

## Waimea Tramping Club Programme – March-June 2024

When planning to go on any trips please contact the leader by **Monday night** for an overnight trip and by **Thursday night** for a day trip. Make phone calls before **9pm** please. If you are staying in a hut, remember your hut tickets! You, NOT THE CLUB, are responsible for your safety and well-being on trips.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Trip</u>	<u>Grade &amp; Cost</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<b>Wednesday 6 March</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT: DOC Motueka</b>	<b>7:30pm Fish &amp; Game Rooms, Champion Road, Richmond</b> <i>Gold coin donation</i>	
DOC senior rangers will talk about work done recently in our region and future plans.			
<b>Saturday 9 March</b>	<b>Tableland Crossover Kahurangi National Park</b>	<b>Moderate \$25</b>	<b>Sue J. 021 267 1298</b>
One group to start at Flora Saddle, and take in Flora Hut, Gridiron Rock Shelters, Upper Junction, Lower Junction, Asbestos Cottage, through to the Cobb Dam Road. Swap keys half-way with the other group doing this route in reverse. About 7-8 hrs.			
<b>Mon 11-Thu 14 March</b>	<b>Totaranui Abel Tasman National Park</b>	<b>Moderate \$40</b>	<b>Di 021 144 3471</b>
An opportunity to join Auckland Tramping Club staying at Ngarata Homestead in Totaranui (\$35 per person/per night). Stay any night or all 3 nights. Walks include the Gibbs Hill/Whariwharangi/Coastal Track loop.			
<b>Saturday 16 March</b>	<b>Pearse Resurgence Kahurangi National Park</b>	<b>Moderate \$18</b>	<b>Marian 541 0842</b>
Walk from the ford in the Pearse Valley to the resurgence for lunch. This is a summer classic – wet feet are guaranteed as there are 11 stream crossings each way.			
<b>Fri 22-Sun 24 March</b>	<b>Diamond Lake Kahurangi National Park</b>	<b>Moderate/hard \$34</b>	<b>David S. 544 1573</b>
Day 1: From the Cobb Dam, head up past Sylvester Hut, over Iron Hill and down to camp by Diamond Lake - about 6½ hours. Day 2: Full day trip up Mount Lockett and return. Day 3: Go up to Lake Lillie, on to Sylvester Hut and back down to the dam - about 6½ hours. Mostly off-track, much of it on the tops, with two nights camping.			
<b>Sunday 24 March</b>	<b>Maitai Caves from Smiths Ford Maitai Valley</b>	<b>Easy \$6</b>	<b>Terri 021 248 1338</b>
Drive up the Maitai Valley to Smiths Ford. From there walk along the cycle track to Maitai Dam and on to the Maitai Caves. Return the same way.			
<b>Easter 29 March-1 April</b>	<b>Cobb Valley Kahurangi National Park</b>	<b>All grades \$34</b>	<b>Jamila 027 644 6145</b>
From our base at the Cobb Hostel / Mohua Houses (about \$15 per person/per night), spend Easter doing day walks in the beautiful Cobb Valley. Options include Lake Sylvester, Iron Hill, Asbestos Cottage, Mt Peel, Balloon Hut, Chaffey Hut etc.			
<b>Wednesday 3 April</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT: Ella Range Circuit by Peter Laurenson</b>	<b>7:30pm Fish &amp; Game Rooms, Champion Road, Richmond</b> <i>Gold coin donation</i>	
Our April speaker is Peter Laurenson, who will take us on a photographic tour of the route along the Ella Range from Mole Tops to McKellar Stream. For past or aspiring Everest base camp trekkers, Peter published his book KHUMBU Pathways to Kinship in August 2021 and will have copies available at the presentation for anyone wishing to get a copy at a reduced price.			
<b>Saturday 6 April</b>	<b>Dew Lakes - Maungatapu Circuit Bryant Range</b>	<b>Moderate \$6</b>	<b>Di 021 144 3471</b>
From the Maitai Dam head up to Dew Lakes and then go over the summit of Maungatapu to the Maungatapu Saddle. Return to the dam via the 4WD road. About 8 hours.			
<b>Sunday 14 April</b>	<b>Robert Ridge - Speargrass Circuit Nelson Lakes National Park</b>	<b>Moderate/hard \$25</b>	<b>Marian 541 0842</b>
From Mt Robert carpark go up the Pinchgut Track and along the Robert Ridge to Julius Summit and then descend a ridge to connect up with the Speargrass Track. Follow along the Speargrass Track back to Mt Robert carpark. About 7.5 hours.			
<b>Sunday 21 April</b>	<b>Elaine Bay - Penzance Bay Marlborough Sounds</b>	<b>Easy \$25</b>	<b>Robert 544 0142</b>
Take the coastal walk along Archers Track beside Tennyson Inlet from Elaine Bay to Penzance Bay then return the same way. About 3 hours each way.			
<b>Thu 25-Sun 28 April</b>	<b>Kaihoka Farmstay Golden Bay</b>	<b>All grades \$40</b>	<b>Di 021 144 3471</b>
Spend an extended Anzac weekend staying in the comfort of the Kaihoka Homestead (about \$20 per person/per night). Many walks to do in the area: Puponga - Wharariki Beach crossover, Knuckle Hill etc. - as well as the coastal farm walk.			
<b>Wed 1 May</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT: Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>7:30pm Fish &amp; Game Rooms, Champion Road, Richmond</b> <i>Gold coin donation</i>	

<b>Saturday 4 May</b>	<b>Holyoake Clearing Abel Tasman National Park</b>	<b>Moderate \$15</b>	<b>Sue J. 021 267 1298</b>
From Marahau walk along the Coast Track to just past the Tinline Campsite, then follow the track that goes uphill to Holyoake Clearing Shelter. This is about a 6 hour return trip.			
<b>Sat 11-Sun 12 May</b>	<b>Pelorus - Middy Hut - Maitai Crossover Mount Richmond Forest Park</b>	<b>Moderate \$15</b>	<b>Di 021 144 3471</b>
On Saturday one group starts at Pelorus road end and walks via Captains Creek Hut to Middy Hut, and the other group starts at the Maitai Dam and walks via Rocks Hut to Middy Hut. On Sunday, complete the crossover. Middy Hut (\$10 standard hut ticket) sleeps 6, so camping may be required. About 6 hours walking each day.			
<b>Saturday 11 May</b>	<b>Beebys Knob Mount Richmond Forest Park</b>	<b>Moderate \$19</b>	<b>Alison 545 8399 or 027 458 6847</b>
Start at the entry to the Unhinged Mountain Bike Track opposite Waireka Road on the Korere-Tophouse Road. After an hour the Unhinged Track meets up with the Beebys Knob Track. Continue through the bush on this track to meet the 4WD track and then go on to Beebys Knob. Return the same way. About 6½ hours in total.			
<b>Sunday 19 May</b>	<b>Maitai - Brook Crossover Bryant Range</b>	<b>Moderate \$4</b>	<b>Maria 027 716 9856</b>
Group A starts at the Maitai Dam and walks to Coppermine Saddle and on to Third House and out to the Brook Sanctuary. Group B starts at the Brook Sanctuary and goes past Third House to Coppermine Saddle and then down to the Maitai Dam. Hopefully we'll meet at lunchtime and have lunch together. About 7 hours in total.			
<b>Sat 25-Sun 26 May</b>	<b>Kings Creek Hut Kahurangi National Park</b>	<b>Moderate \$28</b>	<b>Jamila 027 644 6145</b>
Start at Rolling Junction and walk 3 to 4 hours to Kings Creek Hut (20 bunks, \$10 hut ticket). Explore the old gold workings and the historic Cecil Kings Hut, 5 minutes up the valley. Next day return the same way.			
<b>King's Birthday 1-3 June</b>	<b>D'Urville Island Marlborough Sounds</b>	<b>Easy/moderate \$50</b>	<b>Rob 541 8598 David W. text 021 201 5682</b>
Drive to French Pass in 4WDs then take them across to Kapowai on the ferry. Ferry costs will be around \$76 per person. Drive half an hour up to the Community Hall where we stay. Accommodation costs will be around \$60 per person for the 2 nights. Enjoy various day walks on the island. Book by Wednesday 1st May. Limited to 15 people.			
<b>Wednesday 5 June</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT: Sprig and Fern The Meadows</b>	<b>Sue J. 021 267 1298</b>	
Enjoy a meal and/or drinks together at the Sprig and Fern The Meadows, Berryfield Drive, Lower Queen St, Richmond.			
<b>Sunday 9 June</b>	<b>Champion Mine - Mt Malita Circuit Mount Richmond Forest Park</b>	<b>Moderate/hard \$9</b>	<b>David S. 544 1573</b>
From the Roding caretaker's house walk to Champion Mine, then up a scrubby spur to Mt Malita, and down the forestry road back to the cars. About 6½ hours return. The hard rating is because of a little bit of scrambling up a bouldery slope in the middle (makes it more interesting), but otherwise straightforward. Some minor river crossings on the way to Champion Mine.			
<b>Sunday 16 June</b>	<b>Blue Hill Hira</b>	<b>Easy/moderate \$5</b>	<b>David W. text 021 201 5682</b>
From Wakapuaka River on the Cable Bay Road walk a pleasant circuit in Cable Bay Adventure Park through bush on a mixture of trails and farm roads taking about 5 hours. Have refreshments at the park café afterwards.			
<b>Saturday 22 June</b>	<b>Mid-Winter Mystery Trip Nelson</b>	<b>Easy \$0</b>	<b>Alison 545 8399 or 027 458 6847</b>
Walk for up to a 4 hours on a different route from last time, followed by a visit to a local café for a yummy lunch. Bring winter cheer and some money to pay for your meal.			
<b>Matariki w/end 28-30 June</b>	<b>Palmer Lodge Lewis Pass</b>	<b>Moderate \$67</b>	<b>Esther 027 656 8228</b>
Stay at the Deer Stalker's Palmer Lodge opposite the Nina Valley. Do various walks in the area e.g. Nina Hut (6 hours), Mt Norma (8 hours), Lewis Tops (4 hours), Cannibal Gorge hut (7 hours). Possibly a short walk in Murchison area. Bunks \$40 for 2 nights, maximum of 15 people.			
<b>Saturday 29 June</b>	<b>Parachute Rocks &amp; St Arnaud Range Nelson Lakes National Park</b>	<b>Moderate \$22</b>	<b>Simon 021 0296 2282</b>
From Kerr Bay a steady climb to a big cairn at a high point on the range, then return. Spectacular views.			
<b>Wednesday 3 July</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT: Club Photo Competition</b>	<b>7:30pm Fish &amp; Game Rooms, Champion Road, Richmond Gold coin donation</b>	
The annual Photo Competition is always a club highlight. Please consider entering – <b>entries close Saturday 22 June</b> - then come and view the photos and place your vote for People's Choice. Winners in the five categories are decided by an external judge. Full details are on the club website under Reports/News > Photo Competition > 2024.			