



Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club

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Beginners Tramp #2 at Rangiwahia Hut, Ruahine Forest Park.

Pic by Martin Lawrence

Club Nights

Club nights are generally held on the second and last Thursday of each month at the Quakers Hall, 227 College Street, Palmerston North. Doors open 7.15pm for meeting start at 7.30pm. All welcome.

13 April 2023

Post-Easter Dine Out

Warren Wheeler

At home after Easter? Come along for a social night out at India 2nite in George Street, PN.
From 6.00pm.

27 April 2023

Lamington National Park

Anne & Martin Lawrence

Lamington National Park is about an hour's drive from the Gold Coast. At the end of 2022, Martin and Anne spent a week exploring the park. Come along to hear about it and see their pics.

Upcoming Trips

1-2 April 2023 **Mt Climie- Remutaka Rail Trail** **M** **Adam Matich** **022 358 8062**
Cancelled due to COVID.

2 April 2023 **Beginner Tramp #3** **E** **Anne Lawrence** **06 357 1695**
Join us on this, our third beginners tramp. We are going to go to Herepai Hut. The track leaves from Putara Road in Eketahuna. The road end is about an hour's drive from Palmy. The track starts by following a densely forested track beside the Mangatainoka river. After crossing an impressive swing bridge, the track climbs, steeply at times, to reach a T-junction. we will follow the right-branching track to Herepai Hut where we plan to have lunch. If conditions are suitable, those feeling energetic can climb higher - it's about 45 minutes to get to Herepai high point (1125m). We'll re-trace our steps to get back to the car park. We'll leave from Milverton park at 7.30am and expect to be back around 5pm.

7-10 April 2023 **Easter Tararua Crossing** **M** **Roy Rolston** **027 476 7188**
The plan is to do the classic southern crossing from Otaki to Kaitoke or Otaki to Wiaohine Road End via Bull Mound and Cone Hut, however there are other options i.e. a Mid-crossing from Levin via Tarn Ridge Hut and Mitre Peak, I am open to consider. Depending upon the interest and logistics of having a vehicle at both ends, perhaps swapping keys with two groups or we choose a circuit route instead. That could be via the challenging Tararua Peaks, Mangahuka and Waitewaewae or via Renata Hut (seldom visited) and Kime or a different option from the other side i.e. my DNG trip via Holdsworth to Dorset Ridge, Mitre Peak. If weather is not good for tops travel, a more suitable low level Plan B can be looked at. ie. Putara Road End to Holdsworth Roadend or Mitre Flats to Kaitoke. If you are keen for a multi day adventure let me know and we'll work something out.

9 April 2023 **TBA**
If anyone wants to lead a day trip this weekend please phone Warren 06 356 1998. Keep an eye out for any trip details on our website.

15-16 April 2023 **TBA**
If anyone wants to lead an overnight trip this weekend please phone Warren 06 356 1998. Keep an eye out for any trip details on our website.

16 April 2023 **Farm Walk** **E/M** **Malcolm Leary** **06 327 7825**
For my farm walk I intend to do a circuit on the back half of Otairi Station, probably about 20 km. Will be good views.

22-25 April 2023 **ANZAC POH Huts Maintenance** **M** **Janet Wilson** **06 329 4722**
The club has maintenance agreements with DOC to look after Mid Pohangina and Ngamoko Huts. Both these huts have luckily avoided damage from Cyclone Gabrielle but are in need of a check and some routine maintenance from club members. If you are interested in helping out please get in touch early (by 16 April) so we can plan this as efficiently as possible.

23 April 2023 **TBA**
If anyone wants to lead a day trip this weekend please phone Warren 06 356 1998. Keep an eye out for any trip details on our website.

28-30 April 2023 Quest for Quoin M Ernie Cook 027 303 1363

Two nights at Alpha Hut with optional day trip to extract elusive E's ex Elder High Point and Hut. Travel from Kiwi Ranch Road along Marchant Ridge (I have unfinished business here!). Return via Quoin Ridge and over Quoin High Point to Kaitoke Water Works Road. Not an insurmountable distance from Kiwi Ranch Road. May use two vehicles. Experienced trampers may wish to join us from Waiohine Gorge Road End on the SATURDAY and exit with us via Quoin on the Sunday making a through trip. I would endeavour to get them back to their vehicle at Waiohine Gorge Road End. Will be leaving Palmerston North early on the Friday. Winter bonus points will apply. Talk to me sooner than later.

30 April 2023 North Ohau Hut E Warren Wheeler 06 356 1998

Day trip up the Ohau River and North Branch to visit the North Ohau Hut for lunch. Depart Milverton Park 7.30am.

6-7 May 2023 Pohangina River M Janet Wilson 06 329 4722

An extended Pohangina River trip for a few days in the area above Leon Kinvig Hut. Dates may be extended to get extra days of good weather. A good chance to check out the flood damage and help out with the stoat traps protecting the whio ducks.

7 May 2023 Beginner Tramp #4 M Robyn Boocock 06 356 1998

Join us on this, our fourth beginners tramp. Phone Robyn for details or refer to Trips on our website.

Trip Grading

Trip grades depend on many factors, especially weather and terrain. A reasonably proficient trampers should expect to do the trips in the following times:

Easy (E):	3-4 hrs	Other Grades:
Medium (M):	5-6 hrs	Family (Fam)
Fit (F):	about 8 hrs	Technical skills (T)
Fitness Essential (FE):	over 8 hrs	Inst (Instruction)

BWD = Best weather day of a weekend

Trip participants

Contact the leader at least 3 days in advance. Trips usually leave from Milverton Park. A charge for transport will be collected on the day.

Gear for trips

Minimum gear for day trips is appropriate footwear, pack, lunch and snacks, waterproof jacket, over-trousers, gloves, warm hat, torch, toilet paper, matches or a lighter, sunblock, first aid kit, and a survival bag or space blanket. Each person needs to be equipped to survive overnight.

Overdue Trips

If a club trip is late returning, please do not worry as there is probably a good reason for the delay. If you are in any doubt, please phone Martin Lawrence 357 1695 or Graeme Richards 021 149 8267.

New Members

Welcome to Sonu Sharma.

We trust you enjoy getting out and about with us.

Notices

Annual General Meeting 23 March 2023

At the AGM all the existing officers were re-elected unopposed and it was decided that subs would remain the same as last year.

The Presidents Report by Janet Wilson covers the highlights from last years activities and is reproduced below.

Alerts and Reporting Damage to DOC

DOC have completed inspections of Cyclone Gabrielle damage in the Ruahines and most of the tracks and huts are now Open, but with a general advisory warning of possible damage due to flooding, slips and fallen trees – be prepared to turn back.

However some popular tracks remain Closed including the Irongates Track past Alice Nash Memorial Lodge due to large slips and Sunrise Hut is inaccessible until damaged roads are repaired (check road closures on-line before going on any trips in the area).

It is advisable to postpone any trips into these areas or at least be aware that detours may be required and progress may be much slower and more dangerous, especially where slips are still active or unstable.

For reporting damage found in the backcountry, you can either contact the local DOC Office or there is a quick super easy form that can be

found through the DOC website > Contact Us > Alerts > Report site damage and upload a photo on our online form.

Here is a quick link to the page:

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/alerts/>

On the same page, if you scroll down and select a region where you want to go tramping, it will show you a list with status of tracks and huts if they have any damage and if they are open or closed.



Dates are yet to be confirmed but applications are now open for Snowcraft, which is due to be held on two weekends in July.

SC1 - basic skills in alpine conditions;

SC2 - mountain climbing skills using ropes.

Costs are kept to a minimum to encourage participation. For details see our website and contact Dieter Stalman 027 450 9460.

Presidents Report 2022-23

It is with pleasure that I present this the 57th Presidents Annual Report.

This year has seen NZ emerge from most Covid restrictions and our world return to a more normal state. The club programme has once again been more or less full with a good turnout on trips and at club nights. I am pleased to report that our membership has remained stable and we are attracting both experienced and new trampers to the club. We remain a high achieving small club that I am proud to be President of. Warren has provided the following statistics which give a good overview of this year's membership and trips.

- Membership has increased slightly with the loss of 15 members being offset by the addition of 13 new individual members and 5 new family members.

- Total membership of 83 members includes 54 Individual Members, 28 Family Members and 3 Life Members.
- Of the 80 financial members, 65 paid eSubs and 15 received printed copies of the newsletter by paying Full subs.
- Of the 94 trips programmed, 56 (60%) were day trips and 38 (40%) were overnight trips.
- In the event, 30% of trips Did Not Go due to weather or other reasons.
- 75% (42) of day trips that did go as well as 63% (24) of overnight trips.
- Of the 66 trips that went, 29% (19) went to the Ruahines, 47% (31) to the Tararuas, 24% (16) went elsewhere.
- On average there were 6.8 people on Day Trips and 5.8 on overnight trips.
- Beginner Tramps were the most popular trips with up to 16 people coming along.

The range of trips is impressive in variety offered. It may be a reflection of the age of our membership, but we don't have as many fit and hard core trips as were offered some years ago. Social trips and beginner trips have proved the most popular. Highlights of these include the annual "Coastal Classic" which visited Whale Island near Whakatane. We celebrated the new Matariki holiday with a trip to the coast to watch the star cluster Matariki rise.

Beginner Tramp Series

These tramps have continued to attract good numbers and have led to some new members joining the club. Thanks in particular to Anne Lawrence for organising - a big task - and to those who provide support by assisting on the trips. Beginner tramps are an excellent way for the club to pass on skills and knowledge and promote tramping safely to the wider community, even if it doesn't lead to a great increase in membership.

Snowcraft

Once again three Snow Craft courses took place during winter with 10 students on SC1, 3 on SC2 and 5 on S3. Thanks in particular to Grant Christian, Bruce van Brunt and Dieter Stalman for planning and instruction and to the other instructors. The lack of snow in recent times is a cause for concern, with participants needing to head higher on the mountain to find suitable conditions. The future looks uncertain for the ski fields on Mt Ruapehu. We can only hope that we get some early and more frequent snow over the next few years.

Snowcraft made a net profit of \$1602 this year thanks to lower than budgeted accommodation costs and some drivers declining reimbursement of transport costs. Thanks to Sue Pither for the use of her holiday home. Surplus funds from snowcraft should be invested back in to the programme either for gear replacement or instructor training.

Over the last year we have invested previous snowcraft surplus funds in replacing the club ropes and many of the harnesses which should see us us to date well in to the future. The avalanche transceivers are in need of an upgrade and we intend to look at replacing some in them this coming year.

Club Huts

We had a well attended trip to check on Ngamoko and Mid Pohangina Huts in April 2022. Some routine maintenance was been carried out. Both huts are in good condition and the Ngamoko hut book reflects the appreciation user have of this lovely hut. DOC have recently forwarded reports from their hut inspectors and we will follow through with the mostly routine work needed as soon as possible. Mid Pohangina will need some exterior paintwork over over the next couple of years. Both huts were lucky to escape damage from Cyclone Gabrielle in February this year - not so lucky was Leon Kinvig Hut, the next hut up the river.

Communication - Newsletter, Website and Facebook

Thanks to Warren Wheeler for the commitment he shows in producing our newsletter. The newsletter is a good read every month and provides an excellent historical record of our club activities and other news. We still distribute a paper copy to those who pay the extra sub. I encourage everyone, not only the e-sub members to read the newsletter on line where you get the benefit of the photos in colour.

Martin Lawrence maintains our excellent updated web site with all upcoming trips and club nights advertised. The web site also holds a collection of historical newsletters which make great reading. I encourage you all to have a look - there is a lot of information to be found there.

The Facebook page has 665 followers and lists our club programme. Users need to contact the trip leaders directly to go on trips. There is also a good collection of photos on the page.

Club nights and Social Activities

Club nights have been many and varied - thanks again to the hard working Warren for organising such a great range of speakers, BYO slide nights etc. Thanks also to club members who have risen to the challenge of giving their own talk about a special trip. Club members took part in 2 quiz nights this year - catching up from one previously cancelled and took home the trophy on both occasions. Well done to the team members.

Conservation Volunteering (Applied Tramping)

Club members once again helped with the Te Potea trapping programme over a long weekend - volunteering for this work gives you an opportunity to fly in to the hills and visit some of the more remote areas while helping with a long running conservation project.

While this is not officially part of our clubs activities I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the RuahineWhio, to thank those club members who help with the protection work that I lead in the Oroua and Pohangina Valleys. There are many hours put in and club members make up a large proportion of the volunteers.

Scrabble Challenge

Inspired by an idea from club member Ernie Cook, this fun challenge started in December 2022. We haven't had a club challenge recently and as usual, the idea of the Challenge is to help provide an incentive (if you need one) to just get out there and go tramping and to visit some new places. Martin has created an easy to use spreadsheet to record your visits.

Back County Trust and Ruahine User Group

I would like to acknowledge the work put in over the last few years by the BCC. A lot of effort has gone in to into upgrading and maintaining some of the Ruahine Huts, most recently Dianne's Hut. Sadly Leon Kinvig was done up last year. BCC, along with others including the Ruahine User Group to which PNTMC belongs, have also played a big part in the reopening of the Mokai Station access. This is an important Northwestern access point and I encourage club members to take advantage of this and head up that way for some great tramping.

Constitution

The committee has started to review the club's constitution to update it and to bring it in line with the new Incorporated Society's legislation.

I wish to thank everyone who is a member of PNTMC for supporting and contributing to our club and to acknowledge the effort put in by members of the committee, trip leaders and instructors. It is because of you that we have once again been able to offer a full and varied programme of events including mountaineering and tramping trips, mountain biking, training, talks, a quiz nights, photo competitions and social gatherings.

Before I conclude I have a couple of ideas to put out there to the membership - the idea of mid-week tramps has been raised recently . While traditionally a weekend tramping club - would we want to included scheduled weekday trips? Is this worthy of discussion as more of our membership reaches retirement. Secondly in 3 years time we will celebrate our 60th year - how to commemorate this milestone?

We would not have a club without the efforts of those who volunteer as committee members, instructors and trip leaders. I would like to encourage anyone who feels they can find some time to help contribute to the running of the club to consider helping out in some way, be it as a trip leader or committee member. To conclude, I wish to thank Don French for continuing to review our accounts and to Sue Pither for continuing to be an interested and supportive Patron.

Janet Wilson
President PNTMC
23 March 2023-

Trip Reports

3-4 March 2023 Jumbo-Holdsworth Loop - Not Extended Maungahuka Trip Report Janet Wilson

Weather Forecasts, weather forecasts and more weather forecasts - what did we do before we had so many to help us make decisions based on weather - whether to go, whether to change plans - or whether not to go at all?

The popular YrNo forecast often seems the most pessimistic (or is that realistic). Anyway, to cut a long story short about the pros and cons of the various forecasts, by the day before Blair and I had come to the conclusion that the forecast was less than ideal. We cut our planned 3 day Maungahuka trip short to the much easier Jumbo- Holdsworth Loop and booked a couple of spaces in Jumbo Hut for the Friday night.



A bit windy and looking cloudy up ahead, but.

Hard to beat Mt Holdsworth on a fine day

The forecast turned out to be better than expected but we wouldn't have had the fantastic views and clear moonlit night that I had hoped for. Still, we enjoyed a breezy but warm tramp around to Jumbo Hut via Powell Hut and Mt Holdsworth.

The hut bookings indicated there would be about 14 people in the hut that night - only two unbooked trampers showed up - what does this say about the hut booking system? Maybe it was the weather forecast that put them all off?

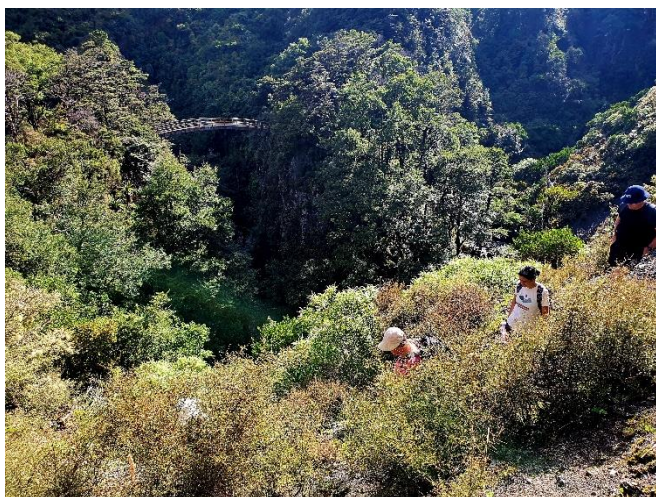
The wind dropped overnight, but it was raining around 6am so we didn't venture back up to Angle Knob for another "scrabble point". We were back at the carpark by 12 pm for lunch. Despite the forecast, it was a very enjoyable dry tramp, Blair covered some new ground and visited two new huts and there was a good number of scrabble points gained.

We were Blair Petersen and Janet Wilson (leader/scribe) Photos thanks to Blair.

5 March 2023 Beginner Tramp #2 Rangiwahia Hut and Beyond Report by Heather Knox

This year's second beginner tramp was originally listed as Sunrise Hut, and maybe a bit further. However, Cyclone Gabrielle's impact led to last minute change of destination to Rangiwahia Hut, and possibly Mangahua high point as well. Given that I'd been up to Sunrise fairly recently, and had only seen clouds and been drizzled on along the Whanahua Range last time I'd been there, I signed up.

A lot of new, and a few familiar, faces greeted me at Milverton Park and 15 of us headed out to Rangiwahia. There was an ominous bank of grey cloud in Palmy, and lots of clouds sitting among the hills on the drive out, but the weather at the road end seemed perfect. Sunny, cloudy and not too hot. After a round of introductions and a quick head count, we started off up the track.



Dropping down to the arch bridge – Pic Martin Lawrence

On route to the hut there was a lot of chatting, some stopping to listen to the birds and look at the local flora, plus a snack break on the steps not quite at a scenic viewpoint. There were lots of happy faces when we arrived at the hut two hours after setting off. A number of the group had never visited a tramping hut before, so it was great to be a part of this new experience for them.

As it was only 11 o'clock, and not really lunchtime yet, some of the group checked out the beautifully decorated toilets and then we all headed off to the tops. It was stunningly calm, not at all damp and we were surrounded by great views.



Spot the giant earthworm.

We stopped to have a look at a very long worm which was crawling over the track, but although I keep my eyes peeled, no giant snails were spotted on this trip.

There was some discussion about whether to go all the way to Mangahua or not (which was somewhat obscured by cloud at that point), and the decision was taken to see how we felt along the way. We stopped for lunch at a scenic spot after about 45 minutes of walking. Then, after a quick check in, the majority of the group decided that it would be good to visit Mangahua given that we were so close. (Plus those collecting scrabble points could get 3 more!)

Unsurprisingly, given the calm conditions, the cloud didn't move and the view from Mangahua was 360 degrees of white. It was great to be up there though, and a fantastic achievement for those in the group who had either never been tramping before, had only been once or twice in the past, or hadn't put their tramping boots on for a very long time.



Mangahuia Hi Point - views we have none, but happy to be here.

Pic Warren Wheeler

From the high point we retraced our steps and took in the views, once away from the whiteness, on the way back. Given that we had a visitor from the States at my end of the group, there was lots of discussion about the best things to do in Palmy, the region and the country on the walk back to the hut. With a focus on the most weird, wonderful and low-cost options for making the most out of a year in Aotearoa!

After a quick stop at the hut, and a chat with Bianca's friends who had come up for an overnight trip, we headed back down. There were a few spots of rain, and for a short period it looked like we'd be tramping back in drizzle. The good weather won out though, the rain never eventuated, and we made it back to the car park without needing to get our raincoats out.

Thanks to Anne for organising and leading and to Marty and Warren for being tail end Charlies. A good day out was had by all.

14-15 March 2023

Jumbo/Holdsworth Loop

Report by Roy Rolston

Pics by Heather Knox

It was during the week, I think I recall, I received an email from Warren detailing a two day trip that Ernie was leading. Unusually it was scheduled during the week, probably I thought to coincide with a couple of days off from his work bus driving. And sure enough, yes but it was also to make up for a trip to the Ruahines that DNG a short time ago because of bad weather. Well he couldn't have picked a better two days to take a break from the busy streets of Palmy and hit the trail. The forecast was brilliant.

A casual start was the go for Tuesday morning which suited me as I had barely got the pack out of the cupboard let alone pack anything. Picking up Heather at 9.30 am we made our way over to Pahiatua to Ernie's place. Mr Reliable was duly waiting outside his house and after stashing his gear next to ours in the boot of my old trusty Corolla we were off heading south.

We arrived at the Holdsworth car park surprised to see quite a number of other cars there for a weekday. With boots and packs on we headed off, signing in first at the Holdsworth Lodge intentions book. It was only then I realized which way we were going as I thought we were heading for Powell. With the circuit being bookable Ernie and Heather made sure they had a bed at Jumbo that night but I didn't get around to booking anything thinking there would be plenty of space at Powell. So hmm! Jumbo is smaller so I might be on the floor.

With Ernie leading the way we made good time along the track to Atiwhakatu Hut arriving around lunch time. It was the first time I had met and tramped with Heather but it didn't take long to get to know her as we made good conversation along the way. The day was indeed perfect, sunny, fine and clear and for lunch we enjoyed some food and snacks on the picnic table outside the hut. I learnt that Heather is a painted stone enthusiast and she had some with her, leaving one of hers at the hut somewhere for someone to find.

Off again Ernie started to lead us up the stiff climb to Jumbo Hut about two something hours away. For a small person I noticed Heather was carrying a sizable pack and it looked a little heavy. She later confessed to packing a few extra things than she usually would but now knowing a bit more about her I was sure she was very capable. Heather said she had been up this track before but never got as far as the hut so she was looking forward to covering new ground. As we climbed we all got real to the grunty effort required to climb up the rooty track but when you finally break the bush line, I know we are only 10 mins or so away from the hut.

At that point Ernie pointed to some dry windfall so I broke off a large piece and dragged it onward up to the hut. We arrived to see others had already taken up residence. I count the bodies and quickly see there are plenty of mattresses available. We made ourselves home on the bottom bunk and hung up our sweaty clothes on the clothes rack to dry. After a brew, I set about trying to get the fire going as the temperature was starting to cool somewhat. Meanwhile Ernie was busy sawing the branch that I dragged up into smaller pieces. With the help of Ernie's cut wood and his firefighters he had brought with him, I finally got the fire going after several attempts. It was of note that while there was a good amount of chopped wood stacked by the fire already it was far from dry. Then later while investigating around I note in the store wood shed beside the front door I find what looked like large rings of a eucalyptus tree, soaking wet. Stacked in there it's never going to dry and be of any use for firewood like that. It needed a strong energetic person to pull them out of there and run an axe through them. At that moment however, that wasn't going to be me.

A little while later while we all were dipping into our back country meals of various sorts, more people arrived but there was still plenty of room for everybody. Eventually after a brilliant sunset we all retired and by all accounts from my point of view the hut was very quiet all night, no snoring even. Hell I thought MAYBE I was snoring!! Just a little Heather said later BUT there was something else in the silence we both heard from about 3am. It was like a faint crinkling sound of plastic being played with. While up for a pee, I had a quick look around fearing that my food and that of others left on the bench was being investigated by some undesirable large rodent. No sign of anything amiss, so I retired back to my sleeping bag. A while later the same noise again, crinkle crinkle?? Was there a mouse in this house?

Well as it turned out, Heather had left an OSM bar on the floor beside her pack and when she was packing up after getting up to a brilliant sunrise, she noticed a small hole in one corner of the bar. Yes it had to be a mouse and not a rat thank heavens so the mystery was solved.

Leaving the hut with the autumn sun now warming us up we climbed up to Jumbo Peak making sure we walked a further 50 mtrs or so to the true peak as there were scramble points to be had. After taking a few photos and admiring the clear view everywhere we made our way along the ridge to Mt Holdsworth Peak in idyllic conditions. Another photo opportunity could not be missed alongside probably the most photographed trig in the Tararua's. It was a good place for Heather to leave another painted stone which was placed on the official peak marker plate in the centre of the trig

A stroll down to Powell had us there for lunch. Sitting on a bench on the outside deck, you can't help but be impressed by how big this hut is and the huge deck that surrounds it. We met a woman there also on her own who had arrived before us and was breastfeeding her three month old baby. She said she had come up for a bit of exercise in two and half hours or so and was going back down in time to pick up her older daughter from kindergarten i think it was. She carried her baby in a wrap around shawl with the baby facing towards her on her chest as she demonstrated when she prepared to leave. On one hand I personally thought her feat to carry a baby all the way up here in a very short time was impressive but it also concerned me. As she was about to leave I said to her, be very careful on those giant steps going



down, they will be easy to slip on if they are wet. I even asked if she wanted to walk with us. But no, she wanted to get on going by herself. Between us we had conversations earlier on the trek about those horrid steps so Heather was well informed of what was to come.

Hoping I would not find a train wreck down the track we made our way down. I am not sure what Ernie thought about it all as he remained fairly quiet but for me her actions troubled me. Maybe I am old fashioned or something or just overreacting but I figure that baby has no choice in the matter if she takes a fall. Hmm!

Leading the way it wasn't long before Heather found out what we were talking about, as every step for her was a large step down and the last step on most sets of steps, and there are lots of them, was a leap or a jump or a crawl down a humongous drop. Yes I have heard many complaints about them, last I heard recently DOC in Masterton were going to take another look at them to see what they can do but were short of staff at the moment so might take awhile.

Negotiating the steps successfully we were soon down to Mountain House Shelter where we decided to take a break. While there, an older couple turned up heading for Powell then Jumbo. Very interesting couple, they had already walked the TA and were cruising around the country taking in various treks as they went. I noticed the guy had an Aarn pack and I asked him what it was like. He said he really liked it but it took awhile to get to grips with the complicated array of straps it had to secure the front pockets properly and to be able to put the pack on or take it off easily. After a somewhat long conversation they parted company but only after I warned them there was a mouse in the house at Jumbo.



Back on the track the next stop was at Boulder Knob and an obligately photo opportunity. By this time the day had clouded up a bit and the scene back up to Powell and beyond was somewhat hazy so it wasn't that good to take a good pic. Heather did take some however and with that done we made our way back to the car park thus completing a very enjoyable Jumbo Holdsworth circuit.

An obligatory ice cream was then enjoyed back in Masterton before heading back to Pahiatua and home. Many thanks to Ernie for leading the trip.

We were Ernie Cook (Leader), Roy Rolston and Heather Knox



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