



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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ALL TRIPS LEAVE FROM THE FOODTOWN CAR PARK IN FERGUSON STREET. IF YOU WANT TO GO ON A TRIP, PLEASE ADVISE THE LEADER AT LEAST THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OR WEEKEND TRIP, CONTACT THE LEADER OF THE SCHEDULED TRIP.

Members are reminded that a charge for transport will be collected on the day of the trip, the amount depending on the distance traveled and vehicles used. Leaders should be able to give an estimate in advance.

COMING EVENTS

26th September Tuesday – alternative Club Night

Please note the change of day and venue. Tonight we will be the guests of Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club night for a Quiz Night between MT&SC, MUAC and PNTMC. So if you can play Trivial Pursuits you'll be great asset to our team. Let Tricia know if you want to go on the team. Should be heaps of fun!

Venue: Rangitane Pavilion
Time: 7:45pm

30th September – Western Ruahines Day Trip

John has sorted out an interesting route which will take you past some of the lesser known huts in the southern Ruahines access via Pohangina. Komako to Teekaou Hut up to Forks Hut and out via Diggers and Bibbies Huts.

Leader: John Thomson ph. 74320
Grade: Medium
Departs: Saturday 7:00 am

1st October – Harris Creek, Tararua

This popular spot is worth a visit. Going in from the Mangahao Dams and then up the river to Harris Creek Hut.

Leader: Ann Young ph. 70153
Grade: Medium
Departs: Sunday 7:00 am

5th October – Committee Meeting

At Brad's Place. Open to Committee members and interested Club members.

Venue: 436 College St
Time: 7:45pm

7th October – Ruahine Rambles – Day Trip

This trip will go along the Makaro track on the Waiuaiho Range in the Ruahines.

Leaders: Arthur and Lis Todd ph. 36426

Grade: Easy
Departs: 8:00 am

8th October – Ballayntre Farm

Spring already? Roger takes this trip to an enthusiastic following every year. This is a DSIR research farm on the eastern side of the Manawatu Gorge and worth a visit. Leap fences, dodge lambs and spend some time looking at this country differing from the usual tramping places.

Leader: Roger Redmayne ph. (0650) 48376
Grade: Easy to Medium
Departs: 8:00am

12th October – Club Night

Tonight Preston Andrews will show slides and talk about tramping (hiking or backpacking – to the locals) from his home country – North America.

Venue: Society of Friend's Meeting Rooms
227 College St, Palmerston North
Time: 7:45 pm

14th October - Ruahines with John

John has a day trip planned around the Pohangina River area. Travel up the river to Mid-Pohangina Hut, over to Pipiriri and then back to Pohangina Base. With all this great weather it should be good!

Leader: John Thomson ph. 74320
Grade: Medium
Departs: Saturday 7:00 am

15th October – Very Easy Day Trip

Sally will lead a day trip suitable for children, up the Tiritea or Kahuturawa Road. A leisurely departure time will allow a gentle awakening! It would be great to see a few of our family groups on this trip.

Leader: Sally Hewson ph. 70990
Grade: Very easy
Departs: Sunday 9: 30 am

21st-23rd October – Labour Weekend

A long weekend - what an opportunity to get away. PNTMC has two trips planned for this weekend. If you want to go plan ahead and call the trip leaders as soon as possible so arrangements can be made.

Snow Caving at Ruapehu

With the enthusiasm that abounded for the snowcraft courses this is good opportunity to put those new skills to use. The group will climb up to the crater where they will dig snow-caves to sleep in. Tucked up in your sleeping bags in your snow cave you will be in the best spot to take advantage of the new day (sunrises and sunsets) whether it be ski-touring, climbing or strolling.

Leader: Kevin Pearce ph. 70217
Grade: Fit/Snow experience necessary
Departs: To be arranged

21-23 October (Labour Weekend) Matemateaonga Wanganui National Park

Matemateaonga Walkway is situated in the Wanganui National Park. The plan is to leave Palmerston early Friday evening and camp at the Stratford end of the track overnight. This track has some great history and glimpses of Mts. Taranaki, Ruapehu, Tongariro and Ngauruhoe and I believe there are spectacular views from Mt Humpries. Some 40 km after we will come out at the Wanganui River where jet boats will hopefully be waiting to take us back to Pipiriki and the mini bus.

We will be sleeping under the tent-fly so hut tickets won't be necessary but wet weather gear is a definite must. As numbers are limited register early if you are interested. Approx. cost is \$80 which includes transport and Jet boat rides.

Leader: Ann Young ph. 70153
Grade: Easy/Medium
Departs: Friday pm

26th October – Club Night

Roger Redmayne has recently returned from a trip to Europe where he took part in a N.Z.-French Alpine Clubs Exchange and spent time mountaineering. Being his usual energetic self, Roger also managed to get in both cycling and walking trips.

Venue: Society of Friend's Meeting Rooms
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Time: 7:45pm

28th October – Eastern Ruahines Weekend

This trip will go into the Eastern Ruahines via Roswells Track up onto the Sawtooth Ridge to Howletts Hut for the night. Next day out via Daphne Hut by either a short route or a long route.

Leader: Jenni Madgwick ph. 590-536

Grade: Medium - Fit
Departs: Saturday 7:00am

29th October – Tararua Day Trip

Tricia will take this day trip in by the Kapakapanui Track. This is a steepish climb but there is also an easy alternative in the area. An easy trip will be organised if there is sufficient interest.

Leader: Tricia Eder ph. 70122
Grade: Medium
Departs: Sunday 7:00am

2nd November – Committee Meeting

At Brad's Place. Open to Committee members and interested Club members.

Venue: 436 College St
Time: 7:45pm

4th-5th November - Egmont National Park

John is leading a trip to the Pouakai Range of Egmont National Park. This range is north of Mt Taranaki with the Ahukawakawa Swamp (it has board walks!) lying between the two.

Leader: John Barkla ph. (064) 52373
or leave name with Tricia ph. 70122
Grade: Medium
Departs: To be arranged

5th November – Easy Day trip

Phone Barry for details of where this trip is heading

Leader: Barry Scott ph. 71731
Grade: Easy
Departs: To be arranged

11th-12th November - Kaweka Range

Lis and Arthur plan an easy weekend in this lovely part of the country. If you've never been to the Kawekas now is the opportunity. The options of trips include camping in a lovely spot at the road end and doing day-trips in the area, or tramping up river to one of the huts.

Leader: Lis and Arthur Todd ph.
Grade: Easy
Departs: Friday pm

12th November – Family Day Trip in the Tararuas

An easy day trip suitable for children accompanied by an adult has been arranged. The trip will go to the Kiriwhakapapa Road end of the eastern Tararuas and then on towards Blue Range Hut or, if you prefer, along a very easy walkway at the roadend which follows an old tramway.

Leader: Chris Saunders ph. 84899
Grade: Easy
Departs: 8:00 am

10th-12th November Search And Rescue Exercise (SAREX)

This exercise provides teams with the opportunity to learn just what is required in a search situation and put the techniques into practise with a simulated search. Our team consists of: Mick Leyland, Kerry Forde, Mary Craw, John Thompson and Tony Gates.

16th November - Club Night

Tony Gates will be talking and showing slides of his adventures in Argentina – a trip he took in July and August. Some folk received postcards with the comment "the Argentinean women are the most beautiful in the world". We look forward to seeing Tony's slides!

Venue: Society of Friend's Meeting Rooms
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Time: 7:45pm

NOTICES

* Coming up at the end of November: the Annual PNTMC Christmas Dinner.

Our Condolences

To Graham Peters on the death of his brother in September.

Whoops!

The membership list as printed in the August issues contained some errors - sorry. Yet again the Clough's number was incorrect as was Greg Reid's. The correct versions – Cloughs WTN 766-314, Greg Masterton 25-878

PNTMC T-Shirts For Sale

Now that summer is on its way, it's time to buy a T-shirt with the Club's emblem on it. Help promote the Club by wearing one in the hills and about town. Contact: Terry Crippen ph. 63588.

Sizes: SM & M

Colours: fawn, blue, red

Price: \$15 each

TRIP REPORTS

Thanks to all those people, who have been dutifully writing up trip reports. I have a pile of them on my desk and hope to get a few in here and the rest in the next newsletter. - Ed.

27th August - West Tamaki River

Six of us headed off in cloudy and windy weather, up the ridge that runs parallel to the West Branch of the Tamaki River. A certain person was raving on about the geological faulting that forms the eastern boundary of the Ruahine Ranges. (The West Branch, and the ridge we were on, follows this faulting. A number of low saddles aligned along this faulting were also clearly visible.) We had an extended lunch and brew at the hut before returning via the gravel choked riverbed. (The large amounts of gravels are due to the ease of eroding away the crushed rocks found in this fault zone.

On the way back we stopped in Woodville for a cuppa. (Unfortunately at the same time as two bus loads of primary school rugby players!) and for a look at the local museum.) We were: Terry Coburn and Crippen, Sheena Taylor, Maureen Woodruffe, Louise Atkinson, Stuart Boyd.

SUNRISE MID-WINTER CROSSING 30 JUNE - 2 JULY

Several of us decided to take the long way to the mid-winter feast at Sunrise Hut (with the thought that a little walk would help our appetites).

We all made our way up to Purity Hut on the Friday night. (Thanks Kevin for helping with the transport.) A quick brew before calling it a day but what a cold little hut, though with the promise of a fine day it was worth putting up with.

An early start saw us on Wooden Peg as the sun started to rise. What a start to the day! – views in all directions with a recent snowfall adding to the beauty.

Lucky for us the, snow was firm and easy to walk in so it was only a short while to we were at Mangaweka. From there we shot down a frigid little creek into the top of the Kawhatau. Had to watch out for the ice covered rocks on the way down.

John and I had fun trying to keep our feet dry while walking up the Kawhatau. This ranged from hopping to sprinting at each crossing – a waste of time but fun.

Soon we were walking in snow again on the way to Rangi Saddle. Have to thank Urs and Dave for knocking the snow of all the bushes up to the top of the saddle – Made things a lot easier.

With gravity on our side it was a quick run down to Top Waikamaka Hut for lunch. This section was good rugby practise with lots of side stepping to miss all the Spaniards.

After our lunch stop, we had the next uphill section to Waikamaka Saddle to get behind us. It was obvious the creek never saw the sun – things were frozen solid. The uphill was becoming up, up, up hill! Thanks again to Urs and Dave for the good steps all the way to the top of Te Atuaoparapara. Time for a quick camera and Moro stop then onto the final leg to Sunrise Hut. This a welcome sight as our legs were starting to hang out for a rest. Poor Daryl had to walk out to the road (I bet you slept well that night!)

An excellent weekend and brilliant walk: we still are Simen Allen, Daryl Rowan; John Barkla, Bruce Barnes, Sally Richardson and Phil Clerke.