

# 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.

Billies over the smoky fire at historic Stanley Vale Hut. The end of an era as the open fire is shortly to be replaced with an enclosed log burner.



## **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	Pat Nolan	Ph 0211679338
Treasurer	Claire T	Ph 0210762500
Secretary	Dennis W	Ph 021 243 9999
Committee	Heather H (Website)	Ph 021 079 7101
	Dennis W (Newsletter)	Ph 021 243 9999
	Sally B	Ph 338 1097
	Pat N	Ph 021 167 9338
	Tere L	Ph 981 6431
Club Captain	Bill T	Ph 354 2277
New members contact	Wendy T	Ph 354 2277

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 Meetings are not “closed.” Any club member is welcome to come along to our meetings.

## **Transport Costs**

At the last Committee Meeting we revised our transport cost to \$16/hr one way. If it is a 2 hour trip the transport cost is \$16/person.

If the driver has a full car of passengers it is generally expected the cost per person will be reduced. This is at the driver’s discretion.

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

<b>Sunday 19 January</b>	<b>Pinchgut Hut Day Trip</b>
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We will drive to Fox Creek, leave the cars and cross the Okuku River (you will get wet feet) to follow the track to Pinchgut Hut for lunch.

Return the same way or if it's a lovely hot day then bring a change of clothes and we can amble our way down Whare Stream.

*Please phone Claire if you are intending to join this trip.*

Leader Claire Ph 021 076 2500

Easy-Moderate

Transport \$16

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.30am.

<b>Wednesday 22 January about 6.00pm</b>	<b>Club Picnic and Games Night Abberley Park</b>
Our traditional New Year picnic at Abberley Park.	
Bring your picnic with one dish to share and an outdoor game.	
Then work off the calories with outdoor games.	
No booking required just come.	
Picnic on east boundary of the park (closest to Springfield Rd)	

<b>Saturday 25 &amp; Sunday 26 January</b>	<b>Tarns above Cass Saddle</b>
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Starting at Cass we walk up the Cass River to the saddle. From Cass Saddle we climb, then sidle into the stream that leads up to the tarns. Return the same way. Bring your own tent cooker etc.

Maps BV29 & BV21

Leaders Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277

Moderate Plus

Transport \$25

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 19 January

<b>Sunday 02 February</b>	<b>Wharfedale Hut Day Trip</b>
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We will drive to the car park on View Hill and tramp to the Wharfedale Hut lunch and return the same way. Nice forest trip – ideal for a hot summer’s day!

*Please phone Tere if you are intending to join this trip.*

Leader Tere L Ph 981 6431

Moderate

Transport \$16

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.00am

<b>Sunday 09 February</b>	<b>(No planned trip)</b>
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<b>Wednesday 12 February at 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Committee Meeting at Claire’s in Hoon Hay.	

<b>Sunday 16 February</b>	<b>Bealey Spur APNP</b>
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A steady gradient climbs up the Bealey Spur for lunch at the historic Bealey Spur Hut. Great views of Arthurs Pass mountains. An option to climb the high point beyond the hut for those fit and keen. Return the same way.

*Please phone Bronwyn if you are intending to join this trip.*

Leader Bronwyn M Ph 022 506 2442

Moderate

Transport \$30

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am.

**Sunday 23 February**

**Waipara River or Caringa Ridge**

Two options both of which are pending farmer agreement.

Waipara River gorge. Home territory of the recently discovered giant penguin fossils and home of spectacular concretions. Come prepared to get wet! We will do this walk only if river conditions and water quality allow.

Alternatively, we will do a farm walk up the Caringa limestone ridge (off Motunau Beach Road). A fascinating area of limestone formations and with spectacular views out to the coast. Farmer permission pending. Afternoon tea afterwards at Glenlock.

*Please phone Glenda if you are intending to join this trip.*

Leader Glenda F 03 314 3365

Easy

Transport \$20

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.30am.

**Wednesday 26 February 7.00pm**

**Club Restaurant Night**

Costas Taverna 3/478 Cranford Street, Redwood.

<https://costastaverna.co.nz/>

Please book with Pat N Ph 021 167 9338 by Sunday 23 Feb

!!NOTE Booking for this trip by Friday 21 Feb!!

<b>Saturday Feb 29 to Sunday 01 March</b>	<b>Avoca Homestead Base Camp</b>
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Drive to end of the Craigieburn Road where Pat has agreed to ferry camping gear across the river to the homestead in his truck.

On Saturday suggested activity is a stroll down the Broken River bed or along the farm road on the true right heading down stream.

Sunday: Pack up early and drive back to the old mine then walk along the route of the Tramway.

Of course, anyone who wants to just laze at Avoca Homestead or other suggestions are most welcome.

Leader Tere L Ph 981 6431

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Transport \$35

Please book with Tere by Friday 21 Feb.

<b>Sunday 08 March</b>	<b>Thirteen Mile Bush to Benmore Hut</b>
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A farmland and bush tramp between Springfield and Porters Pass. Lunch at the hut and return the same way.

*Please phone Pat if you are intending to join this trip.*

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338

Moderate

Transport \$15

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.30am

<b>Saturday 14 &amp; Sunday 15 March</b>	<b>Princess Bath &amp; Mt Princess</b>
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Drive up to Lake Tennyson and begin walking the 4WD track to Maling Pass then up to Princess Bath to camp beside the tarn. Next morning, we have the option to climb Mt Princess (2126m) before descending back down to the 4WD track and back to the cars. Tents required for this trip.

Leader Claire T Ph 021 076 2500

Moderate Plus

Transport \$45

Please book with Claire by Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Sunday 22 March</b>	<b>Crater Rim Walkway</b>
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Sign of the Kiwi to Godley Head. Plan is to split the party and have a group coming in from each end. If we don't have two cars we will start at the Sign of the Kiwi to halfway and return the same way.

(Gold coin transport cost if start and return to the Sign of the Kiwi. The \$10 transport cost is for the car at each end option.)

*Please phone Sally if you are intending to join this trip.*

Leader Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419      Easy                      Transport \$10

Depart from Cashmere Rd outside Princess Margaret Hosp at 8.30am

<b>Wednesday 25 March 7.30pm</b>	<b>Club Social Night – Treasure Hunt</b>
Meet at Abberley Cres Hall at 7.30pm for general catch up. Then Tere has organised a “Treasure Hunt” to keep us out and active. Return to the Hall for supper.	

<b>Saturday 28 &amp; Sunday 29 March</b>	<b>Peel Forest &amp; Rangitata Gorge</b>
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Option 1: Depart ChCh mid-afternoon to camp (tents required) at the Peel Forest Camp with night forest walk and the Rangitata Gorge on Sunday. OR

Option 2: Depart ChCh 8.00am & meet campers at Arundel on Sunday morning for the Rangitata Gorge trip only.

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999                      Moderate                      Transport \$35

Please book with Dennis by Sunday 22 March

<b>Sunday 05 April</b>	<b>Mt Somers (1687m)</b>
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This Tramp will take us to the top of Mt Somers 1687 m. Hiking up the south face of the walkway. I've been around Mt Somers many times but never been to the top so I'm really looking forward to this one!

*Please phone Pat if you are intending to join this trip.*

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

Depart from Z Station Main South Rd Templeton at 8.00am

<b>Friday 10 to Monday 13 April Easter Weekend</b>	<b>No planned trip for this weekend.</b>
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<b>Wednesday 15 April at 7.00 pm</b>	<b>Trip Planning Meeting</b>
Trip Planning at Pat's in Burnside.	

<b>Sunday 19 April</b>	<b>Rabbit Hill (1198m)</b>
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Rabbit Hill is just south of Lake Lyndon. We drive to the other side of Porters Pass, climb the ridge track to Trip M and follow the ridge along to Rabbit Hill. Return the same way.

*Please phone Dennis if you are intending to join this trip.*

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999                      Moderate                      Transport \$16

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am

<b>Wednesday 22 April (time)</b>	<b>(Pending)</b>
We were unable to confirm an event before publication of this Newsletter. Any update will be emailed to All Members and posted on the Club Website.	



!!NOTE Expression of interest required by end of March!!

<b>Saturday 25 to Monday 27 April</b>	<b>Kurow Base Camp</b>
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Staying at the Kurow Holiday Park on the Waitaki River will give us a variety of walking & biking options.

Saturday leave ChCh early to allow time for shorter walking/biking tracks (Benmore Peninsula, Kurow Hill) before a pot-luck evening meal at the lodge.

Sunday tramping the Kirkliston Range or bike a section of the Alps 2 Ocean, which passes through the town. Kurow to Duntroon is 28km.

Monday after packing up we plan to visit Studholme Bush which provides a range of tracks overlooking Waimate and the Pacific Ocean.

Leaders Bill & Wendy T Ph 354 2277 or 022 398 5214 All Transport \$50

An expression of interest by the end of March to enable facilities to be booked. (\$35 pp in lodge) Cabins and powered/non-powered sites available.

Final confirmation by Friday 17 April.

<b>Wednesday 29 April at 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Committee Meeting at Bill & Wendy's in Redwood.	

<b>Sunday 03 May</b>	<b>Hilltop, Banks Peninsula</b>
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Drive up Okuti Valley near Little River and park at the Reserve. A steady climb to the saddle near French Hill and onto Hilltop Tavern for refreshments.

Return the same way.

*Please phone Sally if you are intending to join this trip.*

Leaders Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419 Moderate Transport \$15  
And Vesna 021 277 2422

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

!!NOTE Following trip is on Saturday. Sunday is Mother's Day!!

<b>Saturday 09 May</b>	<b>Little Mt Herbert</b>
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Come for a tramp to Little Mt Herbert from Kaituna Valley Rd for some of the best views of Banks Peninsula and Canterbury.

*Please phone Bill & Wendy if you are intending to join this trip.*

Leaders Bill & Wendy T Ph 354 2277 or 022 398 5214      Easy-Moderate      Transport \$10

Depart from outside Halswell School on the Akaroa Rd at 8.00am

<b>Saturday 16 &amp; Sunday 17 May</b>	<b>Goat Pass Hut APNP</b>
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Drive up to Greyneys Shelter then follow the Mingha track to Goat Pass Hut for the night. Option to explore further up the Deception River or take a side trip to Lake Mavis

Leader Claire T Ph 021 076 2500      Moderate      Transport \$32

Please book with Claire by Sunday 10 May.

<b>Sunday 24 May</b>	<b>Hogs Back Track</b>
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Hogs Back Track connects Castle Hill Village and the Craigieburn Ski Field Roads. Interesting track with a variety of forest and tussocks landscapes.

*Please phone Heather if you are intending to join this trip.*

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101 or 332 6281      Easy-Moderate      Transport \$20

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.30am

**Wednesday 27 May at 7.30pm**

**TA Trail and AGM**

Pat and Claire will talk on preparing for the Te Araroa Trail. Last year they told us about the trip itself but lots of members have asked them about gear and food.

We do not have a booking for Abberley Crescent Hall. The talk and AGM will be at Heathers home in Halswell. Access to the subdivision is off Halswell Junction Rd>Denali St. Please contact Heather H 021 079 7101 or 332 6281 for address details.

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## ***Trip Reports***

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### **Kaituna Valley round trip 12 January**

Due to a ferocious weather forecast for inland Canterbury areas the planned trip to the Rangitata Gorge was abandoned (for now ) and Trip Leader Dennis decided to do a more local walk.

We headed to Kaituna Valley on a glorious morning. Not too windy yet but it soon built up ! A quick car shuttle ensured waiting transport at the end of the trip. We started off uphill towards the Packhorse Hut where we planned to stop for morning tea. It was quite a grunt up the steep stony path but soon the bushes and trees gave way to lovely views over open grassland.

It was getting pretty warm now so at the hut we were glad to rehydrate and refuel our water bottles while we enjoyed the magnificent sight of Lyttelton Harbour and distant mountains far up Pegasus Bay to Kaikoura. The air was very clear allowing these far reaching views. Visits to the toilet ensured laughter as the little house threatened to be blown off its foundations in the now wild winds!

We then toiled up the grassy zig zag path towards imposing rocky cliffs, the hut below staying in view for a long time until we reached the bush. The slope levelled off as we by passed Mt. Bradley. We stopped for lunch at the Mt. Herbert Shelter and gazed down at the magnificent views all around. Lyttelton

harbour was looking especially lovely with its surrounding rugged crater rim and Quail Island lying peacefully down below.

And then a short walk on up to the summit of Mt. Herbert. After that walking was much easier, flat or downhill with only an occasional short uphill stretch. The track we wanted to go back down into Kaituna Valley was not well marked but we could see the path so soon picked it up (and finally a sign post !) Now it was an easy and constant descent back to the waiting car. Another quick car shuttle and we were on our way home. Two planned stops for coffee were thwarted by both venues being closed !

It was a really lovely day out. Hopefully the two new folk who joined us ( Frank and Jessica....welcome ! ) will feel inclined to come out with us again.

Sally

### **Stanley Vale Hut late December**

Seven keen trampers signed up for this years Xmas/New Year outing: Glenda, Dennis, Wendy and Bill, Sally and Chris and Me.

After a dusty drive to Fowler Hut a steady pace was set to the summit of Fowler Pass, the well graded climb reflecting that this was originally a horse pack track. Lunch was taken once the shelter of Smyths Stream was reached despite a sunny sky as there was a cold breeze from the south.

There was evidence that rain fall had been good this year with the rivers running strongly and plenty of bogs and mud holes.

Stanley Vale hut was reached in 4 hours with no major dramas and 3 humans, 2 horses and 4 dogs were found in residence.

Tents were pitched and some keen souls took a stroll up Lookout Hill before dinner and after a merry cocktail hour there was a general move to bed enlivened by the arrival of a 4th occupant of the hut and another horse.

A sharpish frost overnight left those of us who sleep alone regretting our new light weight sleeping bags, the married couples apparently got a good night's sleep.

The sun was soon up and after breakfast we all walked down to Lake Guyon and around to Lake Hill. Where we climbed up onto the ridge for a great view over the Waiau Valley. Glenda and I then returned to camp via the lake shore and had a gentle amble down Stanley River while the remaining keen, young (& not so young!) and fit continued up the ridge to the summit returning to camp via Glenrae Flat.

By now all the transitory occupants of the hut had moved on leaving only the resident vermin for company. By morning we had trapped 2 mice on the table, and I had an encounter with a rat in the dunny. Another fun filled cocktail hour and off to bed for an early start heading home.

Fowler Pass was again crossed at a steady pace on another warm day after a more comfortable night and the cars were reached by midday. All that was left to do was enjoy an excellent but latish lunch at Culverden Hotel and goodbyes at Wendy and Bills place.

Tere

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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 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***

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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 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***

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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: Wendy 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/>