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Ready to leave Triangle Hut.

Photo taken by Warren Wheeler on the Waitangi weekend trip.

Club Nights

Club nights are held on the second and last Thursday of the month at the Society of Friends Hall, 227 College Street, Palmerston North. Doors open 7.15 pm for a cuppa before start at 7.30pm. All welcome.

11 March 2021

Ooh Aah Oroua

Janet Wilson/ Chris Tuffley

Highlighting the beautiful Oroua River and its surrounding ranges, just 80 km from Palmerston North. This wonderful area of the rugged Ruahine Ranges has open tussock tops above the bush line and birdlife, mainly rare whio (blue ducks) being protected by trapping of stoats and rats by a team of volunteers headed by Janet Wilson. Chris will be showing some of his best pics taken in the area and along the river.

25 March 2021

Te Araroa Local Overview

Dave Grant

Dave Grant is on the Committee managing local sections of the Te Araroa Trail. Tonight, he will outline what all that involves including ongoing maintenance and upcoming improvements.

8 April 2021

AGM

Come along and here what your committee has been up to over the past year.

Upcoming Trips

6th – 7th March

Piripiri or bust!

Chris Tuffley

Medium/Fit

359 2530

Piripiri Biv...there must be a reason it's the hut worth the most points in this year's challenge, right? And the reason is that there's no obvious route to it. My current thinking is to come in along the tops from Limestone Road, but I'm considering other options too. Expect at least a little leatherwood and scrub, and a lot of adventure 😊

Sun 7th March

Ridge Rd/Oroua farm walk

Dave Grant

Easy

328 7788

Walk from Ridge Road, Pohangina, over hill country farmland with magnificent views up the Oroua valley to Ruapehu and the Ruahines. Drop down a side gully through reverting bush to the picturesque Oroua river for lunch and then head downstream and climb back through farmland to the start. Not a long day, say 4 hours on the trot, and not too difficult but a bit of scrambling here and there. With luck there will be coffee and scones at our house to finish. You will need to organize your own transport, but be good to carpool from Milverton Park, leaving at 8.00am, home by 4pm. Contact Dave if you are interested and he will give travel directions.

13th or 14th March (BWD)

Platinum mines

Nicola Wallace

Easy

021 209 0720

A relaxed day walk to the historic Platinum Mines, via the Sledge Track and Hardings Park, up the Kahuterawa Valley just South of Palmerston North. Bring your headtorch, as we'll enter some of the mines. Leave from Milverton Park at 8.00am on the best weather day.

19th – 21st March

Pouakai circuit

Kathy Corner

Medium

027 618 5723

The Pouakai circuit is a wonderful 2 to 3 day tramp in Egmont National Park with spectacular views of Mount Taranaki. This trip is intended to be a 3-day tramp to make it easier for people, but we can be flexible due to

the weather or availability of Pouakai Hut (which is now a bookable hut). It can be walked in either direction, but I thought we could do Holly Hut the first night (3-4 hours) then Pouakai Hut (2-3 hours) and day 3 back to the car park (5-7 hours). Doing it in 3 days will allow us to do side trips to Bells Falls and Mt Pouakai. However, as Pouakai Hut may get booked up, we could do the tramp in the other direction and stay at Pouakai Hut on the Friday night. If you are interested in coming, please contact me early so we can make bookings.

20th or 21st March (BWD)

Maharahara and Kiritaki Hut

Janet Wilson

Fit

329 4722

A big day trip for those who are feeling fit! Going in via the high points, Maharahara and Mataginui, then dropping down (and then up) to Kiritaki Hut. Most likely back the same way. Departing PN 7am.

26th – 28th March

Sawtooth

Elly Arnst

Medium

022 682 3136

If you've always wanted to go over Sawtooth, but haven't quite made it this could be your chance. I have extended this trip to three days, and will set a route based on who wants to come. Contact me by the 21st if you're interested and I'll come up with an exciting, but achievable plan.

Easter weekend: 2nd - 5th April

Te Araroa: Tararua Forest Park Section

from Poads Road Levin to Otaki Forks 47km

Medium/ Fit

Roy Ralston

027 476 7188

If you have heard of the Te Araroa Trail and wondered what thru hiking is all about, then this section hike over Easter weekend will give you a chance to experience it for yourselves. You will be following in the footsteps of many who would have normally completed this section over Nov/Jan period each year. This section is renowned for being the most challenging on the north island leg of the trail. The weather plays a huge part to how each trail walker prepares and completes this section as parts of the open tops on the main range are very exposed to the elements. In the same

vein, many report that this section is their favorite with lots of variety and amazing views along the way.

The plan is to meet early Friday morning and travel to the start of this section at the end of Poads Road near Levin. We will tramp up to Te Matawai Hut for our first night. Approx 7-8 hrs.

On Saturday we will tramp up and along the main range passing Dracophyllum Bivy and stay at Nichols hut for the night. Approx 8-9hrs

On Sunday we will tramp south along the main range to climb Mt Crawford, the section's highest point, before descending to Waitewaewae hut for our third night. Approx 4-6hrs

On Monday we will tramp out to Otaki Forks NORMAL Road Carpark perhaps stopping at nearby Parawai hut for lunch. Approx 5 hrs Then we will tramp the Otaki Forks temporary access track that Doc has opened. It goes up and over the major slip that has closed the road to a new designated car park closer to Otaki. Approx 2-3 hrs

This trip will be weather dependent and could be called off or substituted for another destination if the forecast is unfavorable to the extent that it may be very difficult to complete the trip in the allotted time unless there is flexibility within the group to take an extra day or so. This section is one that normally does not include any dreaded road walking. However, because of the closure of part of Otaki Fork Road, there is approx 3.5 km on the final day.

Easter break could mean this section may be popular with other trampers - huts could be full especially at Nichols hut so a tent or two would be a good idea. As this trip has a different start and end point please confirm your interest as early as possible.

For more detailed information go to the official Te Araroa website and look up the trail notes under the region of Wellington and or call Roy on 027 476 7188

Notices

Trip card for January – June 2021

[Click here for the latest Trip Card.](#) We are keeping it on the website as a 'living document' so it can be kept updated with any changes. There are still gaps to fill so please contact Anne Lawrence or Janet Wilson if you wish to add a trip. You will also find a copy of the latest version of the trip card on the back page of this newsletter. So no need to worry – you'll still get your hardcopy 😊

Keeping it Local - Our 2021 club challenge

Interesting to see how many places some people have got to in the relatively short time since the challenge opened. Here is a summary of points earned by the current 'top 10'.

Club Member	Huts	High Points	Bonus	TOTAL
Michelle	75	54	3	132
Chris T	20	61	0	81
Elly	26	51	3	80
Ernie	44	22	3	69
Janet	40	18	0	58
Neil	22	29	0	51
Anne	20	21	0	41
Martin	20	21	0	41
Warren	17	13	3	33
Graham	0	8	0	8

Enter your own points on the club spreadsheet (or get someone to enter them for you). Any problems, contact Martin.

Hut and Track closures

- **Sunrise Hut and Track**

Sunrise hut and track will be closed from the 8th Feb to 5th April due to a major track upgrade. Surrounding huts in the area will remain open but access will be closed via the Sunrise Track.

- **Makaroro access**

If you are planning to use the Makaroro access to Ellis Parks Peak or Poutaki huts, note that the PanPac forest is sometimes closed. Check DOC site for up to date info.

- **Otaki Gorge emergency access**

Otaki Gorge Road is closed to vehicles and pedestrians indefinitely. DOC has opened

an Ōtaki Forks temporary walking access track which starts 11 km from SH1. This emergency track allows you to gain walking access to Tararua Forest Park.

Distance: 5 km one way

Time: 2 to 3 hours one way

Dogs: No dogs are allowed

Hunting: Firearms must be carried unloaded with ammunition stored safely away.

The track is steep and slippery in places. This temporary emergency access track has been made possible through private land, courtesy of the private landowners.



Directions to access Otaki Gorge emergency track

If coming from SH1:

1. Starting from SH1 follow the Ōtaki Gorge Road around 11 km until Shields Flat.
2. 1.3 km after Shields Flat Carpark there is a marked gate on the right-hand side.
3. Follow orange markers through the pine forest then a small section of the logging track before dropping down through native forest to re-join the Ōtaki Gorge Road.

If coming from Ōtaki Gorge/Parawai Lodge:

1. Follow Ōtaki Gorge Road out from Ōtaki Forks for around 2 km.
2. Turn off to the left through private land on the marked dam track.
3. Follow orange triangles and signage through native forest, along logging track

then through the pine forest back onto Ōtaki Gorge Road.

4. When on Ōtaki Gorge Road it's 1.5 km to Shields Flat and around 11 km to SH1.

Wellington Tramping Club have got more details as well as photos at

<https://wtmc.org.nz/uncategorized/otaki-forks-temporary-walking-access/>

Trip Reports

Toka biv

31st January 2021

Trip report: Anne Lawrence

The last day in January was forecast to be a stunner: sunny with light easterly breezes to stop it getting too hot. A perfect day to visit Toka Biv as part of a Toka – Tunupo circuit.

Martin and I met Janet and Graham at their Northern Estate – a chilly 4°C at 7.30am, but with stunning views of Ruapehu and Ngarahoe as well as of the tops where we were headed. Graham kindly dropped us off at Limestone Road end. No other cars at 8am despite the fantastic day!

Graham headed off to do some exploring with Bruce the dog up Coal creek before taking the vehicle back. The rest of us headed up Toka via Knight's track – it's a steeper climb than Shorts but shorter so seemed the best option with a longish day ahead. It was pleasant to be climbing in the early morning before the day heated up too much. We were pleased to hear a long-tailed cuckoo calling, but I was probably a bit too focused on walking to notice many other birds.

We debated putting on extra layers before hitting the tops but didn't and were pleased we hadn't. We didn't chill out despite a bit of wind. There's a few ups and downs to negotiate before you get to the turn off to Toka Biv. There is a pretty good foot trail down to the biv, and the newly restored biv is well worth a visit. It is pretty small - comfortable for two, but a bit of a squeeze for three – but it does have a water tank. And it has a Thunderbox with a grand view. 11am isn't too early for lunch

when breakfast was at 5.30am so we had first lunch by the biv.



*Anne and Janet by the newly renovated Toka Biv
(photo: Martin)*

Then back up the ridge to follow up and down and down and up towards Tunupo. Tunupo looms large and looks close but it does take a bit of walking to get there. However, it is reasonably easy to find a foot trail in most places, and we seldom had to negotiate our way through leatherwood. It was pretty hot work until we got into the cooler wind higher up Tunupo. But we found a sheltered spot not far off the peak and enjoyed a leisurely second lunch with views in all directions – Kapiti was just visible on the horizon but not Taranaki today.

Radio comms was established with Graham who by now had got Bruce and the vehicle back to their Northern Estate. From Tunupo we could see their place clearly. And then it was down, down, down. I had forgotten how gradual the Tunupo track is compared to Toka – it is really quite gentle, but that also means it's a bit longer. However, when we took the time to stop, we did hear a variety of birds. Some debate about what they were – Janet's bird app was put to use, and proved that I couldn't hear a rifleman at all (unless I held it right beside my ear!) We took a very short detour to Umutoi – more points for the Keeping it Local challenge! 😊

It didn't seem to take long to get to the bottom and the usual long slog back to the carpark was shortened by following Janet up 'our track' to the Northern Estate. Graham joined us for

beers. Sipping beer, looking at the hills and skyline we had just traversed – what a perfect end to a fantastic day out! Thanks to Janet for leading the trip.

Beehive Creek

7th Feb 2021

Report and Pics: Doug Strachan

Warren called to tell me that he heard that the Beehive Creek track was closed. Nothing on-line about that, must be fake news. One route that was closed to cars (but not cyclists) was the usual road where you turn off Napier Rd into Ashhurst. We had to take a slightly longer route than usual. The cyclist in me approved of the existence of a short-cut that is available to cyclists and pedestrians but not motorists. A great way to encourage cycling.

We pulled up at the Beehive Creek carpark and there was no sign saying the track was closed, so we left the car there and started the 40 minute walk along the road to the other end of the walkway. The soles of both of Maho's boots came off after 16 years of loyal service. Fortunately, the boots still had a thick base without the rubber soles, so she was able to keep going.



On reaching the start of the track, there WAS a sign saying the track was closed until further notice. The following is an account of what the trip would have been like had the track been open.

Apparently the farm has a new track at one point, new troughs and gates, and newly planted poplars.

This story has the presence of birds that have never been seen on our previous trips to this walkway. Turkeys can be seen and heard near the track that drops from the farmland down to the stream.

Did Minami get blackberry juice on her hands and pretend it was a bleeding nose, or did she really suffer a nose bleed? This story has an element of mystery.

A rock over a cubic metre in size sits in the creek. It was never there before. Must have fallen from that cliff in the distance, and bounced there.

Minami bends down and picks up a bird that Conan nearly stepped on. But what species is it? See photo.



Back at the carpark Minami mentions a group of people sitting beside the track that we all walked past, but she was the only one who noticed them and heard them say "hi".

The people who intended to do this walk were Duncan Hedderley and the Strachan family (Maho, Doug, Minami, Conan).

Mid-Pohangina and Ngamoko Hut Wellington Anniversary weekend 23rd -25th Jan 2021

Report: Roy Rolston

There were three of us that joined Janet's 3-day anniversary weekend tramping and trapping mission to Mid-Pohangina and beyond. The plan to get there was via Stanford hut and Cattle Creek on the eastern side of the Ruahines. While this route was very familiar to Janet, it was all new to the rest of us. Michelle and I met Janet in Ashhurst fairly early on Saturday morning and in Janet's car we picked up Ernie in Woodville.

The forecast for the weekend wasn't that flash with isolated showers and gusty winds but was forecasted to be on the improve with a much better day on the Monday. There had been some rain during the week, so river levels were of some concern.

At the road end the weather didn't look good. The ranges were covered in misty cloud, it was threatening to rain and it was surprisingly cold and windy. We ventured off after some trepidation but soon warmed up on the uphill sidle track. We made good time to Stanford hut passing a film crew who were on their way out. They were on a clearing and had a camera fixed on a hunter with all his gears on.

At the hut we stopped for morning tea, then in clearing weather we pushed on to our next hut - uphill again before it flattened out along a ridge line. Further along at the very exposed saddle turn-off we encountered very strong winds - so much so it was near impossible to stay on your feet without hanging on to something. Then just 20m or so down the track off the saddle, it was a lot more sheltered which made it a relatively easy decent to our lunch stop at Cattle Creek hut.

The hut is a small 6 bunker, tidy and, like Stanford, it's looked after by the Deerstalkers - however it was notable by a very noisy chimney rattling in the wind.

Moving on to Mid-Poh, our destination for the night, meant our route was to take us down

Cattle creek - a tributary of the Pohangina River itself. About 20 mins down the open headwaters narrow to a point where we came to a right-angle bend with an exposed face above. Janet, in the lead, could go on no more, the wind funneling up and around the creek and face was hurricane-like. We stopped and regathered and considered our options. It was not pleasant – however, a brief lull in the wind allowed us a space to push on. Thankfully after navigating our route further downstream for a bit the wind wasn't so bad.

Along the way Janet stumbled on a stoat near the creek bed. It scampered away and disappeared into some rocks on the bank. After a quick prod and poke we didn't see it again, so we continued on. Soon we came to a small gorge. Janet took the high road and latched on to a chain purposely anchored into the rock slope to get back down the other side while we decided to take the low road and wade through. The creek was running fairly low so I didn't get too wet however for the shorties it was a waist-deep experience and it was also a bit tricky in places to find secure footing on the slippery rocks.

Past that and climbing around a small waterfall and just before we reached a DOC sign, Janet leading startled a fawn which trotted off ahead of her and disappeared into some thicker bush. Presumably the mother was close by but we didn't see her. The sign with an arrow pointing upwards said Mid-Poh hut 15 mins. Upwards is a steep slip with a marker we could see at the top and, according to Janet, there was once a track sidling up to it, but it has been taken out by a steep rock-slide. A scramble to find the best route had us at the top of the slip and our first trap to service. From there it was a short drop down and we arrived - luckily - at an empty hut. It was now about 4.30pm and it had taken us about 7½ hours from the road end - not too bad considering.

Day 2: The mission was to service all the traps up the river to Ngamoko hut and return back to Mid-Poh for our second night. The weather was ok but the river was indeed running higher than normal for this time of year and what I

remembered from just over a year ago. We progressed our way upriver without too much problem finding the traps as we went but, on occasion, river crossings were a little more challenging so we teamed up in pairs to ensure we crossed safely.

It was fine and sunny when we reached Ngamoko hut for lunch and found the hut very clean and tidy. All credit to the film crew and a band of hunters that were there for several days previous. After a short hut maintenance inspection, we generally found it in good repair but did notice the guttering was clogged so I set about clearing it out while also cleaning the filter to the water tank.

Returning to Mid-Poh it was a trek back down the river and more river crossings. Just this time the crossing seemed to be a little deeper. Very strange but later Janet worked out the river was on the rise that afternoon after some recent rain in the headwaters. There were a couple of crossings where the shorties in our group experienced a cold dip up chest height this time.

Back at the hut we again had to ourselves and we arrived with ample time to dry out and change into dry clothes, Janet and Ernie headed further downstream to service a few more traps to complete the trapping mission while Michelle and I chilled out even getting a bit of kip before making dinner and turning in for the night.

Day 3 and mission completed, so it was back out the way we came. The weather was fine and clear but while it was relatively calm at the hut we could hear and see that it was still windy up higher. And, yes, again on the exposed saddle above Cattle Creek hut the wind was just as strong as when we came in. Unbelievable! However, once we got further along into the bush it was much more sheltered that is until we got to the carpark. Lifting the boot, we figured we might see it ripped off, the wind was so strong. When we did my job was to hang on to it. As it transpired the wind then picked up a large paper bag, blew it through the open front window and it

careered off down the road luckily wrapping itself round a strainer post a couple of hundred meters away.

Back to Woodville and an ice cream later, we dropped off Ernie and headed for home. In summary: a good but demanding trip, in good company, with a variety of unusual and challenging events. I think we all can report that the Ruahines and the Pohangina River tested our resolve - but we once again came out trumps. However, I for one will report that I returned home pretty drained and bugged.

Thanks to Janet for her experienced lead and guidance. We were Janet, Michelle, Ernie and Roy.

Rangiwahia -Triangle - Iron Gates Loop Waitangi weekend 2021

Trip report: Elly, Toby and Logan

On Waitangi weekend we made a head start into Rangiwahia Hut, then joined up with Michelle's two-night trip down the Oroua, exiting at Peterson's Road. Toby (8) and Logan (9) loved the adventure and being part of a club trip. They have both written their own trip reports below. Thanks to Michelle and Neil for organising transport at the end!

On the trip were: Elly, Greg, Toby, Logan and Tucker; Michelle, Warren and Ernie, Neil and Roy.

Toby's Account

Friday afternoon at 3:30 we picked up my friend Logan and then left Whanganui to go pick up Greg in Feilding. Then we drove to the carpark at the bottom of the Ruahine mountains [Renfrew Road]. After we got there, we unpacked the car and off we went along the track. It took us less than 2 hours to get to Rangi hut. We had dinner really late before we went to sleep in our sleeping bags.

The next day we walked through the long brownish grass [tussock]. At the top Logan and I started running down and I fell over and rolled twice and I almost hit a metal post! We stopped for lunch by a big boulder [top of the

Triangle track] and we could see some people from a distance [it was Michelle, Warren and Ernie]. Me and Logan kept falling in big holes going down the hill to Triangle Hut.



Going down the hill to Triangle Hut (photo: Elly)

Finally, we made it down to the river. It was too cold to go swimming, so we all collected firewood and built a fire pit, and Greg helped build a wall out of stones because it was windy. Then the other three showed up and we all ate dinner. Logan and I lit the fire and roasted marshmallows to make s'mores. When Logan and I put the fire out it was really cool because there was lots of steam coming out. There were lots of spiders in the hut, so we slept on the bottom bunks.



Fire building at Triangle Hut (photo: Elly)

On Sunday morning, Logan and I went for a walk with Ernie, Michelle, and Warren up to the little gorge. Logan fell in a waterfall and got really really wet. He was so lucky that Warren was holding onto him and pulled him out. We went back to the hut and got Logan some dry

clothes, then we all went down the river. Walking in the river was fun until Tucker got stuck up on a high bank [just before the Up and Over]. He was barking a lot, but Mum eventually got him down. Then Warren, Logan and I snuck up on Michelle and Ernie and gave them a fright!

The Up and Over was the hardest bit because it was really steep and it was 250m high. Going down was the best bit because you didn't have to use your hands. I fell over there too. We had to walk in the river a bit more, but soon we were at Iron Gate Hut.



Swimming in the deep pool near Iron Gate Hut (photo: Elly)

We swam in a deep pool near the hut. It was so cold it was like an ice bath! Logan and I were jumping in and sliding in off a rock. After a few minutes we all hopped out because of how cold it was. Me and Logan built another outdoor fire. Then Neil and Roy turned up. The hut was really busy.



S'mores at Iron Gate Hut (photo: Elly)

On the last day we split up [Warren, Michelle, Neil and Ernie went down the river; Roy, Greg, Elly, Toby, Logan and Tucker went along the

track]. It was a very long walk out. Mum gave us lots of chocolate and sour worms. It was really fun to have new people to go tramping with.

Logan's Account

On Waitangi weekend I went on my first tramp, and I was with my friend Toby and his Mum. I was so excited to be going up into the Ruahine Ranges! On the first day I was amazed how good the view was, I could see lots of hills. We walked all the way to Rangiwahia Hut.



Toby and Logan ready to leave Rangiwahia Hut (photo: Elly)

The following day we walked all the way to Triangle Hut, and that was the longest walk yet. Once we got there, we gathered sticks and rocks to make a fire, and I was surprised how big the fire was. We had lots of fun roasting marshmallows. Before we went to the next hut we went for a little walk across the river and I slipped and fell into the river. I was wearing all of my clothes and I got really wet. We then went across a big river to get to the Iron Gate Hut. That was our last sleep in the Ruahine Ranges. Just before we went to bed, we made another fire and roasted more marshmallows. I had so much fun tramping. I hope I can go again.



*PNTMC Members at Iron Gate Hut
(photo: Warren)*

Iron Gates Gorge. We hoped to see who and to enjoy as much swimming as the day would allow.



*Easy travel down the Oroua River
(photo: Warren)*



*Resting on Maungamahue, 1661m
(photo: Warren)*

What a great day - wonderful weather for my first experience of the western Ruahine Range. Large red beech trees were a delight, along with some extremely healthy maturing rimu. We met some fellow trampers returning from trap-clearing and exchanged news and views.



*Approaching Maungamahue, Ruahine Forest Park
(photo: Warren)*

The track was predominantly an easy walk with plenty of variety making for an interesting day. On reaching Tunupo Campsite we plunged into a pool for a quick breath-taking dip followed by an early lunch. We headed off down the river and, at one point, Kathy and I swam with our packs which was fun on such a warm day. Hopping over rocks and crossing the river multiple times we made our way down to Iron Gates Gorge for a look with a view to returning to the carpark via the Stoat Trappers Track. One of the high points of the day was spotting a whoi on the river - another first for me. Before leaving the river, we had another dip and were suitably impressed by Warren's swimming trick, floating through some rapids!

Clothes back on, we made our way steeply up to re-join the main track, returning to the car park by 4pm. Ice creams were had on the trip home making it a happy day.

Sunday 14 February 2021

Iron Gates Gorge Trip

Report by Robyn Boocock

And then there were three....

Bright and early at 7.30 Warren, Kathy and Robyn left Palmerston North by car to tramp from the car park at Petersen Rd. The plan was to complete a loop to Tunupo Campsite through the bush and back down the river to

Participants – Warren Wheeler (leader), Kathy Corner, Robyn Boocock.

**Trip card – latest information on trips for
April to June 2020**

April				
<i>Date</i>	<i>Trip</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Leader</i>	<i>Phone</i>
2	Easter: Te Araroa: Levin to Otaki Forks	E/M	Roy Rolston	027 476 7188
3 or 4				
10 -11	Makaretu Hut	M	Kathy Corner	027 618 5722
10 or 11 (BWD)	Top Gorge Hut	M/F	Warren Wheeler	356 1998
17-18	Thunderbolt - Kaimanawas	F	Grant Christian	021 117 6921
17 or 18	Blue Range Hut	M	Michelle Benton	027 355 2532
24-26	Purangi - East Taranaki ET	E/M	Janet Wilson	329 4722
24 or 25				
May				
1-2	Ruapehu Crater from Tukino	F&T	Grant Christian	021 117 6921
1 or 2 (BWD)	Maharahara crossing	M	Warren Wheeler	356 1998
8-9	Triangle Hut	F	Richard Lockett	323 0948
8 or 9	Navigation day	All	Chris Tuffley	359 2530
15-16	Howlett's crossing	F	Warren Wheeler	356 1998
Sun 16	Pukenaena/Arawaru	M	Dave Grant	328 7788
22-23	Iron Gate Hut		Janet Wilson	329 4722
22 or 23				
29-30	Northern Circuit - Tongariro National Park	M	Grant Christian	021 117 6921
29 or 30				
June				
5-7	Queens Birthday: Motutapu	All	Janet Wilson	329 4722
5 or 6				
12-13	Waiopehu Hut	M	Nicola Wallace	021 209 0720
12 or 13				
19-20	Forks Hut		Graham Peters	
19 or 20 (BWD)	Toka	M	Warren Wheeler	356 1998
26-27	Mid-winter get-together	All		
26 or 27				



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