the bush onto a farm track, which took us down, down to the turn off to Kirk track. We briefly visited Anne Falls and had a little break at the junction to Anne Falls and Kirk track. A short respite before crossing a small stream to begin our climb, climb. We were back at the cars very early so drove around to the Bellbird for lunch. I need to thank the Revell family Christina, Lynley and Diane for such great company. We had a quality morning, rather than quantity morning. Everybody enjoyed the morning thank you all.

Michael B

Enjoyed a great trip with the Club?

Why not write up a Trip Report so others can enjoy reading about it? Please email to the club at: hagleytrampingclub@yahoo.co.nz

Good Trip Photos needed too! Email us your best photos with a note on locations.

Trip Pics



Club Dress-Up Xmas Party!





Banks Peninsula Southern Bays



Conway River



Patutu, Kaikoura



Lake Guyon

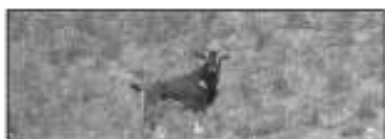


Omahu Track





Lake McRae, Molesworth Station



Hagley Tramping Club Committee

Chairperson	Dennis W	Tel. 359 1211
Club Captain	Mike R	Tel. 337 5944
Secretary	Sandra F	Tel. 354 9521
Treasurer	Heather H	Tel. 332 6281
Newsletter	Dennis W	Tel. 359 1211
Website	Claire T	Tel. 339 0992
Members Contact	Sandra F	Tel. 354 9521

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 Crescent Hall is the venue for most of our general meetings. Abberley Crescent continues west from Edgeware Rd after it crosses Springfield Rd.

Trip Gradings

Grade	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 PLUS	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	Sun glasses	
Sun screen	Sun hat	

*Due to changeable and often unpredictable nature of the weather in Canterbury, a good waterproof parka and warm clothing must be carried for all trips.

Overnight Trips

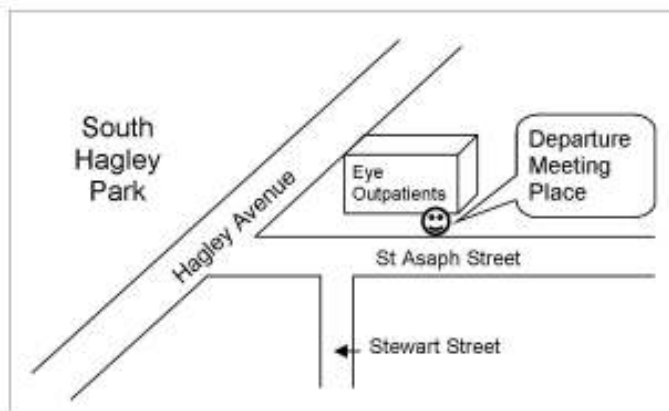
If you are planning to go on an overnight trip, please contact Trip Leader for information about food and equipment requirements.

St Asaph St Departure Point

As departure points can differ by trip, always check the Trip Schedule for correct departure location.

This map shows the location of the St Asaph Street departure place, outside the Christchurch Hospital Eye Department. Please arrive at the meeting place at least 5 minutes before the departure time.

Car pooling is organised when the group meets.



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. The club owns two which have been purchased with funding from the Christchurch City Council.

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: Sandra 03 980 4140; Dennis 03 359 1211; Bronwyn 03 359 7331; Neal 03 343 6980

Club Membership

Our annual membership subscription is \$25 single or \$30 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.