

Waimea Tramping Club Programme – March-June 2023

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 & Cost</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Saturday 11 March	Champion Mine Circuit Mount Richmond Forest Park	Moderate \$9	Liz 027 434 2099 (text preferred)
From the Roding carpark, follow a 4WD track to the Champion Smelter site. Ascend United Creek to United Mine then climb a ridge for lunch. Descend to the Champion Mine and return via an old tramway track.			
Sunday 19 March	Speargrass Hut Nelson Lakes National Park	Moderate \$29	Robert W. 544 0142 (before 1pm)
A day trip from Mt Robert carpark to Speargrass Hut taking about 2½ hours, then return the same way.			
Saturday 25 March	Wooded Peak Bryant Range	Moderate \$2	Marian 541 0842
From Brook St follow the Dun Mountain Trail then a steady and steep climb to this 1111m peak then descend another track to Windy Point and return to Brook St. Takes 8-9 hours return.			
Saturday 1 April	Rabbit Island BBQ and Cricket Match with Nelson TC	No booking required	Esther 027 656 8228
Enjoy a BBQ and cricket game at Rabbit Island between Waimea Tramping Club and Nelson Tramping Club. Meet at Manuka Picnic Area from 12pm. Bring your own everything.			
Sunday 2 April	Captain Creek Mount Richmond Forest Park	Moderate \$25	Maria or Rob 541 8598
Drive up Pelorus Road and walk past Emerald Pools to Captain Creek Hut and return. Expect a 7 to 8 hour day.			
Wednesday 5 April	CLUB NIGHT: Gearshop	7:30pm, Fish & Game Rooms, Champion Road, Richmond <i>Gold coin donation</i>	
A talk by Gearshop, Nelson's outdoor gear specialists, about the latest lightweight tramping gear, the Garmin Inreach and other tramping gear that they have available.			
Saturday 8 April	St Arnaud Range from Rainbow Road Nelson Lakes National Park	Moderate \$30	Robert W. 544 0142 David W. 545 8399
From the Rainbow Road in the upper Wairau Valley walk partway up the skifield road alongside Six Mile Creek, then turn up a bush track (Powder Valley) and go past several tarns to the ridgeline of the St Arnaud Range.			
Sat-Sun 15-16 April	Awaroa Historic Sites Abel Tasman National Park	Easy/moderate \$40	Jeanne 545 0480 or 027 280 2281
Saturday drive to Awaroa Inlet. Explore historical sites around the estuary at low tide, taking 3-4 hours. Visit Hadfield Clearing and camp nearby. Sunday walk to Waiharakeke Bay taking 2-3 hours return, via estuary or from Awaroa Road. If time on the way home on Sunday afternoon, walk to Taupo Point via the coast from Wainui Bay, 2 hours return, or Wainui Falls 40 minutes return. Maximum 12 people.			
Sat-Sun 22-23 April	Camp Lake from Cobb Valley Kahurangi National Park	Moderate/hard \$37	David S. 027 216 1100
From Trilobite Hut go up the Cobb Valley to Camp Stream, then up a roughly marked route to camp at Camp Lake. Next day along the tops, down a spur to Chaffey Hut, and back to Trilobite. A lot of it is rugged off-track. About six hours tramping each day, plus breaks. Tents and warm gear essential.			
Sunday 23 April	Observation Beach Abel Tasman National Park	Easy/moderate \$15	Terri 021 248 1338
From Marahau an easy out and back walk along the Coast Track to Observation Beach. A total distance of about 18km, taking 6 hours altogether.			
Saturday 29 April	Hacket Hut & Chrome Track 50th Anniversary Trip	Easy/moderate \$5	Rob 541 8598
From Hacket carpark retrace the steps of the club's first tramp to Hacket Hut 50 years ago. Walkers are encouraged to dress up in outdoor or nature-inspired tramping attire, and there will be prizes for best costumes. Scones, tea and coffee will be provided on arrival at the hut. On the return trip there will be the option of doing the historic Chrome Track loop which the club worked alongside DOC to construct and which it now maintains.			

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Wednesday 3 May	CLUB NIGHT: AGM & Antarctica by Jenny Ridgen	7:30pm, Fish & Game Rooms, Champion Road, Richmond	<i>Gold coin donation</i>
Sunday 7 May	Goat Hill & Okiwi Bay Hill Marlborough Sounds	Easy/moderate \$20	Maria 027 716 9856
In Okiwi Bay Scenic Reserve climb Goat Hill, taking 2 hours. Walk down road 10 minutes to a private property. From a shed, climb through native bush to a hut taking 1 hour, then to a peak at 576m, a further 30 minutes. Return via loop track to the road and back to the cars. About 6 hours overall.			
Saturday 13 May	Bike Trip Richmond to Rabbit Island	Easy	David W. 545 8399
Start from just outside Raeward Fresh carpark and follow the Great Taste Trail to Rabbit Island, once there carry on to where the ferry crosses to Mapua, if time permits go across and have a nice lunch and go back the same way. Should be between 4 or 5 hours.			
Saturday 20 May	Whisky Falls & Coldwater Hut Nelson Lakes National Park	Easy/moderate \$25	Jamila 027 644 6145
Start at the Lakeside Track carpark on Mt Robert Road. Walk along the lake's edge for the majority of the track. A small uphill track will take us to Whisky Falls, a 40-metre-high waterfall surrounded by thick walls of moss and ferns. Continue to Coldwater Hut and return the same way. Takes 6 to 7 hours return.			
Sunday 28 May	Mt Evans Abel Tasman National Park	Moderate \$20	Robert W. 544 0142 (before 1pm)
From Canaan carpark follow track over Wainui Saddle, then just before Moa Park Shelter turn off onto an unmaintained track up a ridgeline to Mt Evans. Continue along the track over a few highpoints and out to the road at Canaan Saddle. Car shuttle needed. Takes about 6 hours altogether.			
Sat 3-Mon 5 June	Hanmer Springs Day Walks	Moderate \$85	Di 021 144 3471
King's Birthday Weekend - day trip options include Mt Dunblane, Mt Isobel, Dog Stream Waterfall, Lewis Tops, etc. Please book early so can organise accommodation (Hanmer Springs Forest Camp, approx. \$30pp/pn).			
Wednesday 7 June	CLUB NIGHT: NZ Alpine Flora and Fungi by Rebecca Bowater	7:30pm, Fish & Game Rooms, Champion Road, Richmond	<i>Gold coin donation</i>
Rebecca Bowater, a keen nature photographer, will show photos and talk about NZ alpine flora and fungi. She will be bringing a couple of her books which people can purchase: NZ Fungi \$45, NZ Alpine Flora \$60			
Saturday 10 June	Mt Robert Circuit Nelson Lakes National Park	Moderate \$25	Ian 027 949 3671
From Mt Robert carpark ascend Pinchgut Track to the ridgeline above Mt Robert and then down to Bushline Hut for lunch. Then descend Paddy's Track back to the start. A loop taking about 5 hours altogether.			
Sunday 18 June	Sclanders Creek, Maitai Valley Nelson	Moderate/hard \$6	David S. 027 216 1100
From Maitai Dam walk up the Sclanders Creek Track, past Maitai Caves, then head off track up a spur to Pt 753, then back on a shared bike track from Junction Saddle via Pt 812, Sunrise Ridge and Peaking Ridge. Takes around 7 hours.			
Saturday 24 June	Mid-Winter Mystery Tour Nelson	Easy	Alison 545 8399 or 027 458 6847
Usual format: 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 \$\$ to pay for your meal.			