



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING
& MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC)
P.O. Box 1217 Palmerston North

NEWSLETTER

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Hon. Secretary,
Trevor Bissell, 71-955
Membership Enquiries
Peter Croad, 80-284 (evenings)

COMING EVENTS

23rd DECEMBER BARBEQUE KAHUTERAWA VALLEY

Kahuterawa Reserve, Kahuterawa Valley. Bring your own food for grilling. Those requiring transport or further details.

Phone Ann Hayman 73-991

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

27-28th DECEMBER ARMSTRONG – WAIKAMAKA

Christmas hangovers? Me too. But this weekend the Eastern Ruahines. A very pleasant trip along the tops and the Waipawa River Valley. But beware of the multitudes of opossums at Waikamaka Hut, you have been warned.

Names to Martin Speller Phone 81-717

Grading: Fit

Cost : \$3.20

Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.00 a.m.

27th DECEMBER ARMSTRONG SADDLE

A steady gradient through magnificent bush to a view point commanding a fixed gaze on the immense Heretaunga and the Manawatu Plains.

Leader : Ann Hayman Phone 73-991

Grading: Medium

Cost : \$3.20

Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.00 a.m.

27th DECEMBER – 14th JANUARY

Arthurs Pass & surrounding area medium and fit.

31st DECEMBER-4th JANUARY KAWEKA RANGES

An area rarely visited, entering from Nakaho Station north of the Napier-Taihape Road. A place to escape from the other crowded tramping areas.

Kaweka the highest peak outside Tongariro National Park. Swimming, and trudging through beautiful bush and on open tops. Dinner and breakfast meals will be provided. Map required N.Z.M.S. 1 Sheet No. 113

Names to Tim Short Phone 80-152
Grading: Medium & Fit
Cost : \$11.50 Approx.
Depart : Super Save Carpark 7.30 a.m.

2nd JANUARY COPPERMINE CREEK HUT

A gentle stroll up a pleasant river in the South Eastern Ruahines. Suitable for those unfit fair weather members.

Leader : Ann Hayman Phone 73-991
Grading: Easy
Cost : \$1.00
Depart : Super Save Carpark 7.30 a.m.

3rd-4th JANUARY MCKINNON HUT – KAWHATAU RIVER

Basking in the sun on the tops, swimming in the Kawhatau. Then its into the Western Ruahines.

Leader : Ann Hayman Phone 73-991
Grading: Medium
Cost : \$2.40
Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

10-11th JANUARY HOLDSWORTH – TOTARA FLATS

Tramping is fun or so they say. But just who is trying to kid who so come pound the mountain track to where the Totaras stand.

Leader : Roy Wilson Phone 84-925
Grading: Medium
Cost : \$3.20
Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

10-11th JANUARY FULL WAIOHINE RIVER

Climbing the Waiohine Pinnacles, packfloating through the Waiohine gorges of the largest river in the Tararuas.

Leader : Tim Short Phone 80-152
Grading: Fitness Essential
Cost : \$4.80
Depart : Super Save Carpark FRIDAY 6.30 p.m.

Anniversary Weekend Trips

17-19th JANUARY HAUHUNGATAKI WILDERNESS AREA

Mt. Hauhungatahi an extinct volcano in Tongariro National Park.

Names to Time Short Phone 80-152
Grading: Medium
Cost : \$5.40 approx.
Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

17-19th JANUARY HAWKES BAY RIDGE CROSSING

Middle crossing of the Ruahines with approximately 12 hours a day, with open top, and camping out over 5000 ft. above sea level.

Names to Tim Short Phone 80-152
Grading: F.E.
Cost : \$5.50 approx.
Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

17-18th JANUARY PAINT JOB

Do you feel like painting? Would you like to splash paint over Rangiwahia Hut. We have a job for you.

Names to Tim Short Phone 80-152
Grading: Easy
Cost : \$1.90
Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

18th JANUARY OROUA RIVER (Western Ruahines)

A wet, but enjoyable tramp up a River. With interesting valley and gorges.

Names to Vivian Mawson Phone 83-335
Grading: Easy
Cost : \$1.00
Depart : Super Save Carpark 7.00 a.m.

24th JANUARY PUTARA HUT (Note change of date)

A gentle up hill gradient, in a beautiful area of the Tararuas.

Leader : Vivian Mawson Phone 83-335
Grading: Easy
Cost : \$2.20
Depart : Super Save Carpark 7.00 a.m.

24-25th JANUARY MERCHANT RIDGE – TAUHERENIKAU RIVER

"A up the Merchant Ridge they crawled" No its not that bad. Up the staircase and down to camp in the very popular Tauherenikau River.

Leader : Karyn Bishop Phone 84-925
Grading: Medium
Cost : \$3.30
Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

24-25th JANUARY SCHORMANS KAITOKE

The fit and fast will sprint over the tops and down the other side.

Leader : Trevor Bissell Phone 68-644
Grading: F.E. E.E.E.
Depart : Super Save Carpark FRIDAY 6.30 p.m.

29th JANUARY CLUB NIGHT

Thursday 7.30 p.m. in the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street.
Come and bring your slides, old or new, good or bad, we will show them.

Supper Duties Ann Hayman (tea towels)

31st JANUARY SOUTHERN CROSSING

The Southern Crossing in a day.

Names to Peter Croad Phone 80-284

Grading: F.E.

Cost : \$5.60 approx.

Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

31st-1st FEBRUARY ANNUAL PILGRAMIDGE FIELDS

The 9th Anniversary of our 1st Club Trip to Fields Hut.

Names to Peter Croad Phone 80-284

Grading: Medium

Cost \$2.20

Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.30 a.m.

NOTICES

Our new spokesperson on Finance is Miss Kathleen Hindmarsh who was elected in as Treasurer at a special General Meeting held at the November Club Night.

Club members Mary Ann Whitehead and Trevor Stretton were married on December 13th. Mr & Mrs Stretton will be attending the Club Christmas trip to the Arthurs Pass region.

A special thanks to all members who contributed to the fund for a Club present to Mary Ann and Trevor.

P.N.T.M.C. SOCIAL 1975

The evening was a great success. Tremendous thirsts and appetites were built up on the dance floor with a good representation of the clubs food disposal units hard at work on the supper table. Its true trampers don't go down easily whether male or female, with the stayers battling it out to the finish at 3.a.m. In fact one individual didn't make it home at all, what happened to him is still a mystery even to the person concerned.

PAST TRIPS

9th NOVEMBER BLUE RANGE HUT He Who Laugh's Last

The club's day trip to Blue Range Hut was a great success despite the weather. It was a thrill to see so many new faces putting in an appearance at this club walk and we hope we'll see them all out regularly.

A special welcome to Ron, who has only been in the country 3 weeks and who comes from the Australian Desert, where they get only 10" of rain a year.

All got safely to the Hut, which was already occupied by two parties, but we managed to squeeze in. Some members and newcomers, decided to do an unscheduled detour in the direction of Cow Creek. Two of the younger ones would give as an excuse that they haven't taken S.C. Geography yet. At the Hut they'd met the weekend party. All returned safely to home base, even if the erring sheep had caused a delay. Those taking part were:- John Ogilvy, Peter Hammond, Peter Croad, Janet Maessen, Harry Verwey, Michael Sullivan, Ron Wightman and James Read.

4-6th OCTOBER AVALANCHE FLATS

6 eager bods left Palmerston North on time and arrived at Mangahao without a hitch!!! In light rain we wandered up the Mangahao River to Harris Creek Hut and then on to Avalanche Flats. Unfortunately rain is wet and rocks become slippery and by strange happenings eyes become black.

From Avalanche Flats the party with Kathy to keep a close watch over them, decided to conquer Girdlestone. Meanwhile Mary and Viv brewed a stew which, brewed for much longer than would otherwise have been necessary.

Next day dawned fine and with an early start we attempted to get onto the tops for a view but time was against us. Back at the hut and down the river it was. At Harris Creek we tried to follow the style of the F.E. trippers down the gorge, but yet another unsuccess. Those partaking:- Mary Ryder, Stephen Moore, Kathy Hindmarsh, Trevor Bissell, Eric Stretton, Viv Mawson

1st-2nd NOVEMBER FULL POHANGINA RIVER

Three of us were left at Moorcock Base to begin our venture into forbidden territory. It was a hot slog along the road and up to Pohangina Saddle Hut. We were grateful to drop into the cool depths of the Pohangina River.

Mid-afternoon and thousands of rocks later saw us at Leon Kinvig Hut. Thinking we still had miles and miles, and hours and rocks to go, we pushed on. Not so many miles, 3½ hours and many, many rocks later we fell into the welcome bunks of Mid Pohangina Hut.

We rose at a leisurely hour next morning and wandered along the track and down river.

Many thanks to Trevor Bissell and Ian Hoare for providing transport.
Members of party:- Eric Stretton, Viv Mawson, Stephen Moore.

New Access Route

Kaimanawa Forest Park

The marked route leaves the Desert Road approximately 1.5 kilometres north of the summit sign post, on grid reference NZMS 1 N122 Ruapehu, 226644, and there are no posts beyond the eastern boundary of the Forest Park on grid reference N122 444663. The land south and east of the marked route remains Defense Reserve.

COMMITTEE MEETING

To be held at 28 Carroll Street, Palmerston North, date to be decided, enquiries to Pam Dicks Phone 299-738.