

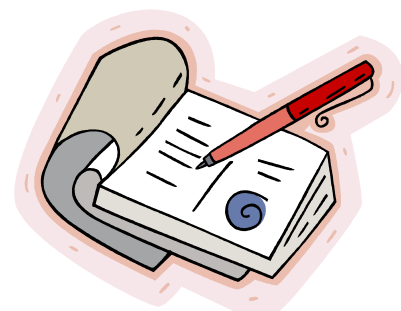
Trip Programme

Trip Date

Booking Information

January 29	Redwoods to Green/Blue Lake Grades 2+ & 1	Colin or Margaret 855 1335 Open 16 January
February 12	Golden Cross to Quarry Road Grades 2/3 & 1	Grant 853 3434 Open 30 January
February 26	Mangorewa River Headwaters Grades 3 & 1	Colin or Margaret [6.00 pm] 855 1335 Open 13 February
March 11	Dickeys Flat to Franklin Road Grades 1 & 2	Ann/Bernie 846 2460 Open 27 February
March 25	Hapuakohe South Grades 3 & 2	Peter or Audrey [6.00 pm] 854 5478 Open 12 March
April 8 [Easter]	Pipiwharauroa Wind Farm track All Grades	Just turn up [See write up]
April 20-23	Tongariro National Park All grades	Zoë or Hugh 855 3751 Open now

*See page 2 for new
bus pick up venue.*



Emergency Information

Wanderers' trips occasionally return up to an hour or more beyond the stated return time given in the Bulletin. This happens due to the variable nature of the tramp, the weather and the people on the tramp. However, in the event of a trip being seriously held up (possibly two hours after the time indicated), communication will be made through the Operations Room, Central Police Headquarters, Hamilton.

Trip Bookings

Remember that any default in notifying the leader of cancellation of bookings renders you liable for the cost of the trip.

Responsibility

"Whilst the committee will take all reasonable care to ensure the safety of participants on trips, the participants themselves undertake such trips entirely at their own risk and no responsibility will be accepted for accidents, injury, loss, delays or other misadventures which may occur or happen to members while on trips arranged by the Group."

[Constitution, Rule 29]

Booking Information

Bookings for trips open two weeks before the trip date **NOT BEFORE 5.30pm**. Please choose a suitable time to ring the number given. Avoid early morning weekday calls and alternative calls to place of employment. If, after booking, you are unable to go on a trip, please cancel promptly so that your place may be reallocated.

It is essential that at least 24 hours notice of cancellation be given.

Default in cancelling may render you liable for the cost of the trip.

Grade 1 Easy – suitable for all-comers.

Grade 2 Medium – not strenuous but including a mixture of terrain. Suitable for those of medium fitness.

Grade 3 For those with a good standard of fitness. Trips often average 6 hours tramping and include significant uphill climbs.

NOTE: Until further notice all trips will leave from the **Wintec student carpark, cnr Collingwood & Tristram Streets.**



President's Report

Hello fellow trampers

Many thanks to all who took an active role, and to our members who supported us to make the AGM in October a success. It was great to see so many of our members attending. The business side of the evening went well and everyone enjoyed the informative talk on a Nepal trip undertaken by some of our members last year.

Recent trips have gone well, especially the Labour Weekend trip to the Te Urewera National Park. Everyone enjoyed the walks, bush was beautiful, accommodation was great and the food delicious. Many laughs were had with doctors, nurses and patients attending the "Clinic". Memorable for a few hardy souls was sitting on the outside deck in the dark listening to the transistor radio, reception crackly and disappearing at times, ears tuned to the Rugby World Cup final. The leaders on this trip away put in a huge amount of work into organising this event which was much appreciated by all who attended.

Of note is the financial position of our Club. Only a couple of years back we were in a loss situation and through some tough talking in arranging trips we are now in a healthy position. Of course a close eye will be kept on the financials as it would be so easy to slip back to a negative. We try to breakeven and make our trips cost effective, although we'll always make on some and loose on others. It's a matter of balance.

In this bulletin is a list of what you should take on a day trip with the Club. Ask yourself - Are you prepared should you slip into a river, or the weather turns cold and wet? Are you taking sufficient food and water? Take a few minutes to check your pack as we never know when we'll get caught out.

This bulletin covers the period January – April, so there will be 3 bulletins for 2012, not 2 as in recent years. There are some interesting tramps in this bulletin, and hopefully something for everyone.

Should anyone have any comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Ann Cloke



Coming Up

Sunday 29 January

**Rotorua Redwoods &
Blue & Green Lakes**

Grades 2/3 & 1

Grade 2/3: Starting in the Redwoods we pass through the Douglas Firs to climb steadily uphill to get some occasional great views before descending again to continue along an old logging road to reach the Blue Lake. We continue on via the Green Lake to meet the Rotorua/Taupo highway and the waiting bus. Some possibilities for a swim if enough people interested.

Grade 1: Starting in the Redwood Grove a gentle walk enjoying the trees, then back on the bus to travel to the Blue Lake for lunch. An easy 1½ to 2 hour walk around the Blue Lake, maybe a swim, maybe some coffee then off to meet the others.

Don't forget togs, towel etc. and some spare money for coffee, ice cream etc.

Leaders: Colin Standing and friends [Grades 2/3]
Margaret Standing and friends [Grade 1]

Depart: 07.30 am **Return:** 5.30 pm (approx.) \$25 (members)
\$30 (non-members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 16 January 855 1335 (Colin or Margaret)

Sunday 12 February Golden Cross to Quarry Rd Grades 3 & 1 & Parakiwai area

The grade 3 tramp starts at the old Golden Cross mine site (in the Waikino area) and heads east past the mine lake and into a pine forest and then the start of the native bush. The track is undulating but good under foot. Along the way there is a lookout with views over the Whangamata area.



Expect to be tramping for approx. 6 hours.

The **grade 1's** may like to join the 3's as far as the track enters the bush and then head back to the bus via a circuit of the lake. The 1's will then drive around to Parakiwai to do a shorter tramp and meet the 3's there.

Leaders: Grant Svendsen, John Davies, Anne Wilson, Roger McGirr & Keith Wilkinson

Depart: 7.30 am **Return:** 6.00 pm approx. \$25 (members)
\$30 (non-members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 30 January 853 3434 (Grant)

What to take in your pack

It has been noted (especially when someone takes a tumble into a river) that some trampers are obviously not taking enough equipment with them. The following is the minimum equipment required for day trips.

- Thermal layer (polypropylene, polyester or wool)
- Insulating layer of fleece or wool
- Water/wind proof parka
- Shorts or long johns / over trousers in cool or wet weather
- Spare clothing
- Torch
- Sunscreen
- Boots or strong shoes
- First aid kit
- Lunch, snacks and water bottle



Sunday 26 February**Mangorewa River Headwaters****Grade 3**

Following on from the very enjoyable Mangorewa Gorge trip last year, everyone was keen to revisit the area and Winston kindly offered to take the club on a follow-on trip into the Mangorewa River Headwaters. The trip starts at the end of Lagoon Road and follows the river (woollen socks over boots may be required for safety). Conditions will be variable dependent on previous weather, with part of the walk around a lake often full of fallen trees. Time permitting there may be an opportunity to walk into the DOC Reserve, along part of the old Ngongataha-Kaharoa tramway.

Expect to walk about 6½ -7 hours and probably to get wet to some degree.

Grade 1: Lake Okarewa Walkway and other options

While the Grade 3s are walking in the Mangorewa Gorge with Colin and Margaret we will travel onto Rotorua and then onto Lake Okareka. We will walk to the outlet and back which will take approx 2hours. We then have other options before returning to pick up the others.

So come prepared with extra money, swimming togs and a smile.

Leaders: Winston Fleming & Colin Standing; Keith Wilkinson & associates

Depart: 07.30 am **Return:** 7.00 pm \$25 (members)
\$30 (non-members)

Bookings: 6.00 pm Monday 13 February 855 1335 (Colin or Margaret)



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Sunday 11 March Franklin Road to Dickey's Flat Grades 2+ & 1+

Easy walking on the Waitawheta Tramway to Daley's Hut turn off, thereafter a small climb to the hut for a short break. We'll continue to join the Mangakino Pack Track, walking through stands of nikau and tawa. We travel north towards Dickey's Flat track and descend on the undulating track to follow the Waitawheta River to our destination. Once at Dickey's Flat it is a short walk up the road to the waiting bus. The day involves two river crossings so wet feet are assured. Walking time approx. 5 hours.



Grade 1+: After being dropped off at the Karangahake rest area, we will walk across the bridge and up to the Windows. From there we will walk along the old pipeline track to Dickey's Flat absorbing the history as we go. Later in the day we will meet up with the Grade 3s and the coach at Dickey's Flat.

Please bring a good torch and a sense of adventure.

Leaders: Ann, Bernie and Keith & associates

Depart: 7.30 am **Return:** 6 pm

\$25 (members)
\$30 (non members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 27 February

847 4399 (Keith)



Sunday 25 March**Hapuakohe South****Grades 3 & 2**

Beginning at the end of Mangapiko Valley Rd at Waiterimu, the track follows a farm track beside the Mangapiko Valley Stream, crossing a small stream twice before reaching the Mangapiko Valley Scenic Reserve.

Just before reaching the bush there is a good outlook over the hilly farmland surrounding the valley. The bush canopy is predominantly tawa, kohekohe, pigeon wood and pukatea. After a short time, the track emerges at a fenceline, alongside farmland with great views across to the Kaimai Ranges. The marked track then re-enters the bush to reach Pukeitonga Station after a steep 10 minute climb along a fenceline on privately-owned land. The track continues on to reach the translator at Maungakawa (535 m) with extensive views.

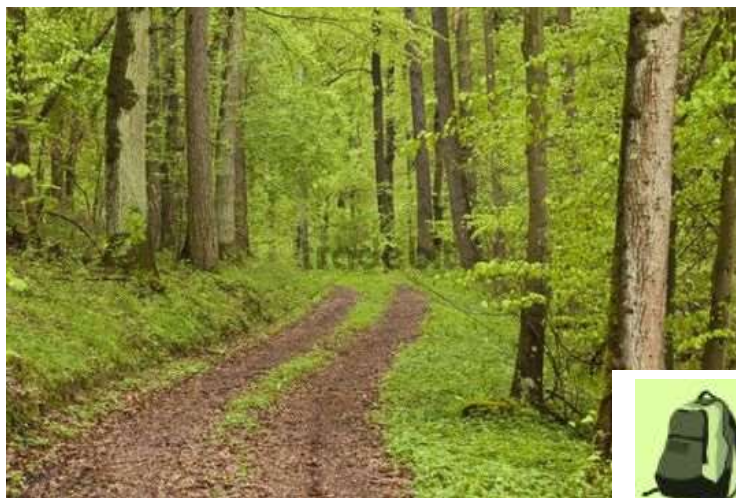
The choice can be made here: either (Grade 2) walk down the translator road to meet the waiting bus at Matahuru/Ohinewai Rd (about 30 minute easy walk downhill) or (Grade 3) take off again into the bush going steeply down into the valley crossing the Waiwhata stream to climb steeply up to the Ohinewai Rd, with a short walk up the road to the bus (about 1½ hours).

Expect to walk: Grade 2 – 5 hrs; Grade 3 – 6 hrs.

Leaders: Peter and Audrey Scott, Colin and Margaret Standing

Depart: 08.00 am **Return:** 5.30 pm \$25(members)
\$30(non-members)

Bookings: 6.00 pm Monday 12 March 8545478 (Peter or Audrey)



If leaving the track always leave your pack on the side of the track.

Sunday 8 April Pipiwharauoa Wind Farm (Te Uku) Grade I+

This new walk has been chosen for Easter Sunday because although many members will know that OUR wind farm over the hill at Te Uku has now been commissioned, many will not as yet have visited it, let alone walked it.

For this excursion it is intended that travel to and from the track will be by shared private cars. This option has been selected for this date because:

- ❖ Numbers are likely to be down on this middle day of the holiday, with many away.
- ❖ The chosen walk is "in and out" and not a through walk.
- ❖ The venue is quite close to Hamilton.

The walk is mainly out in the open, much of it on a closed metal road way except for the last two kilometres when, having climbed a style, the track becomes grass underfoot.

It is an interesting experience and should be a "must do" for the Wanderers. The walk closely parallels the wind turbines which can be viewed at close quarters, particularly near the far end where there is a great panoramic view over a large swath of countryside.



It is worth taking the time to observe the turbines adjusting their orientation as the wind changes in direction and speed. If the day is sunny it is also fascinating to watch the shadow of the moving blades changing shape and speed as they traverse the rolling slopes by the track!

The track starts & finishes at a large new car park a short way past the actual falls on Bridal Veil Falls Rd. off the Te Mata Rd.

- Leaders:** Shared by the members who turn up on the day.
- Transport:** Sharing cars to be arranged on the day.
- Cost:** Passengers arrange to pay drivers an appropriate sum!
- Depart:** 9.00 am from the Wintec student carpark, cnr Collingwood & Tristram Sts
- Return:** Flexible, each car load to decide.
- Bookings:** Not required, just turn up at the Wintec student carpark, on the day.
- Questions ??** Ring Peter Scott on 8545478 or any committee member.

Fri 20 to Mon 23 April**Tongariro National Park****Grades 1, 2, 3**

Accommodation: The Auckland Tramping Club Memorial Hut at Whakapapa on Ruapehu is booked for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. The hut has 32 bunks. You can view it at

<http://www.aucklandtramping.org.nz/huts/memorialhut.html>

Location of Hut: About 100 metres uphill (a 10 minute walk?) from the road at Whakapapa, so that is the short distance we will carry our personal stuff plus only some food (see 'Food' below).

Charges for accommodation and food

- **Bed.** \$23.00 per bunk per night
- **Food.** About \$9.00 per person per day. The food is mostly in the hut but we would take the supplies of "fresh" foods which would be included in the food charge. We will be doing our cooking communally.

Payment for accommodation and food: Due by 20 March 2012 as that is deadline for us to pay Auckland Tramping Club.

Transport: Private vehicles, and cost to be arranged. Departure time to be arranged with your driver.

Tramps available: There is a big selection and all levels of fitness can be catered for, but here are some suggestions:

Grade 3: Tongariro Alpine Crossing 7-8 hrs
Knoll Ridge-Crater Lake 7 km, 5 hrs
(both of these are weather –dependent)

Grade 2: Whakapapaiti Valley Track 11 km, 4-5 hours
Tama Lakes 17 km, 5-6 hours

Grade 1: Taranaki Falls 6 km, 2 hrs
Whakapapanui Track 6 km, 2 hrs
Silica Rapids 7 km, 2½ hrs

Monday on way home? Lake Rotopounamu Loop track 5 km, 2 hrs

Leaders: Zoë & Hugh Clifford and friends

Bookings: Can be made as soon as you receive this Bulletin.

855 3751 (Zoë and Hugh)

Where we Went

Ngaroma Circuit: 14 August

On a day of sleet for lunch and the chill factor noticeable when we faced the weather, we all had a wonderful tramp thanks to our leaders and helpers. The streams were down so feet mostly stayed dry – good work guys!

We saw or heard fat pigeons waking up for the afternoon and the view was mostly misted over but being high in hills we knew it was there! A tramp wouldn't be a tramp if we didn't climb practically straight up at times and we did that occasionally.

In the bush the supplejack was prolific and the lovely ferns and fungi were great to see. It is always amazing to see beautiful trees in areas where the bush was cut over years ago, and at Ngaroma there were some good totara growing.

All together it was good company, good conversation, goodly weather and it was a great pity we didn't have a bigger group, but those who did go got a dose of back-country magic.

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