



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING
& MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC)
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NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

30th Sept. CLUB NIGHT

7.30 at the Society of Friends' Hall, 227 College St. Learn from Bruce Parker's First Aid advice.

Find out what really happened on last summer's extended Christmas trip.

Willie Kollff will give a brief address on work done by action committees concerning Beech and Native Forests.

SUPPER DUTIES: Peter Croad, Janet Maesson, Glen Dixon.

2nd-3rd OCTOBER SOUTHERN CROSSING

One of the more talked about Tararuas 'classic' trips. This trip starts at Otaki Forks and ends at Kaitoke or thereabouts. Hopefully the trip will be done in sunshine but storm gear (i.e. overtrous, mittens, etc.) should be taken.

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| Leader: | Glenn Dixon, Ph. 83-649 |
| Grading: | Fit |
| Cost: | \$6.50 Approx. |
| Depart Supersave: | 6.30 p.m. Friday. |

2nd-3rd October TAHUERENIKAU RIVER

This beautiful valley lies in the S.E. corner of the Tararua Forest Park. A chance for those not venturing past easy day trips to progress on to lengthier trips. Remember, summer will soon be here. A chance to catch the early sun.

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| Leader: | Glenn Dixon, Ph. 83-649 |
| Grading: | Easy |
| Cost: | \$4.50 Approx. |
| Depart Supersave: | 6.30 a.m. |

9th-10th October NGAURUHOE – KEHETAHI (Grad. Med.)
TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK (Grad. E.)

The previous trip to this area was described in last month's newsletter – it was a great success. Help duplicate our efforts or even surpass them. A chance to climb Ngauruhoe, depending on the conditions.

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| Names to: | John Williams, Ph. 84-925 |
| Grading: | Medium and Easy. |
| Cost: | \$8.00 Approx. |
| Depart Supersave: | 6.30 a.m. |

11th October COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 p.m. at Viv. Mawson's, 4 Manson St. P.N.

16th-17th October HIKURANGI RANGE – KAWHATAU RIVER

This trip along a Western Ruahine ridge should incorporate many views of some of the higher Ruahines. The highest peak, Mangaweka, is traversed en route. Storm gear should be taken as much 'tops' travel is necessary.

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| Leader: | Roy Wilson, Ph. 84-925 |
| Grading: | Fitness Essential |
| Cost: | \$3.80 Approx. |
| Depart Supersave: | 6.30 a.m. |

17th October CROW HUT

An enjoyable splash up the Kawhatau River. Bring a camera and a friend into this picturesque Ruahine river valley.

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| Names to: | Roy Wilson, Ph. 84-925 |
| Grading: | Medium |
| Cost: | \$3.50 Approx. |
| Depart Supersave: | 6.30 a.m. |

23rd-25th October LABOUR WEEKEND. KAIMANAWAS

Two trips will converge on this range lying east of Ruapehu. Past trips to this area have been of great value. Scenery is magnificent and travel is free of such obstacles as leatherwood etc. The exact whereabouts of the 'fitties' is yet undecided but the 'easy' trippers will enjoy the flat going of the Waipakahi River Valley. Ring Trev. for any more information.

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| Names to: | Trevor Bissell, Ph. 68-644 |
| Grading: | Fitness Essential and Easy. |
| Cost: | \$6.50 Approx. |
| Depart Supersave: | 6.30 a.m. |

28th October CLUB NIGHT

At the Society of Friends' Hall, 227 College St., P.N. at 7.30 p.m.

30th-31st October AVALANCHE FLATS (Medium)

31st October MANGAHAO RIVER (Easy)

These two trips will be in the capable hands of Peter Darragh. The Mangahao River is behind Shannon and is the source of a small amount of New Zealand's hydro power. The sun and occasional swim should make these trips a huge success.

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| Names to: | Peter Darragh (both trips) Fg. 5633. |
| Grading: | Med. & Easy. |
| Cost: | \$1.80 Approx. |
| Depart Supersave: | 6.30 a.m. |

NOTICES

FOOD FOR TRAMPING

This is a valuable booklet with much loved tramping recipes and a guide to quantities of food needed.

An essential for long trips.

Available from Karyn Bishop for only 10c.

GUIDE FOR TRIP LEADERS

Available FREE from Janet Maesson. This is a comprehensive guideline for anyone leading a trip and a must for first-time trip leaders.

TWO SLEEPING BAGS

Are going for a nominal price at 28 Carroll St.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Paul Hockey into the club.

HOW DO YOU FEEL??

Are trips costs too high?

Are high costs having a detrimental effect on trip attendance?

Your ideas would be most welcome – please contact any committee member on the subject.

PAST TRIPS

July. COPPERMINE CREEK – WHARITE PEAK

After much delay and hassle, we left in dribs and drabs for the Coppermine Road End. Donning packs and boots we bounded up Coppermine Creek. Reaching the hut in reasonable time we then decided what to do next. After much decision and indecision, vision and revision we planned the day's activities.

With rumours of copper in them there mines we went exploring one mine, but all we got were wet feet and wetas down our necks.

Then it was up to Wharite Peak. Busting guts and bursting boilers saw us most of the way up the ridge on the way to the transmission tower. Stopping in the shelter of the last of the trees we had lunch. This saw the 3 day trippers turn back towards the cars, joined by the inevitable piker, Peter. The remaining 8 headed on up to the tower, but due to one thing and another, bad weather and strong wind saw us heading back to the hut for a brew and to warm our pits.

Morning dawned, but we didn't see it till 9 a.m. We headed on up Billy Goat Track until we reached a fork in the track. Decision and indecision put us on the way out to the farmland. We dropped into the creek, up to the hut to pick up gear and back out to the cars.

Those taking part: Ross Meder, Viv. Mawson, Allan & Bruce Parker, Glenn Osborne, Craig Beard, Philip Beech, Kent Horsfield.

Day Trip: Paul Heckey & 2 Freyberg High School pupils as well as Piker Pete.

SNOWCRAFT? II EGMONT

15 bods in all attended this weekend. Arriving in dribs and drabs (wet ones) and leaving the hut in similar style.

Only one piked to venture higher altitude than the hut – rumour has it he is scared of thunder and lightening.

Those attending: Trevor Bissell, Brad Owen, Peter Darragh, Keith Margarin, Glenn Dixon, Sue Streeter, Philip Beech, Lawson Pither, Craig Beech, Viv. Mawson, Peter Croad, Julian Dalefield, Janet Maesson, Ross Meder, Roy Wilson.