



Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club

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Newsletter June 2023



Ready to check stoat traps near damaged Leon Kinvig Hut, Pohangina River.

Pic by Malcolm Thomas

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.

8 June 2023

Life as New Doc Ranger

Monika Coles

Postponed from 11 May. Monika will put together a few photos from her first six months as a new DOC Heritage and Visitor Ranger. It will involve exciting things like flying in the helicopter, relocating toilets, assessing damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle and everything in between. Come and hear about what she has been up to and what her new role involves.

29 June 2023

BYO Pics

Martin Lawrence

Come along for a Show and Tell highlighting some of the best trips over the last six months or so. Select your best pics onto a memory stick and tell us a bit about them.

Upcoming Trips

2-16 June 2023 **Kings Birthday - Kick Back in Samoa** **Janet Wilson** **06 329 4722**

If you are going on this "Coastal Classic", our first one overseas, you should know all about it and be booked already. This South Seas Adventure includes cycling around Upolu, snorkling and climbing Mt Silisili on Savaii. Late bookings may be possible (but unlikely).

5 June 2023 **Kings Birthday - Linton Stroll** **E** **Gina Fermor** **06 359 0096**

Meet at the He Ara Kotahi bridge near Ruha Street for a walk out to Linton along the shared pathway, stop at the Linton store for an ice cream, and then walk back to our cars parked by the bridge for a coffee (providing the coffee van is there!). It takes about 2 to 3 hours and is a very pleasant morning. Relaxed start time, contact Gina.

10 June 2023 **Rangi Hut** **E** **Woody Lee** **0210 444 552**

This Saturday, take an easy walk up one of the most popular tracks in the Ruahines. From beech forest to the tussock tops, you will detour above a massive slip, tip toe over a wooden arch bridge and ponder a dip at a small waterfall along the way to the hut. Enjoy panoramic views to Mt Ruapehu and more. Depart Milverton Park at 8.00am.

10-11 June 2023 **TBA**

If anyone wants to lead an overnight trip this weekend or a day trip on Sunday please phone Warren 06 356 1998. Keep an eye out for any trip details on our website.

17 June 2023 **Wharite Peak** **M** **Richard Lockett** **06 323 0948**

Another Saturday trip, this time up to the tall transmission tower you can see north of the Te Apiti windfarm. The track starts at the Coppermine Roadend, north of Woodville, and involves a short detour up the stream to avoid a dropout (unless you are brave). Then it is a bit steep in places and a bit muddy too, but generally it is an underrated local walk, with rewarding views. Depart Milverton Park at 7.45am.

17-18 June 2023 **Kiritaki Hut** **E/M** **Ernie Cook** **027 303 1363**

Travel to Kiritaki Hut from the No. 1 Line Road-end. Optional route out via Maharahara. Depart Milverton Park at 7:30 a.m. Contact Ernie no later than the Wednesday prior.

24-25 June 2023 **Zzzz at Zekes** **E** **Chris Tuffley** **06 358 4899**

An easy overnight trip to the cosy Zekes Hut in the Hihitahi Forest Sanctuary near Waiouru.

25 June 2023 **Greens Road** **E** **Warren Wheeler** **06 356 1998**

An easy local walk along a scenic gravel road that is now closed to through traffic except bikes, horses and walkers. Includes bush and farmland, with views of the new windmills and a wide panorama from Kapiti to Ruapehu. Return the same way. Depart Milverton Park at 8.00am.

1-2 July 2023 **TBA**

If anyone wants to lead an overnight trip this weekend or a day trip on Saturday please phone Warren 06 356 1998. Keep an eye out for any trip details on our website.

2 July 2023 **Billy Goat Creek** **E** **Verity Elder** **021 260 1885**

This variation on the Coppermine Loop Track involves going up through the farmland from Coppermine Roadend and dropping down the lovely Billy Goat Track. Return the same way with a short side detour to a lookout for lunch. Depart Milverton Park at 8.00am.

Trip Grading

Trip grades depend on many factors, especially weather and terrain. A reasonably proficient trampler 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.

Notices



Our Snowcraft Courses are programmed to be held over two weekends on Ruapehu.

Each course is a prerequisite for the next unless you already have sufficient skills.

SC1 is ideal for trampers who want more confidence when venturing into alpine areas, while SC2 is for more technical mountaineering.

Snowcraft Programme 2023

8-9 July - SC1 - basic alpine skills;

22-23 July - SC2 - climbing skills using ropes;

To consolidate climbing skills, instead of a specific SC3 weekend in August, there will be instructional trips programmed after SC2.

SC1 cost: \$115 for PNTMC members, \$125 for non-members.

SC2 cost: \$140 for PNTMC members, \$150 for non-members.

Each weekend is preceded by a Wednesday briefing session at Quakers Hall, 227 College Street, Palmerston North.

More details on our website. To register please contact Dieter Stalman on 027 450 9460.

SCRABBLE CHALLENGE 2023 – current TOP 10

Club Membe	Scrabble	Bonus	TOTAL
Elly	235	32	267
Blair	109	119	228
Janet	113	111	224
Chris T	140	75	215
Ernie	95	110	205
Monika	90	89	179
Adam	98	29	127
Heather	73	53	126
Kirsten	53	44	97
Stephen	53	44	97

Trip Reports

23 April 2023

Tunupo

Report by Robert van Bentum

It was overcast as 5 of us (Marty, Anne, Robert, Brendon and Danny) left Milverton Park for Janet and Graham's hideaway beyond Apiti and our goal for the day to climb Tunupo rising 1534 m above the Oroua Valley and Irongate. Janet had made the decision to call off the Pohangina hut maintenance trip on the Friday and it seemed a wise call as we were rewarded with a dry day and the promise of the low clouds lifting higher up.

We set off from Janet and Graham's just after 9am accompanied by Sarah (from Kapiti and training for the Sky Tower Stair Climb) as well as Janet, Graham and their dog Bruce (8 + canine). We dropped down through Janet and Graham's regrowth bush block to the track, and over the hump bridge armed with egg boxes, spare trap and gloves. Janet was never going to miss the opportunity of a trip along a trap line to check and re-bait the traps. We leap frogged one another, checking, replacing eggs, resetting and marked the lid of the traps with a green leaf or fern frond.

The first section of the track rises slowly passing through healthy forest with many young healthy tree seedlings including rimu and totara. The track was wide and graded suggesting it had been used to remove some trees in earlier days. As we climbed the bush thinned and the track steepened, until we entered a section of leatherwood. Until then the trap tally had been thin with only 3 rats retrieved. However, we were then rewarded with a ferret kill, long dead and expertly removed with two sticks by Sarah. Bruce's antics and several damaged eggs meant we left some traps without fresh bait.

By this time the cloud had started to lift giving glimpses of the Tunupo top and some of the surrounding ridges. Cloud hung low in many of the valleys but we were now in bright sunshine with a very gentle breeze. We lost the track markers as the ridge narrowed and were rewarded with views of ourselves captured in rainbow halos formed by the refraction of sunlight in the misty atmosphere (Brocken spectre in German). More frequent stops to catch our breath and then finally after clambering over several rocky outcrops, we reached the summit – just after 1 pm and after just over two hours of steady climbing.



The wind was a little stronger but welcome in the warm sunshine, as we peered across rolling ridges and banks of cloud trapped between. We enjoyed lunch and marvelled at the array of exotic snacks appearing from Sarah's pack. The ridge fell away to the north with more traps awaiting another whio day tripper.

The return trip was steady but a pleasant downward walk, placing feet carefully to avoid any injuries to aging bodies (not Brendon or Danny of course). We used up the last of the eggs and admired the tomtits and fantails which flitted across the track. There was still time for a quick detour to Alice Nash Memorial Heritage Lodge to pick up another Scrabble letter (for those of us on our second or more trips to the areas) then back to Janet and Graham's. We were suitably restored with refreshments, chips and feijoas generously provided by Sarah, Janet and Graham.

An excellent day out, strenuous and rewarding to reach the summit with the added bonus of contributing to the Ruahine Whio Project.

29-30 April 2023

Quest for Quoin

Report by Monika Coles

Intro by Ernie Cook, trip leader:- When the Scrabble Challenge was first announced Neil Benton told me about a Quoin Ridge in the Tararuas. A look at the Featherston Topo Map revealed a Quoin High Point so my interest was piqued. Early on Janet said a day trip from Alpha looked to be the go. I was consumed with the notion of a round trip from Kaitoke. I naively thought a tramp along Marchant Ridge might appeal to members more than a return over Bull Mound from Waiohine Gorge Road End. Then I spotted Elder High Point and Elder Hut in the vicinity of Alpha Hut so my objective was set. The trip would realise lots of vowels, three A's, two E's and one O plus the all important and valuable Q.

Three of us, me, Blair and Ernie, arrived at Kaitoke Carpark and started walking at 8:52am, after leaving Palmy at 6am on a Friday morning. The reason for such an early start was the longer travel, shorter daylight and the long Marchant Ridge to Alpha Hut. The weather forecast was good for all three days, so we eagerly started walking. Ernie was leading and with the excitement of finishing his unfinished business, set off with a pace that I was thinking wow, can I keep up this pace all day? By my past experience, I can walk at fast pace for 5 hours before I crash, so I don't tend to do it at all, but this time, knowing how much ground we have to cover and being fit at this point in time, I thought that's ok, I can do this and I kept up with the



boys making it look like it was no trouble at all... It was all uphill straight from the carpark and after 15minutes we were at the first junction. The sign there said it should take 20min to the carpark downhill just to give you an idea how fast was the walk uphill... keeping the same pace, we reached the next junction at 10:42am.

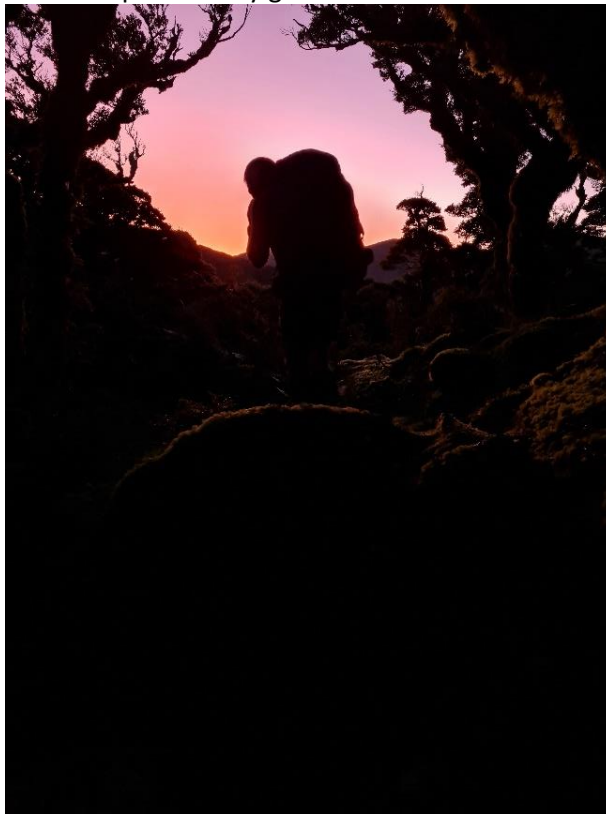
At that junction - Kaitoke Rd End, Smith Stream Shelter and Alpha Hut- there was something that looked like a concrete seat, so me and Ernie put down our packs and I asked the boys to sit on the "big chair" for a photo. Instantly I was told to be quick as the seat was covered in patches of wet moss so not that comfortable sitting. You can see Blair balancing only on the edge of it!

After a short stop and unfinished business completed, we set off up the Marchant Ridge towards Alpha Hut. As we started climbing up hill again, I was pleased to discover, that the pace has eased to normal medium pace. I was the last one in the row of us walking. I noticed a lot of different fungi along the track and I was really happy to be able to stop, take a photo and not fall behind the group.

We were making a good progress and reached Marchant high point for 1pm lunch, collecting our first few scrabble points and the letter M. This high point was a bit off the track which required some navigating

between all of us trying to find a way through the trees, but we have found it alright. Not a great place to stop for lunch with track and high point enclosed in trees. It was a coldish day and we struggled to find the few strands of sun coming through the trees trying to warm ourselves up while cooling down having something to eat. About half an hour before the high point, there was a nice sunny clearing that would have made a nice lunch stop while having great views. Note for next time, take that opportunity for lunch, the rest of the track is pretty much enclosed in bush from then on.

We got to junction with Block XVI track just before 3pm. The sign said 3hours to Alpha Hut. We had some snacks, but didn't hang around. Next stop was Omega high point, which is pretty much at a junction with Omega track going down to Tutuwai Hut. Time on the sign was spot on. Took us exactly 1.5hours from Block XVI track. We collected letter O, more points and talked about our next part going down to Hells Gate and up to 1187 high point before the last leg to Alpha hut. The last part was a beautiful walk through goblin forest. The sun started to set and produced gorgeous red- orange glow. Blair had fired up his head torch, but me and Ernie were happy to walk under the remaining sun all the way to the hut. It was 6:11pm when we reached the hut, making it 9hours from Kaitoke Car park. Pretty good effort I recon!



It was Friday night and we had the hut to ourselves. I was pretty cold so took to starting the fire, but after trying for about an hour I gave up, made dinner and snuggled up into the sleeping bag instead. The boys didn't feel the cold as much, but got into their sleeping bags pretty soon after dinner as well.

The next morning was a bit fresh with a promise of a beautiful day. We took supplies and headed to Elder hut for a day trip. There was a bit of a cold breeze and even though we were climbing I stopped to put another layer on. Soon we were at the top just by Alpha high point, but we walked right past it. We decided to collect those points the following day and headed towards Aston high point instead. Once at Aston, we started to look for a sheltered spot for morning tea. Ernie liked my scientific approach to finding the best spot by looking for patch of grass that was not moving (swaying in the breeze). It worked.

Refreshed and rested, we started towards Elder high point and Elder Hut. This was such a nice walk with clear views from the tops. At Elder Hut, there was lots of discussion about what would be the best possible route getting to Elder Hut. Main possibility ended up being coming via Renata Hut from Kapakapanui track, but that was for another day. On this trip, we took turns in leading and on the way back was my turn. It was a great day and pretty straight forward track and we were back at Alpha Hut by 4pm. There was still no one at the hut, so with the extra time, Ernie and me tried to find some dry wood to have another go at

lighting a fire. I didn't have much luck close to the hut, but Ernie returned with generous amount of wood that then got cut up and sorted, however after couple of hours trying, there was just no wood dry enough to get it going. We made dinner and had an early night just to keep ourselves warm inside the sleeping bags.



Blair and Ernie checking out the view of Quoin Ridge ahead of us.

Going back home, we had a big day ahead of us by going over Alpha high point and down via Quoin Ridge. Great for the scrabble challenge, collecting Q on the way at Quoin high point at 1206m. We started nice and early at 7am and could see the sunrise on the way up. What a day! Descending down to Quoin Ridge was a piece of cake, nice easy walking.

I was thinking to myself, this is not as bad as I imagined, this is quite nice. Not having ever walked this ridge before, I had imagined it to have rocks, being hard going and lots of scrambling... well, I was not to be disappointed; it was all to come!



Blair ahead finding the best way forward, Ernie guiding me down.

When the tricky parts came, Blair took the lead and tried to stay high on the ridge, which worked really well. In a nutshell, the start of Quoin ridge from Alpha high point is great, nice and easy. By the time you get to Quoin high point however you've earned it. It reminded me a little of the teeth on Sawtooth ridge.

Making it to the top of Quoin was not only Scrabble Challenge satisfying collecting Q, but the view over Wellington all the way to the South Island was the most of South Island land I've ever seen looking from the North Island. We had a good break there just looking at the view in front of us trying to identify all different landmarks and points.

From there it was mostly high skill route finding. There is a lot of wind fall and at some parts there are so many trees down that it is a real challenge to find the way forward. We had to stop, re-trace, consult maps and GPS points a lot, including a section with "Fragile plants, follow markers for the next 350m" sign. Soon after that sign the track disappears and no markers are seen.

The last part to Hutt Forks Hydro Tower is steep and slippery. I did most of it on my bum. We got down to the Hutt River at 3pm. After such an effort we stopped and had something to eat and drink. Ahead of us was 300m solid climb up and 300m steep walking down to get us to Kaitoki Waterworks Road. The walking up the hill was surprisingly enjoyable.

Don't get me wrong, it was a big hard climb after a long day, but easy because it was a formed 4WD track, so none of us had to think about where to put our feet or figure out which way the track goes. There was huge wide space around us being it a road, so we could get our heads down, lean forward and just power

through on the way up. It was great. The way down was so steep that I ended up running down to keep steady footing. My feet were aching at the bottom of the hill, but made it for a fast descent. From the end of Kaitoki Waterworks Road it was time for torches and short walk behind the barriers along SH2 to Marchant Road, where we got to at 6pm, making it 11 hour day. Blair however wasn't finished yet. He borrowed my high vis vest and with his torch carried on to get the car from Kiwi Ranch Road (Kaitoke Road End) while me and Ernie sorted our selves out and waited for Blair to pick us up and take us safely back home.

Thanks for an epic trip Ernie and for both of your company and thanks for the great weather!
We were: Ernie (trip leader), Blair, Monika.

Note from Monika:

I would like to encourage everyone to be brave and sign up for epic trips like this one. We are very lucky to have leaders that are adventures with knowledge and desire to explore places that are not that frequently visited. We are very fortunate to have day and overnight trips scheduled pretty much every weekend, giving us spectrum across all fitness levels. Everyone needs to start somewhere, and as in my case, starting many times over and over again. With this, I would like to give big shout out to all PNTMC trip leaders, you are doing an amazing job! This year, the club is running trips with the club's scrabble challenge in mind. I urge people to take part in it however small it might be. You only need three letters really to make quite a good number of words. And with Martin's spreadsheet it's super-duper easy to enter as the sheet will calculate your score for you. Here is a link to it:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dU-asfNbNJ-fIZl80sLOeoiynp38Tnkw/edit#gid=1513773523>

6-7 May 2023

Pohangina River

Report by Ernie Cook

Advertised as "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".

I have journeyed to Leon Kinvig Hut via five different routes. By helicopter (the fastest), over Toka with Janet, Grant and Chris (second fastest), along Longview Ridge from the Kashmir Road End, down the Pohangina River from beyond Longview Hut and via the Apiti Track. This visit was to be via Apiti Track. The reasoning being that if the weather deteriorated we would spend less time exposed on the tops. Just a short section from where the Leon Kinvig Hut track reaches the ridge to where the Apiti Track begins descending.

Day One was to be spent walking in and setting up our bivvy camp with Leon Kinvig Hut having been swept off its foundations by the swollen river carrying the rain from Cyclone Gabrielle. Day Two would be a wander up the river servicing approximately 37 traps and exploring for possible future bivvy sites to be used until Leon Kinvig Hut is resurrected, whilst Day Three would be taken up walking back out. My phone beeped on the walk in advising that I had missed a call from my mate in Geraldine. Able to obtain reception at the track junction with Longview Ridge I called my mate and he told me that he expected a horse that



Fly camp on helipad at flood damaged hut. Pic Janet Wilson

he has shares in to run well in Melbourne that day. Horse duly won.

We arrived at Leon Kinvig Hut mid afternoon and set about erecting our fly on a grassy flat with lots of deer excrement about. Malcolm was awakened during the night by the loud barking of a hind. While I didn't hear her bark the first night I heard her bark nine times the next evening. We were visited by two blue ducks who flew by and headed down stream. Janet got a nice bonfire burning on the river-bed down from our camp.

We headed away at a reasonable hour in the morning servicing traps as we went. A good campsite or two were identified as we travelled. I think one trap was unable to be found due to trees being displaced whilst amongst another jumble of trees we found the bracket only still attached to a tree. We sidled over the diversion on the way upstream but on the way back were able to ford the big pool easily after observing a nice sized trout cruising about. The water level was no more than mid-thigh so that saved a clamber up and over. River levels were low and there was not much obstruction by way of displaced trees.



Gravel filled pools make easy travel after flood . Pic Janet Wilson.

We again enjoyed a bonfire after having gathered a good stock of firewood. A brief shower of rain sent us scurrying to the biv but it soon passed by.

The next morning before leaving we followed some orange tapes scrambling up onto a flat area which is seen as a possible site to relocate the Leon Kinvig Hut. We then walked out back to the car.

We were Janet Wilson (leader), Malcolm Thomas and Ernie Cook(scribe).

13-14 May 2023

Cattle Creek Hut

Report and pics by Julie Dalziel

Trip members: Ernie Cook (Leader), Julie Dalziel and Brent Barrett

The day dawned clear with the promise of a fine weekend. Heading off for a trip to the Ruahine destination of Cattle Creek Hut, I was excited to be exploring a new locale and trail. It turned out that the trail had been somewhat reworked by Cyclone Gabrielle and was rather changed for navigation. Luckily our trip leader Ernie knew the way so we were in good hands. Noting six other vehicles at the road end we opted to bring a tent and bed rolls. From an easy start to a picnic area, following several stream crossings, we then crossed a slightly deeper stream where wet feet were less avoidable.



The track ascended briefly through bush to a 4WD track and onto Holmes Ridge. We meandered gently upward before dropping into the bush again. Here we met Bill a volunteer re-hanging the orange triangle markers to account for the post track washouts. These helped us find our way back down to the new look river bed trail toward Stanfield Hut. From a chat with a rather successful hunter, busy preparing a deer carcass before a pancake brunch, we were able to deduce that there was likely little competition for the 8 bunk Cattle Creek hut.



From here we trekked upstream a way then up a further 500m to 908m and along a ridge through open bush country. This provided a lovely vista to the east toward the central Hawkes Bay and west over the Ruahines.

Not much further along we sighted our little orange hut down below in the distance and dropped down into the bowl to Cattle Creek Hut. Our tramp had taken five hours over 8.4 km with over 600m of climbing.



After restocking the firewood we settled in and shared tales from the trails and homemade apple crumble. We noted that despite seeing regular signs of deer we had seen no goats, as a sign requested be reported on.

We awoke to howling winds and a bright sunrise with yet another shade of orange. Back up to the ridge we got to experience its common wind blown state. Once under tree cover we ambled back along the same path taking the recommended four hours. With the weather closing in a timely rainbow promised us more fine days again soon and a piwakwaka bid us farewell.

27 May 2023

Zip into Zekes

Report by Blair Petersen

Our group was Blair Petersen, Warren Wheeler, Stephen Legg & Kirsten Olsen, Heather Knox & Jeanette Rabinski (visitor). For a bit of fun, I asked Chat GPT to write the report, here's what it said:

Overview: *Our group embarked on an unforgettable day trip to Zekes Hut, immersing ourselves in the natural wonders and adventures the region had to offer. This trip report captures the highlights of our experience, including encounters with mud, breathtaking views of Ruapehu, fluctuating weather conditions, the delightful Zekes Hut nestled in a sheltered valley, a thrilling bouncy swing bridge, and a refreshing coffee stop in Taihape on our way back home.*

Morning: Chilled Start and Warming Spirits *We kicked off our day trip to Ruapehu on a crisp morning, with the chilly weather serving as a reminder of nature's embrace. Undeterred by the cold, we layered up*

and set out, eager for the adventures that awaited us. As we embarked on our journey, we encountered patches of mud along the way, adding an element of excitement and challenge to our expedition. We navigated through the muddy terrain, supporting and encouraging one another, strengthening the bond within our group.

Midday: Spectacular Views and Zekes Hut As the day progressed, so did the weather. The initially cold air began to give way to the warmth of the sun, casting its golden glow upon the landscape. We were rewarded with breathtaking views of Ruapehu, its majestic presence commanding our attention. The towering peak, adorned with a dusting of snow, painted a picture-perfect scene against the azure sky. Cameras clicked, capturing the grandeur of nature and etching it into our memories.



Amidst the awe-inspiring vistas, we stumbled upon Zekes Hut, a hidden gem nestled in a sheltered valley. The hut greeted us with open arms, its charm and cosy ambiance inviting us to rest and recharge. We relished the tranquility of the surroundings, enjoying a well-deserved break, swapping stories, and savouring the simplicity of nature's embrace.

Afternoon: Thrills on the Swing Bridge and Farewell As we continued our journey, a thrilling highlight awaited us—a bouncy swing bridge. Eagerly, we made our way across, the bridge swaying playfully beneath our feet. Laughter filled the air as we embraced the exhilarating experience, revelling in the childlike joy it brought. Crossing the bridge became a memorable moment, etching smiles on our faces and creating lasting memories.

As the day drew to a close, we reluctantly bid farewell to the beauty of Ruapehu. However, we found solace in knowing that a refreshing stop awaited us in Taihape on our way back home. We indulged in the aromatic pleasures of a local café, sipping on steaming cups of coffee, and reminiscing about the adventures of the day. The warmth of the coffee matched the warmth in our hearts as we reflected on the unforgettable experiences we had shared.

Conclusion: Our one-day trip to Zekes Hut was an extraordinary adventure, filled with mud, breathtaking views, weather fluctuations, the cosy haven of Zekes Hut, a thrilling bouncy swing bridge, and the comforting aroma of coffee in Taihape. We marvelled at the beauty of nature, supported one another through challenges, and created cherished memories. Ruapehu's magnificence reminded us of the power of exploration and the joy of being in the great outdoors. This day trip will forever hold a special place in our hearts, serving as a reminder to seek new adventures, embrace nature's wonders, and cherish the camaraderie of shared experiences.

So, the jury's still out on using AI to write trip reports, but luckily there's no mention of the number of times Stephen took a fall!
Happy tramping everyone.



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