

Trip Programme

Trip Date

Booking Information

May 6	Queen Victoria's Head & Waiorongamai Grades 3 and 1+	Morva 827 7261 Open 23 April
May 12-13	Lazy Trumper – Overnight stay + dinner All grades	Open NOW
May 20	Hoe-o-Tainui Grade 2	Lorna [Landline] 2100278 Open 7 May
May 23	Social Evening: Kermadec Islands 7 pm: Celebrating Age Hall, Victoria St	Contact: Margaret 855 1335
June 3	Hakarimata Traverse Grades 3 & 1	Peter or Audrey 854 5478 Open 21 May [6 pm]
June 17	Elgood Road to Browning Road Grade 2	Lorna [Landline] 2100278 Open 5 June [Tues]
July 1	Sanatorium Hill/Te Tapui Loop Track	Pam 856 5922 Open 18 June
July 15	Karamu Walkway Grade	Margaret or Colin 8551335 Open 2 July [6 pm]
July 29	Raglan Harbour – boat ride/ramble Grade 2	Sharon 847 3080 Open 16 July
August 12	Maungatautari – new track Grade 1+	Pam 856 5922 Open 30 July

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

Would you believe we are a quarter of the way through the year and now that daylight saving has ceased, are thinking of winter woollies and winter tramps. This bulletin has some good tramps for these cooler months and shorter days, as well as an away trip to the Lazy Trumper. A mixture of all sorts to enjoy.

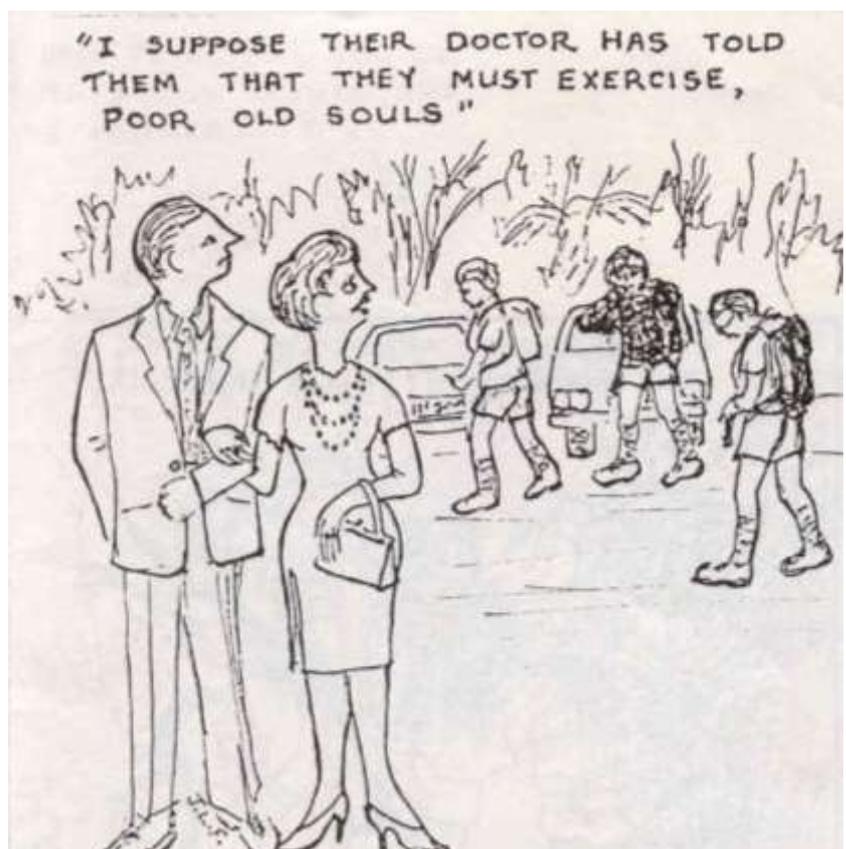
Trips this year have been well patronised and it is pleasing to see people who haven't been out coming along and enjoying the tramps. Keep it up, we love having you along.

Don't forget the social evening, which includes a short talk by Hugh. His talks in the past have been very popular and we are fortunate to have him do another for us.

On the down side, Go Bus have advised us of increases in their costs which they are passing on to us – of course. The committee will monitor the new costs and trips over the next few months.

Keep tramping !

Ann





Coming Up

Sunday 6 May Queen Vic's Head via Killarney Lakes Grades 3 & 1+

This **Grade 3** tramp starts with a trek uphill on a formed road past the Killarney Lakes. We then connect with a route up to the North/South track and along the top until we reach the Tuahu track. From there it is mostly downhill, crossing a few streams, so wet feet a real possibility! We have a very high steel ladder to climb and a gulch to sidle around – all safe but requiring some care.

It is some years since this tramp was last done because the track was lost, but due to a good deal of feminine intuition, we cracked the code and opened the way.

This tramp will be about 7 hours in duration so we hope you will join us as we show you the way.



Grade 1+: After seeing the grade 3's on their way, we will board the coach and travel back towards Te Aroha to the Wairongomai Valley. From roads end we will walk the low level circuit going past the site of the Bendigo battery, then up to the base of an incline and return back downhill to the coach.

If time permits other walks may be included or possibly a swim in the hot pools so bring your togs and some extra money just in case.

Leaders: Isobel Smythe and Morva Blackie
Roger McGirr and Keith Wilkinson

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

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 23 April 827 7261 (Morva)

Birthday Bash: To celebrate the 70th birthdays of three of our current members. Guess who!!



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Transport: private cars

The club has booked accommodation for up to 30 at *The Lazy Trumper*, which is in the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park: from midday on Saturday 12 May to midday on Sunday 13 May. Accommodation is in heated bunk rooms and members will need to bring their own sleeping bags and towels; bottom sheets and pillows and pillow cases are provided. Dinner on the Saturday evening will be provided (BYO) but any other meals will need to be self-catered, there is a very well equipped kitchen. [Total cost is \$65.00.] It is primarily a social weekend and the theme for dressing for dinner is: "Upstairs, Downstairs". There is a log fire in the lounge and plenty of opportunity to relax or to take gentle walks to enjoy the immediate scenery.

However, for those of a more active nature there are numerous tramps, in the area, many of which are listed on the website:

The Henderson Tramlines, a close walk from the lodge, are still clearly visible from logging days gone by. There are numerous day walks to choose from with expansive views of the Waikato/Hauraki Plains to the west plus views to the coast and Tauranga Harbour being exceptional.

- The Leyland O'Brien track to the North-South track then on to the Henderson Tramline and back to The Lazy Trumper (approx. 5-7 hrs).
- Ngamuwahine to the Leyland O'Brien track to the Henderson Tramline track and back to The Lazy Trumper (approx. 4.5-6.5 hours).
- Henderson Tramline loop track back to The Lazy Trumper (approx. 2-3 hrs).
- Highway 29 summit track: The North-South track to the Henderson Tramline track and back to The Lazy Trumper (approx. 2-3 hrs).
- Kauri Tree walk – a 10 minute drive to the start of the track off State Highway 29 (approx. 2-3 hrs).

There is priority booking for club members and there will be no refunds unless the person booking has a serious accident, a severe illness, or a sudden bereavement.

Bookings: In order to secure a place on the weekend, booking forms and cheques (or alternative forms of payment) must be **received by Wednesday, 25 April** (no late bookings will be accepted). Please send to John Davies (**not** the Treasurer) at: Wanderers Tramping Club Inc. PO Box 61, Hamilton, 3240

Sunday 20 May**Hoe-o-Tainui****Grade 2**

This is a chance to return to an area some may know as the Black Ridge or Telephone Track. This unassuming area may surprise you with its diverse vegetation. With a change of farm ownership we have access again. Old tracks have been re-slashed and marked.

The walk starts as an easy stroll up the farm track but it does change quickly as we move up a ridge where there is some scrub we have to push through. We pass a couple of discarded “plots”, a side track or two and then reach the Te Hoe Trig after the supplejack scramble. This may take about three hours.

Then it is all downhill; though still not a manicured track and trips hazards are promised. We pass the telephone, take a detour to the kauri and finally follow the stream out.

All up this may take 5.5-6 hrs.

Leader: Lorna Gribble

Depart: 8.00 am **Return:** 4.00 pm

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

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 7 May

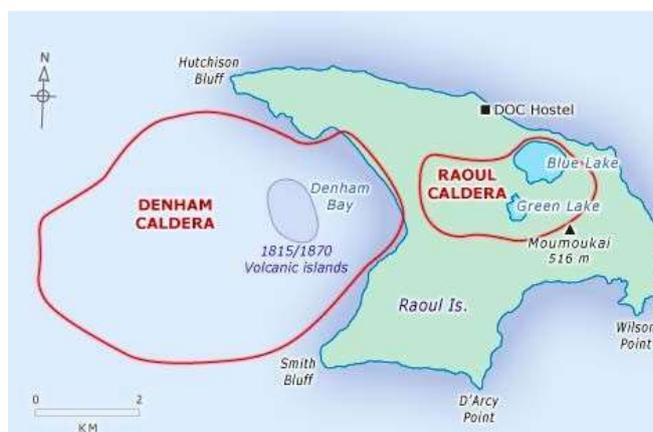
2100278 [landline] (Lorna)
or gribbles@ihug.co.nz

SOCIAL EVENING: Wednesday 23rd May

Come and join the committee for an informative, relaxed, convivial evening:

- **Speaker: Hugh Clifford “Kermadec Islands”.** How much do you know about NZ’s most northerly territory? Tonight you can see and hear more about this fascinating area.
- The hall will be open from 7 pm and the talk will begin at around 7.30.
- The evening will conclude with supper, tea and coffee.
- Gold coin donations please.

The venue is the Lounge which is just inside the main door; in the Celebrating Age Hall in Victoria Street.



Any questions please contact: Margaret Standing at 855 1335

Sunday 3 June**Hakarimata Traverse****Grades 3 & 1+**

Grade 3: Starting from the Parker Rd carpark at the northern end of the Hakarimata Walkway the grade 3 group will make their way up to the first lookout. Having gained the main ridge we will follow the much loved track southward along the top of the range, through varied native bush to our lunch stop. Well fed, we will then continue on to the recently constructed summit tower and its magnificent view. Soon after, we will pass the Brownlee Rd junction where the track then starts to trend steadily downwards until it eventually terminates at our pick up car park on Waingaro Rd.



This is a truly excellent day tramp, not particularly hard but it is fairly long (six to seven hours).

Grade 1+: This group will also start their day from Parker Rd from whence they will walk the beautiful and well formed Kauri Loop Track. After lunch, as there are several interesting options available, it is intended that the group will then chose their preferences for the balance of their day out.

Leaders: Peter S, Audrey S, and Alison W; Roger McGirr and colleagues

Depart: 8.00 am **Return:** 5.00 pm \$25 (members)
\$30 (non members)

Bookings: 6.00 pm Monday 21 May 854 5478 (Audrey or Peter)



Sunday 15 July**Karamu Walkway****Grade 1+**

This is an enjoyable walk, last done by the Club in 2001, featuring 360 degree views and impressive limestone bluffs. The walk starts at the Four Brothers Scenic Reserve on the Hamilton-Raglan Road with a moderate 15 minute climb through bush to reach open farmland with good views. The next section is across private land along the ridge to Old Mountain Road with great views of the Hakarimata Range to the north, Kariori and coast to the west, Pirongia to the south and Hamilton city to the east. Continuing on with an initial climb, we cross gently rolling pasture with outcrops of limestone before dropping down (sometimes steep and slippery) through bush and on to a farm road and grassy flats. We finish by crossing the swing bridge over the Kaniwhaniwha stream and on to Limeworks Loop Road.

Expect to walk about 4 hours with ample time for views (weather permitting).

Leaders: Colin and Margaret Standing

Depart: 08.00 am **Return:** 5:00 pm \$25 (members)
\$30 (non-members)

Bookings: 6.00 pm Monday 2 July 855 1335 (Margaret or Colin)

Mid-winter luncheon

This will now be a **spring** lunch and details will appear in the next bulletin.



Labour Weekend Trip 19-22 October: Advance notice

This year the club will be travelling to Taranaki.

Trip details will be advertised in the next bulletin – so.... put this in your calendar and keep these dates free.

August 12**Maungatautiri – North side****Grade 1+**

We will start with a walk up to the enclosure, than a short stroll on an excellent track to show you a group of totara trees, which you will not have seen before. Word has it they could be 800 years old (that's older than me!).

Then up the Maunga to lunch. This is a track that children walk up so it is easy and we have the time to enjoy it. Coming down we use a route known only to your leaders, which is another fun piece of travel.

This will be a relaxed day so come and enjoy it with us.

Leaders: Morva Blackie and Marion France + mountain people

Depart: 8.00 am **Return:** late afternoon \$25 (members)
\$30 (non-members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 30 July 856 5922 (Pam)

Where we Went

Golden Cross to Quarry Rd & Parakiwai Area: 12 February

Thirty seven trampers left Hamilton expecting the clouds to disperse to a fine, sunny day like the previous one had been. As we neared our destination at Quarry Road light rain began to fall and we had to don raincoats before starting on the first part of the tramp. We all set off together and walked through some paddocks and around a lake to the edge of the bush. Here we had morning tea and split into two groups.

Grade 3

Although not a DOC track it was well defined and relatively easy going. The bush was quite pretty, changing in variety as we went. We saw lots of Tawa, Nikau, Ponga, Lancewood, Rimu, Puketea, and a grove of Kauri. All enhanced by the wetness as we experienced showers for most of the day. By the afternoon the track had become quite muddy. Then, unexpectedly, we joined a DOC track and wondered at what point we would see the 1's. Even though we had been going at a good pace all day we were spurred to the waiting bus where some very wet, but happy trampers changed into dry clothes before starting our return journey.

Thank you leaders for a great walk.

Carol

Grade 1

Twelve Grade 1s continued over to Parakiwai, and we retraced back to the bus. A short bus ride took us into the town of Waihi where we looked at the mine museum or had a coffee before proceeding to the mine lookout for our lunch break. Afterwards we walked a complete circuit of the mine area – amazing to see how far down into the depths of the earth it goes. It was then off to Parakiwai to meet the Grade 3s on their return. By this time it was raining steadily. A few of our group braved the rain to walk into meet them and the lazy ones stayed in the shelter of the bus. The others arrived back looking wet and bedraggled but admitted that they had thoroughly enjoyed their day out, as we had.

Many thanks to the leaders for organising a varied and interesting day in the outdoors.

V and PCS

Mangorewa River Headwaters: 26 February

Grade 3's adventure began when we arrived by bus at the end of Lagoon Rd and were met by Winston, our guide for the day. First he showed us two framed photographs of Te Pu (the gun) lagoon, which was a short walk away.

The lagoon features a kahikatea forest which has flooded and dried, leaving only tree trunks. From here we walked over a sheep and cattle farm. The weather was perfect and we had a clear view of Mt Tarawera. Winston pointed out a nearby pine plantation which was owned by Maori who hunted pigs there.



At the edge of the bush we had morning tea, then descending into the gorge, hearing the shriek of a long-tailed cuckoo. We stopped to pull socks over our boots to stop us from slipping. Colin has fashioned his own moccasins from a blanket! Feeling a lot safer, we entered the river and began a leisurely walk up it, enjoying the solitude and beauty. The only tricky part was negotiating a waterfall. At lunchtime we stopped to eat at the site of a little black pig's sad demise. After this, we retraced our steps down the shallow river. Soon we had to leave the coolness of the gorge and make a steep ascent through bush onto the farmland which led us back to Winston's 4-wheel drive vehicle. Winston surprised us by handing out his homemade blueberry muffins. Replenished, we were transported by Winston down the metal road to see another lagoon full of reeds and hundreds of blue dragonflies. Next we walked across a dairy farm to see a bush tramline which had been used to log native timber to be milled at Ngongotaha. We arrived back at the road at the same time as the bus carrying the Grade 1's.

Thanks to Winston's local knowledge we learnt a lot about this area during our 6 hour tramp.

Mary B

Grade 1 [Lake Okareka Walkway]

What a splendid day we all had with perfect weather. From the bus we walked with the Grade 3 group to the dramatic Te Pu lagoon. A still black lake with dead tortured looking tree stumps arising from it. Quite eerie.

Then back to the bus for the trip to Lake Okareka stopping briefly to enjoy morning tea provided by lovely Keith and Jennifer and a quick trip around the Ngongotaha Trout Hatchery. Large indoor tanks of little highly active fish were admired; these will eventually be released into the many lakes in the Rotorua area. At the Hatchery children can learn to fly fish and catch rainbow trout on specified days of the year.



Eventually we did arrive at Lake Okareka and had a 5.5 km return walk around one side of the Lake. The walk follows the Lake edge to the outlet, passing through wetland (a timber boardwalk), farmland (with flocks of paradise duck and Canada goose) and a grove of healthy kowhai. Margaret braved the water and enjoyed a fully clothed dip!

Our final walk took 30 min through Tikitapu reserve near the Blue Lake. This wet our appetites for a quick ice-cream stop before picking up the Grade 3's in the Mangorewa area.

Pam Cornforth

