

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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This winter holds great prospects for the adventurous climber and trumper, as our programme caters for both. Our climbing trips include a weekend at Dawson Falls, one at Purity Hut and rock climbing at Titahi Bay.

On these trips experienced instructors will demonstrate all facets of mountaineering, thus giving all participants the opportunity to learn safe and correct techniques of climbing. Our tramping trips will take us into areas where this knowledge can be advanced if so desired.

COMMITTEE NOTES:

Our Club rules have been drawn up and approved by the Committee. These rules are available to Club members on request.

The Federated Mountain Clubs have been approached for affiliation; this will give all Club members opportunity to attend instruction courses etc. throughout the year.

The Club's financial year will extend from March to March - prospective members please note that membership fees are charged: to the nearest quarter. (£1 per annum for Senior members, 10/- for Juniors, still at school). Special reductions for married couples.

DAY TRIP TO TIRITEA CREEK

Started from Morrison's country residence 8.00a.m. - cloudy and warm. Up track parallel with Filter House road. Open country for a while, then very steep climb to reach bushline; those with rifle wishing they hadn't. Bulldozed through pig-like scrub to small creek to stop for brew. Then climbed a lawyer, supplejack infested spur to ridge. Found one of many tracks and headed north. Deciding to take the Club's off-the-beaten-track policy to heart and played ring-a-ring-a-roses for an hour. Heading down to the creek for lunch - much eating, drinking and smoking.

Still off the beaten track we decided to become scientific as well and so out with the compass and map. Marvellous stuff was this - finished up with four routes; unanimous decision

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the compass was crook and the map could be used for the next brew. By this time we had become expert circular, off-the-beaten-trackers. So climbed a tree and sighted land at 50 yards, half an hour before dusk.

Raining now; open hills then last obstacle of the a vertical 150 foot scrub-covered bank. Party member formed track by hurtling himself off the edge. This will become a Tiritea landmark known as Haxton Cut.

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### CLUB LOG BOOK

A Log Book is being kept of all our Club trips. To maintain this all our trip leaders are asked to write a short report. These accounts should include comments on traveling times, track and weather conditions, vegetation and wildlife observed, and any other points of interest; and should be given as soon as possible to Brian Abraham (plus any spare photos).

Next Club meeting will be held as usual at Trevor's place on 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE at 8p.m. Look for the P.N.T.M.C. sign at 568 Featherston Street, 200 yards east of Freyberg St.

Remember!              Club badge designs for next Club night.

Permits must be obtained if you go tramping in State Forests.  
Contact Secretary - 86.397.

### OVERDUE PARTIES:

Would all members please note the following telephone numbers to ring when parties are known to be overdue.

1st Call:        Vern Stout        79.139

2nd Call:        Tony Morrison        86.397

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