

Hagley Tramping Club

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Welcome to the **Hagley Tramping Club** Newsletter & Trip Program

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.



Mist covers Lake Te Anau on day two of the Kepler Track.

(See page 12 for Sally's Trip Report.)

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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	Tere L	Ph 981 6431
Treasurer	Claire T	Ph 021 076 2500
Secretary	Dennis W	Ph 021 243 9999
Club Captain	Bill T	Ph 354 2277
Committee	Heather H (Website)	Ph 021 079 7101
	Dennis W (Newsletter)	Ph 021 243 9999
	Carol B	Ph 021 2222 054
	Pat N	Ph 021 167 9338
	Sally B	Ph 338 1097
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.

Membership Renewal

Our Financial Year is from 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. Membership renewals are due this coming March/April.

Membership cost is single \$30 and family \$35.

Membership renewal forms are at the bottom of our home page:

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

Early Notification Mid Winter Xmas!

Midwinter Xmas Weekend July 17 – 18.

Reserve this date!

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Saturday 06 to Monday 08 February (Waitangi Weekend)	Reefton Base Camp
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There are multiple tramping options in the Reefton area. One definite day trip is Waiuta to Big River. The other day trip to be decided at the time.

Accommodation details pending.

Leaders:

Glenda F 03 314 3365/022 411 9099

Easy-Moderate Transport \$50

Dennis W 021 243 9999

Please book with Dennis by end of November.

Sunday 14 Feb	Camp Saddle/Lyndon Saddle
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We drive to the Craigieburn Ski Field Rd leave the cars and hike up the Craigieburn Valley Track to the turn off to Camp Saddle. From Camp Saddle it's a ridge walk to a shingle slide down to the Lyndon Saddle and return to the cars.

Please book with Sally if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Sally B 338 1097/021 127 6419

Moderate

Transport \$20

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am

Wednesday 17 February at 7.30 pm	Committee Meeting
Committee Meeting at Pat's in Avonhead.	

Sunday 21 Feb	Mt Guy Hakatere Conservation Park
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Starting from Lake Clearwater we will hike up to the summit of Mt Guy (1319m) before returning via a different track.

Please book with Pat if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Pat N 021 167 9338 Moderate Transport \$30

Depart from Z Station Main Road Templeton at 8.00am.

Sunday 28 Feb	Leith Hill & Cave Stream
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In the morning climb Leith Hill (2 hours Easy-Moderate).

After lunch we will traverse the Cave Stream cave (grade depends on water level) or you can do some more walking if caves aren't your thing.

For the cave you MUST bring a head torch, warm clothing and a change of clothes for after as you will get wet. Most of the cave is ankle to knee level but a couple of pools can reach hip/waist level. Phone Heather for more information.

Please book with Heather if you are intending to join this trip.

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

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 9.30am

Wednesday 24 February	Club Social Event
	Walk & Fish'n'Chips
A walk to checkout Nga Puna Wai Sports Hub and the Canterbury Agricultural Park. Return to Sally's for tea of Fish'n'Chips.	
Meet at Sally's in Warren Crescent at 6.00pm Ph 338 1097	

Saturday 06 & Sunday 07 March	Carroll Hut, Kelly Range
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Depart Saturday morning to Kellys Creek car park, a few kms passed Otira. We have a good hard climb through forest and alpine shrub to Carroll Hut situated on a tussock flat above the bushline. The next day climb Kelly's Hill (1394m) and return home the same way. Carroll Hut has no heating, so warm clothes essential.

Leader Claire T 021 076 2500

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Claire by Sunday 28 Feb.

Sunday 14 March	Waipara Gorge
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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.

Please book with Glenda if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Glenda 03 314 3365

Easy

Transport \$15

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.30am

Sunday 21 March	Te Oka Reserve & Tumbledown Bay
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Te Oka Reserve is on the south side of Banks Peninsula. We drive to the Bossu Rd where we leave the cars and take the track down to Tumbledown Bay to explore and have lunch. A swim if the weather is still warm. The altitude change is 540m each way so be prepared for a long climb back to the cars. There is no shelter on this track so be prepared for sun or wind.

Please book with Dennis if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Dennis W 021 243 9999

Easy-Moderate

Transport \$15

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

Wednesday 24 March**Club Social Event – Line Dancing**

Our usual quick catch-up meeting with Line Dancing to follow. “Line Dancing is great exercise to great music, with great people” (What more could you ask for??) We will be trained and led by a dynamic instructor so come prepared for a fun night. Line dancing originated in the country – so dress accordingly!

Supper to follow.

Meet Abberley Park Hall at 7.30pm.

**Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 March****Lake Mavis APNP**

We drive to Greyneys Shelter to leave the cars. Tramp up the Mingha River to Goat Pass then a steep climb to Lake Mavis at 1500m to camp the night. On Sunday return the same way. Tents are required for this trip.

Leader Bronwyn M 022 506 2442

Moderate-Hard

Transport \$25

Please book with Bronwyn by Sunday 21 March

NOTE There is no long trip planned for Easter. However, day trips are planned for both Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Friday 02 April – Good Friday**Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park**

Trip starts at the car park off the hairpin this side of Porters Pass. Climbing to Trig M via Coach Stream Route and return via Old Coach Rd.

Please book with Sally if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Sally B 338 1097/021 127 6419

Moderate

Transport \$15

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car part at 8.00am.

Monday 05 April – Easter Monday	Ashburton River Bike Trip
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Start from SH1 Bridge in Ashburton and bike the river track to the Ashburton River mouth (Hakaterere) for lunch and back the same way. The track has a compact surface and graded “Easy” Round trip is 38km. Unless by arrangement with someone else, you will need to transport your own bike.

Please book with Dennis if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Dennis W 021 243 9999 NA Transport NA

Depart from Main South Rd outside Cookie Time at 8.30am.

Saturday 10 - Wednesday 14 April	St James Walkway
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A classic multiday tramp in the St James Conservation area. Five days and four huts. Hut tickets or Annual Pass required.

Leaders Glenda 03 314 3365 and Moderate Transport \$40
Dennis 021 243 9999

Please book with Dennis or Glenda by Easter Sunday.

Sunday 18 April	Awa Awa Rata Reserve - Scotts Saddle
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This trip is in the Mt Hutt Forest. Starting at the Reserve the 10km round trip climbs up the ridge to Scotts Saddle then down into Pudding Hill Stream. We follow the stream down to Alders Track which is a short walk back to the cars. Expect to get wet from multiple crossings of the stream.

Please book with Pat if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Pat N 021 167 9338 Moderate Transport \$20

Depart from the Z Station in Templeton at 8.00am

Wednesday 21 April at 7.30 pm

Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting at Carol's in Avonhead.

**Saturday 24 April – Monday 26 April
ANZAC Weekend**

Lake Heron Base Camp

On Saturday we will drive to the Lake Heron Camp ground and set-up tents. The camp ground is basic with water and toilet only. From the base camp we will head out on day trips in the Lake Heron area.

Multiple trip options in this area.

Leader Heather H 332 6281/ 021 079 7101 ALL Transport \$30

Please book with Heather by Sunday 18 April

Wednesday 28 April

Curry Time Indian Restaurant

Club restaurant night at Curry Time, 284A Main North Rd.

Meet at 6.30pm. Bookings required.

Please book with Wendy T 354 2277/022 398 5214 by Sunday 25 April.

Sunday 02 May

Ryde Falls Oxford Forest

Join us for a walk through this pretty forest. Parts of the track could be muddy and possibly frosty. The falls are surprisingly impressive, a series of five steps of which three are visible from the bottom. Return to cars via same route. Warm clothes essential.

Please book with Claire if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Claire T 021 076 2500 Easy Transport \$15

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.30am

Saturday 08 & Sunday 09 May	Cow Stream Hot Springs
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Cow Stream Hot Springs are in the St James Conservation area. From the Lake Tennyson Rd there is about 3 hrs of undulating track walking. There will be time to soak in the springs and explore the area. Tent required and don't forget togs and towel.

Leader Claire T 021 076 2500 Moderate Transport \$40

Please book with Claire by Sunday 02 May

Sunday 16 May	Stony Bay Valley Banks Peninsula
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Stony Bay Valley is in the southern part of Hinewai. Round trip is from Brocherie's Rd around Stony Bay Peak and down a track through Stony Bay valley. A feature is the dense & varied native flora. Return options to be decided on the day but we can go over Stony Bay Peak on the return.

Please book with Dennis if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Dennis W 021 243 9999 Easy-Moderate Transport \$25

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

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 May	Cameron Hut
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Cameron Hut is a Canterbury Mountaineering Club hut that sleeps 9. It's near Lake Heron set at the bottom of the Arrowsmith mountain range. Walk in is 5-6 hours. Bring own tents & cookers etc.

Maps: BX19, BW19 and BW18

Leaders Bill & Wendy T 354 2277 Moderate Transport \$30
OR 022 398 5214

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 16 May.

Wednesday 26 May 7.30pm

AGM & Social Night

Abberley Park Hall

Following the AGM, Sally is organising a cryptic pics competition. What is the movie or book or TV show conveyed by the picture? Lateral thinking an advantage! A team game - teams decided on the night.

Followed by supper.

Sunday 30 May

Mt Pukanui 1145m

Mt Pukanui is inland from Mayfield. We will cross farmland on an easement. The conservation land has no tracks to access Moorhouse Range and Mt Pukanui.

There should be good views down to Rangitata Gorge. Map BX19

Please book with Bill & Wendy if you intend joining this trip.

Leaders Bill & Wendy T 354 2277 &

022 398 5214

Moderate

Transport \$25

Depart from Z Station in Templeton at 7.30am

Wednesday 02 June at 7.00 pm

Trip Planning Meeting

Meet at Dennis's in Bishopdale.

Saturday 05 - Monday 07 June

Queens Birthday Weekend

No planned trip.

Sunday 13 June	Bealey Spur APNP
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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 book with Carol if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Carol B 021 222 2054 Easy-Moderate Transport \$25

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am.

Wednesday 16 June at 7.30 pm	Committee Meeting
Committee Meeting at Claire's in Hoon Hay.	

Sunday 20 June	Mt Bradley Banks Peninsula
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We drive to Kaituna Valley and climb to the Packhorse Hut. From there we take the zig zag track towards Mt Herbert branching off to the summit of Mt Bradley. Explore the summit & have lunch before returning.

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

Leader Tere L 981 6431 Easy-Moderate Transport \$10

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

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Trip Report

Kepler Track

11- 14th November 2020

Eleven of us gathered in Te Anau at the clean and comfortable YHA hostel the day before we set off on the Kepler Track, one of the many Great Walks which have been very popular with local Kiwis now that we are unable to go overseas.

The first day of the trip dawned bright and sunny putting us all in a cheerful mood. We drove to the track start first and then took a couple of cars to Rainbow Reach, another possible finish, where Kevin and Heather's van was left ready for our return. Then off we set following an easy path along the edge of Lake Te Anau to Brod Bay.

Now we began to climb. The track would take us up high above the lake to Luxmore Hut, our first destination on this four day walk. The initial slight gradient soon became much steeper and climbed up and up relentlessly! We passed the magnificent limestone bluffs, huge rocky cliffs that towered up alongside the track before a final grunt up to the bushline where the gradient at last eased. Here we enjoyed our lunch, sitting and lying in the warm sunshine with amazing views all around. And then it was a short walk along an open subalpine path to Luxmore Hut. The views all around and down over Lake Te Anau were superb making the hard climb up well worth it. After refreshing drinks of tea and coffee we enjoyed a short walk to the nearby caves though Glenda's experience was marred by slipping on the muddy floor and hurting her lower back badly. Later on in the evening we were invited by the hut warden, Alison, to join her on a delightful talk about the local flora and geology.

Day two took us higher still along a stony path that was sometimes rough, at other times smooth and easy but always with amazing views down to the lake far below, to the Murchison Mountains and to far distant peaks. The weather was very sunny though a cold wind blew. We dropped our packs at a sign that promised a short 10 minute detour to the summit of Mt. Luxmore but we left one person to watch the packs as a pesky kea was clearly determined to investigate and destroy them!

We stopped for a break and some snacks at Forest Burn shelter and later for lunch at Hanging Valley shelter. In spite of knowing their wicked behaviour keas still managed to steal two bags of scroggin! One seized a bag just as Chris was unpacking to find his lunch and another sneaked under the hut and pulled out a bag of goodies from Kevin's supposedly well-guarded pack.

We now started to descend from the lovely open subalpine slopes and before long re-entered the bush. The path down to the Iris Burn hut was steep and unrelenting, seeming to go on for ever, but eventually we reached the valley floor and the hut where we soon brewed welcome cups of tea/coffee. It was still early afternoon so various groups walked along to the Iris Burn falls. They were lovely and though the sunshine was warm the water was very cold so not enticing for a swim. We learned later that after a swim in the equally cold river a woman from another party had become unwell and everyone watched with great interest as a helicopter landed to take her off the track away to hospital.

The lovely weather continued on day three. Our route took us through a pretty grassy valley and wonderful bush where there were large areas of gorgeous ferns alongside the track. It was beautiful. With no risk of getting lost we split up into several small groups all walking at varying speeds. We reached Lake Manapouri and Motarau hut around lunch time so had the whole afternoon to explore further around Shallow Bay and most of us enjoyed a swim in the lake which was wonderfully refreshing as it was a very warm day. The hut warden gave a most interesting and well presented talk in the evening about the development of the Manapouri Power Station and the use of nearby island sanctuaries where endangered species of birds are protected and bred. Lecture theatres, sitting on the shore as the light slowly faded, don't come any better!

Our last day was pretty much an easy bush walk all the way but very lovely and varied. We got to Rainbow Reach late morning and this was where the van had been left earlier. We were invited to dump our packs here and finish the 9kms of the walk with no pack at all or just a light day bag. Milomir chose to run the distance!

And so ended our excellent four day tramp. We headed back into Te Anau, back to showers in the YHA hostel and later on a very nice meal together in the town, apart from Vesna and Milomir who headed off to Invercargill to prepare for another walk, on Stewart Island. The rest of the party dispersed the next day feeling well pleased with our trip.

Thanks for organising Heather – another really great 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. Abberley Crescent continues west from Edgeware Rd after it crosses Springfield Rd.

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 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	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.

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