



Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club

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Newsletter September 2025



PNTMC 2025 Photo Competition: Below bushline with a human element: 'Riverside Camp' – Emma Gregg

Club Nights

Club nights are 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.

Wed 10th September

Interclub quiz

Doors open 7:00 PM, quiz starts 7:15 PM. Hosted by MUAC. Venue: Activity Studio, Massey University (behind the Recreation Centre). Parking available in the Ecology Carpark on Orchard Road (small carpark on the right immediately after the flow plates). Free entry, and snacks provided!"

Thu 11th September

Volunteering in the Ruahines

Janet Wilson

Janet will give us an overview of the opportunities that are out there for volunteers in the Ruahine Forest Park. She will update on the volunteer work by the Ruahine Whio Protection Trust and others. She will also

update us on actions and issues being addressed at the DOC-led Ruahine User Group meetings that are held quarterly with volunteer representatives of local tramping clubs and deer stalkers. These meetings provide a forum for discussion and feedback to DOC regarding management of the Ruahine Forest Park, including access issues, pest control, deer culling, hut and track maintenance and more.

Thu 25th September

Dusky Track & Rabbit Pass

Chris Tuffley

"Stunning views and difficult terrain" are apt descriptions of these two trips that Chris combined over his holidays last summer. Dusky is in Fiordland and Rabbit Pass in Mt Aspiring National Park. Come along and be awed and inspired.

Upcoming Trips

Sat 6th September - Sun 7th September Pinnacles FT

Grant Christian

Test out those rope skills with a couple of days climbing on the Pinnacles at Whakapapa. Contact Grant at least a week before if you're interested.

Sat 6th September - Sun 7th September Social Trappers Triangle
Hut Medium

Janet Wilson
027 341 8945

The idea is to have a social time while working on the trap lines rather than just rushing to get the traps done. Trip will be planned around what needs doing and the weather and river levels. The grade will vary depending on what and where needs doing. If interested, please get in touch with Janet early as plans can be very flexible.

Sun 7th September Pinnacle Peak Loop Easy-Medium

Warren Wheeler
06 356 1998

Instead of north to Ruapehu, we head south to Masterton and Holdsworth Carpark. Instead of a snow trip, this Tararua peak is barely on the bushline overlooking the main range and Wairarapa. Beautiful goblin forest along Pinnacle Ridge with an option to loop back the short way to Donnellys Clearing or longer way via Atiwhakatu Hut.

Sat 13th September - Sun 14th September Waiopahu Hut Easy

TBA
027 303 1363

We are looking for a trip leader for this easy over-night trip to Waiopahu Hut in the North West of the Tararuas. Waiopahu Hut is a standard 18 bunk hut accessed from the Poads Road end.

Sun 14th September Platinum Mines Medium

Nicola Wallace
021 209 0720

Postponed from 10th August. Beyond the Sledge Track at the end of Kahuterawa Road we will continue up to the old mine shafts for lunch at rocky point lookout and back via Toi Toi Loop track. Depart Milverton Park at 8.00am.

Sat 20th September - Sun 21st September Sunrise Hut Plus Easy-Medium

Warren Wheeler
06 356 1998

Visit this jewel in the crown of the Hawkes Bay Region, a steady 2-3 hour uphill walk in the eastern Ruahines. From the hut we can explore to Armstrong Saddle for views to Ruapehu and those keen could go on to Top Maropea Hut or summit Te Atuaoparapara. Depart Milverton Park 7.30am.

Sat 20th September - Sun 21st September MTB Te Hangaruru/Old Coach Road Ohakune MTB

Richard Lockett
06 3230948

Best Weather day (Saturday or Sunday). Check out the new extension of trail north from Horopito, a there and back trip from Ohakune, 45 kms grade 2 trail.

Sat 27th September Maharahara Peak Medium

Woody Lee
0210 444 552

From Opawe Road end we start walking through the paddock and climb up the forest park track toward the Maharahara Peak (1095m). We will have lunch somewhere on the way down. Depart Milverton Park 7.30am.

Sun 28th September Mikimiki Track Easy

Verity Elder
021 260 1885

Scouting for new beginner tramp idea for 2026, on this trip we will check out the Mikimiki Stream/Old tram track in the Tararuas, starting from the Kiriwhakapapa Road end. Return via the same track. Departing Milverton Park at 8am. Contact Verity no later than Friday 5pm.

Trip Grading - Trip grades depend on many factors, including 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		

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, there is probably a good reason for the delay. If you are in any doubt, please phone Bruce van Brunt 06 328 4761 or Verity Elder 0212601885

Notices

Welcome to our new members:

Camille Penny from USA

Donation of climbing gear.

Many thanks to Harvey Steeds for the ice axe he donated. This will be used in our snow skills courses, and is available for hire.

Interclub Quiz:

Come along for a fun evening of a tramping and mountaineering themed quiz evening, hosted by MUAC tramping club. Doors open 7:00 PM, quiz starts 7:15 PM. Hosted by MUAC. Venue: Activity Studio, Massey University (behind the Recreation Centre). Parking available in the Ecology Carpark on Orchard Road (small carpark on the right immediately after the flow plates). Free entry, and snacks provided!"

Mountain Film Festival – correction of dates:

Mountain film festival is screening at Massey on Wednesday 17 Sept. The website [National Mountain Film Tour • NZ Mountain Film & Book Festival](#) has the wrong day – it says Sunday but should be Wednesday 17th Sept. (see snip below)

- Sunday 17th September
- 6pm with doors opening at 5:30
- Massey University
- Tickets \$10
- Hosted by the Massey University Alpine Club

2025 PNTMC Photo Competition Results

Report by Chris Tuffley

Our 2025 photo competition attracted 109 entries from fourteen photographers. The above and below bushline and native flora, fauna and fungi categories were the most popular, with 14-20 entries each; the other three categories each had 7-10 entries.

Our judge this year was Racheal Young from the Manawatū Camera Club. As usual the top three entries in each category were chosen by the judge, and then first-second-third were decided by a show of hands vote on the night.

The top three images in each category will go in the interclub photo competition (Tuesday 7th October, hosted by MTSC), and the top two entries in the six FMC categories will be entered in the FMC photo competition.

The following are the PNTMC Photo Competition Results:

Above bushline with no human element:

1. The Upper Wilkins - Chris Tuffley
2. Kaikoura Ranges landscape late afternoon - Harley Betts
3. Campsite among the pillars - Emma Gregg

Above bushline with a human element

1. Rock and pillar range - Harley Betts
2. Top of Mitre - Graeme Curwen
3. Sunrise Mt Taranaki - Harley Betts

Below bushline with no human element:

1. Limestone arch in Kahurangi - Martin Lawrence
1. Frozen spider web - Harley Betts
3. Ōkārito lagoon in rain - Harley Betts

Below bushline with a human element:

1. Three wire bridge - Chris Tuffley
2. Riverside camp - Emma Gregg
2. Trying to keep up with youth - Graeme Curwen

Long exposure:

1. Crossing the Ruamahanga - Chris Tuffley
2. The Ruamahanga - Chris Tuffley
3. Rotokare - Chris Tuffley

Native flora, fauna and fungi:

1. New Zealand rock wren - Chris Tuffley
2. Puka leaf - Harley Betts
3. Giant Spaniard Kahurangi - Harley Betts

Overseas:

1. Osprey landing - Chris Tuffley
2. Schwangau - Elly Arnst
3. Black-necked stork - Chris Tuffley

Topical:

1. The snow woman of Mt Memphis - Chris Tuffley
2. Dude that's my bike - Chris Tuffley
3. Trampers own the road - Chris Tuffley

Judge's top three images across all categories:

- Puka leaf - Harley Betts
- Kaikoura Ranges landscape late afternoon - Harley Betts
- Crossing the Ruamahanga - Chris Tuffley

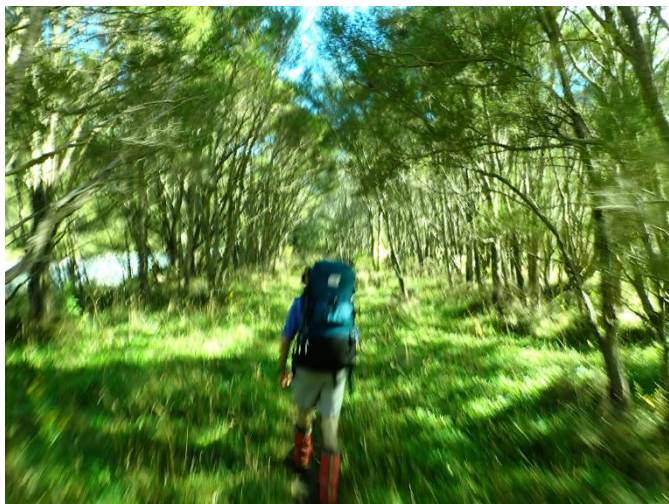
Best in show (judge's choice):

- Puka leaf - Harley Betts

Congratulations to our winners, looking forward to the interclub competition.



Long Exposure: 'Crossing the Ruamahanga' - Chris Tuffley

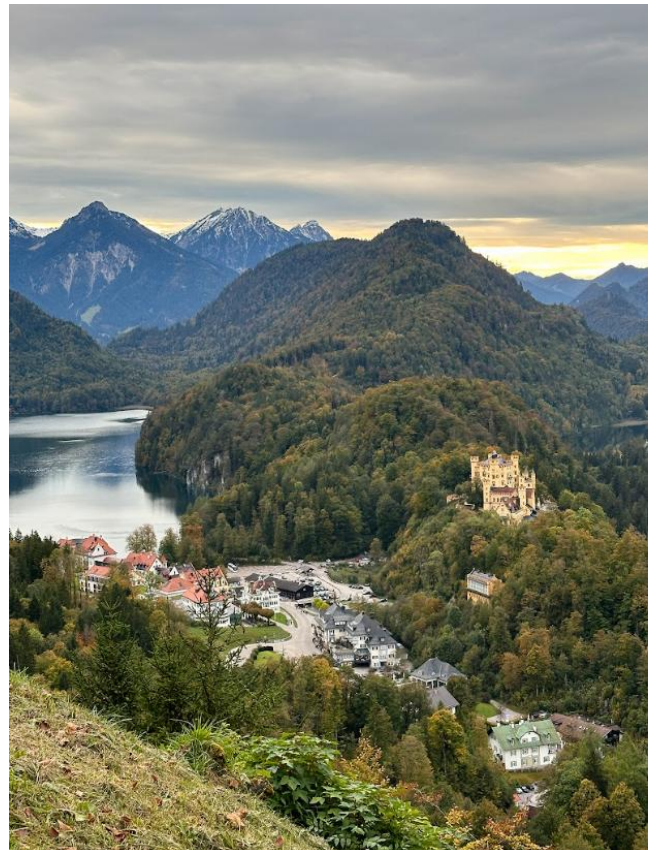


Below bushline with a human element: 'Trying to keep up with youth' - Graeme Curwen

Native flora, fauna and fungi:
'Puka Leaf' - Harley Betts

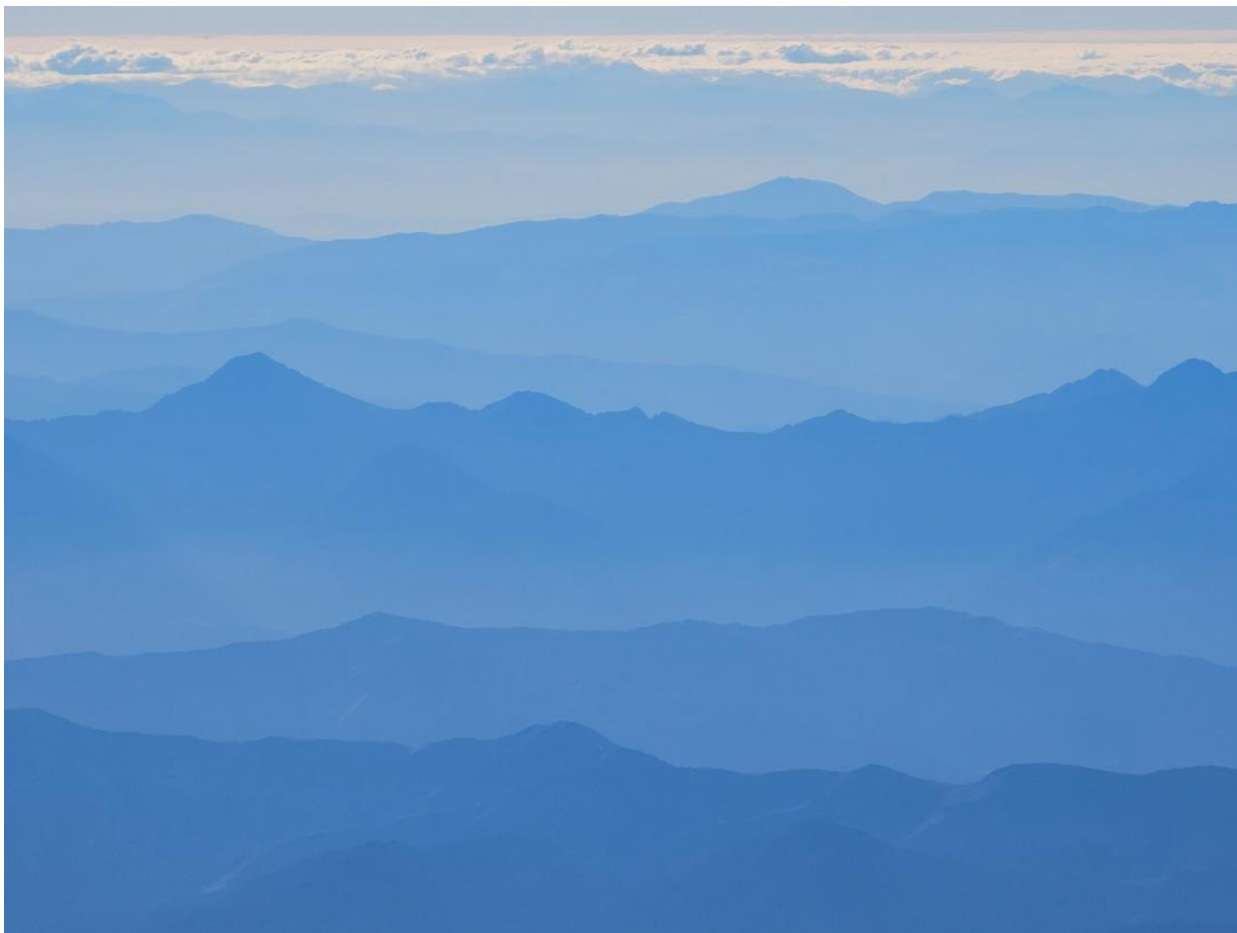


Below bushline with no human element: 'Limestone arch in Kahurangi' - Martin Lawrence



Overseas: 'Schwangau' - Elly Arnst





Above bushline with no human element: 'Kaikoura Ranges landscape late afternoon' - Harley Betts

Trip Reports

Wellington Skyline Walk – (26th July).

Report by Nicola Wallace

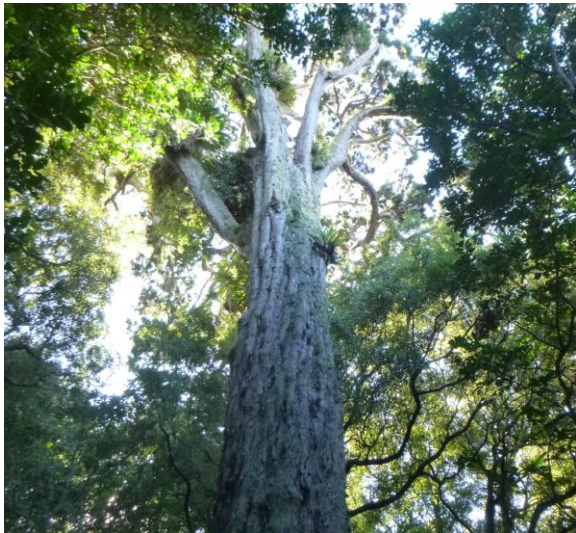
Photos by Nicola Wallace and Kathy Ombler

On a very cold morning that promised a beautiful day, Anne organised the ten of us into two vehicles for the drive to Raroa railway station at Johnsonville. About 2 hours later we set off on our walk, heading up a well staired track from Johnsonville Park. We were in for a treat; Anne had arranged for well-known trumper and author Kathy Ombler to show us around Otari-Wilton's bush.

Our first point of interest was a tunnel in the hillside that was made to accommodate a now disused outlet pipe from the nearby reservoir. From there we continued on and up towards Mt Kaukau and its prominent red and white transmission tower. Growing among the plentiful gorse was an orange flowered plant – I don't know what it was. A chilly wind on this beautiful sunny day chased us off the lookout, and down to the picnic table and grass for morning tea. From up here we had a great view of snowy "Tappy," Mt Tapuaenuku in the Kaikoura Ranges of the South Island.

Carrying on SW along the Skyline track past scrubby bush and even some restful cows, we soon met up with Kathy. She's a volunteer at Otari Wilton's bush and knows the place inside out. At lunch she sacrificed her own lunch break to tell us about the bush as we ate. Otari means "place of many snares," bird snares. An early landowner, Job Wilton, fenced off seven hectares of the original forest. This is now Wilton's Bush. From where we sat on the ridge, we could see Tinakori Hill in front of us, as well as the Wilton farm homestead, now overlooking a bowling green. Later we'd be climbing Tinakori Hill.

From here, with Kathy leading, we headed down through Kohekohe forest, most of the trees just having finished flowering. Those few that still flowered were busy with feeding Tui. Lower down, in mixed bush, we stopped to say hello to Moko, the majestic 800 year old Rimu. At some stage we heard Kaka and saw two flash through the trees. Otari-Wilton's bush is very special, its the only botanic garden in NZ dedicated solely to native plants. Once in the Botanic Garden section Kathy showed us Kaka nesting holes in the trees, a stream where an eel lives (he was away this day), Kauri trees galore, a Lancewood garden, and much, much more. I particularly enjoyed seeing the four Kereru in a Kowhai tree.



Leaving the gardens we passed through suburbia for a bit, then up a steep driveway and back into the bush on a rough little track that quickly smoothed out and took us to a flat-topped hill, Tinakori Hill. Its amazing how many tracks there are on these Wellington hills.

Soon after, Kathy bade us farewell, after receiving our thanks, and we headed down a link track, onto the Northern Walkway and a steep descent that eventually took us on to St Mary Street, one of those fascinating steep little Wellington streets with historic wooden houses.

Anne had planned for us to go through the Botanic Garden rose garden, but we couldn't get across Tinakori Road without backtracking, and time was marching on. Some smart cookie among us looked up the train timetable on their phone, and it seemed that the 4.02pm Johnsonville train was a good one to aim for. So we shot down Bowen St and got to the railway station in good time. Camille said we had walked 11 miles!

By the time we got off at Raroa Station it was nearly 4.30pm. We'd all had a wonderful day, and by the time we got back to Palmerston North it was well dark. Many thanks to Kathy for enriching our experience, Anne for all the organisation and Anja and Anne for driving.



We were Anne (trip leader), Marty, Anja, Nicola, Kirstie, Janet, Grant, Camille, Brenda, Mario and Kathy Ombler

Snow Skills – Ropes and Anchors – (2nd – 3rd August).

Report and photos by Grant Christian

There were seven people, including myself, on my snow skills trip. I was the only instructor this year as I wanted to keep organisation to a minimum. We all stayed in Sue Pither's Rangataua bach. Thanks again to Sue.

Saturday morning, we headed up to Turoa. The snow was sparse at lower levels, but we made the most of the little patches of snow and the group were introduced to kicking steps, cutting steps and self-arresting. After self-arresting we put on crampons, and I introduced the techniques required to use them safely while maintaining secure traction on the snow. Snow conditions were reasonable for getting a feel for how crampons work. I also talked about avalanche hazards and how to recognise and avoid avalanche terrain. We dug out a pillar of snow to test the bonding of the snow and found the bonds to be quite strong.

On Sunday we ventured further up the mountain to a frozen waterfall and inspected the hanging icicles, then walked further north to explore some of the other valleys. The day enabled everyone to gain confidence using their crampons and consolidate what they had learned the day before.

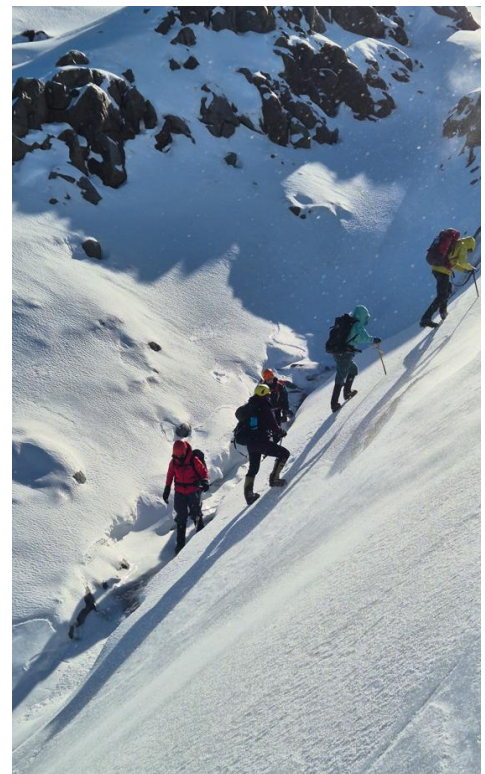


Trip participants were Sean Pannifer, Rosie Sargent, Bruce Kenah, Laura Rutten, Antonia Celligoi and Loretha du Plessis.

The following are observations from some of the trip participants:

"As a first timer wearing crampons, I likened it to a toddler who has just found their feet; the delight in how much the crampons 'stick' to the snow, then the curious testing of how well the front spikes worked for moving 'toe in' on steeper slopes. It was a weekend of discovery in a new environment under the knowledgeable guidance of Grant." **Laura.**

"I had previously attended (and enjoyed!) snowcraft courses with Grant and was keen to brush up my skills and introduce my new boyfriend Bruce to the joys of snow. Friday night was chilly; we were pleased to get to Sue's place and get the fire going. Saturday was forecast to be chilly, but not too windy. The day dawned fine, and we headed off to Turoa in search of snow. No sooner had we found enough snow to practice kicking and cutting steps, but my loaned mountaineering boots started to fall apart. This is apparently common for older plastic boots. This required a quick trip back to the house to pick up my regular boots, and to pick up Sean who had been trying (unsuccessfully!) to arrange repairs for his car. It was cold and grey in Ohakune, but I assured Sean we'd soon be above the cloud and in the sun. It was grey and drizzly at the ski field car park and wasn't much improved by the time we rejoined the group. The group had been having fun self-arresting and were just fitting up their crampons when we joined them. We practiced our



crampon skills for the afternoon, then it was back down the hill to Rangataua for snacks and a debrief next to the fire.” **Rosie.**

“Sunday was a test. Howling winds fired icy snow off the ground into our faces, but the sun was shining and our spirits were high. We had an amazing view, high over the clouds all the way out to the steep, inviting peak of Taranaki. A short rocky walk from the car and we were attaching crampons as we hit the snow. We walked along a valley, learning to check the snow for weak spots, then onto a waterfall, where we happily practiced our crampon walking techniques. Next, we were at a six-metre face of rock covered with icicles where water once flowed. There we could stand behind the wall of frozen water and rest from the wind. The ground was steep, something that would have been impossible to traverse previous to this course, but now with the crampons, ice axe and training, was achievable. Returning down the valley we met two unknown ice climbers and instantly felt like family, as we experienced the same environment and challenges. Everybody was smiling. A couple of casual days of training in the snow gave me the techniques and confidence that may have been impossible to gain independently.” **Bruce.**



“Another successful snowcraft course with Grant. Over the weekend, we were treated to most of the weather conditions, a seemingly quiet carpark, and automotive failure. With bags packed with snacks, we navigated some alpine undulation in search of a patch of snow. Having successfully tested our pointy snow tools, we made our way to a frozen waterfall. Grant’s disappointment to no one accepting his challenge to race up the vertical ice-wall was palpable. Next time, Grant, next time.” **Sean.**

Waterfall Hut – (22nd -24th August).

Report and Photos by Verity Elder

When I saw Waterfall Hut appear on the trip card my interest peaked. I had heard about this hut, its remoteness and difficulty to get to, its history and outlook, nestled by Waterfall Creek and the river flats of the Kawhatau river, deep in the Ruahine Ranges.

The DOC website describes Waterfall Hut as a backcountry hut with no DOC track access. Route tramping with navigation is required and a quick Google search suggested multiple routes to choose from. Chris’s plan (trip leader) was to begin from North Block Road, a route which appears to be a popular choice, at least based on the Waikamaka Hut DOC Intentions Book.

As we got closer, the weather was looking increasingly promising, with clear sky and cool temps, potentially as low as - 4 degrees. Chris had created a *group-chat* to help with the organisation, and we speculated how many hours it might take. With only patches of information online our predictions ranged from 7 to 10 hours. The plan was to see how we went; with 2 huts on route there were options available to us. We also decided to tramp into Waipawa Forks Hut the night before to help increase our chance of arriving at Waterfall Hut with daylight to spare, time to make a fire and enjoy the area.

So, at 5:30pm on Friday evening, Chris, Mike and I headed for Dannevirke for a quick KFC dinner and then on to North Block Road. We arrived around 8pm, and after a quick korero with the farm manager, where Chris assured him we were not poaching in the dark, just trampers who were a little crazy, headed to the river road end by the (private) bridge and a new car park where the gravel had been cleared and levelled.

The air was cool and the sky dark. We rapidly gathered our gear, laced up our boots, and stepped up onto the gravel embankment made to protect the car park from the river. It took 1 hour to reach Waipawa Forks Hut, arriving with wet boots, wet socks (except Chris who has fancy waterproof socks) and excitement in the air. A quick gaze at the starry sky, we ushered ourselves into our sleeping bags for the night around 9:30pm. We awoke to a moderate frost and by 8:15am were back heading up Waipawa stream. The night before had been so dark I had wondered if we had left the farmland at all; so, it was

quite the revelation, now in the early light of the day, to see we were surrounded by glorious Ruahine bush and the tops before us had a fresh dusting of snow.

Evidence of Cyclone Gabrielle was everywhere, with widespread shingle and, further up the valley, gouged sides of exposed rock with the unsettling sound of falling scree. We aimed for the center of the fork (look for the orange marker) to pick up the entrance to a short stint of sub alpine bush, before emerging in the Hebe and Tussock scrub. We reached the saddle at 10:35am for our first celebration, a heartfelt fist bump for everyone!



The other side of the saddle was in the shade so a little cooler and with a dusting of snow. We descended carefully, eventually dropping into the stream until we reached Waikamaka Hut (11:50am). The old Waikamaka Biv, bent under the weight of what I can only imagine was tree fall, had a dusting of snow. My feet were cold and I relished the opportunity to sit in the sun and eat my lunch on the hut deck. It is here we made note of the many day trippers to Waterfall Hut in the DOC Intentions Book.

At 12:30pm (ish) we began the next section of our trip, continuing up Waikamaka stream to Rangi Saddle. Just as we were leaving the hut Mike spotted a beautiful empty carnivorous snail shell (Powelliphanta). Mike, with his keen eye, pointed out a lot of flora and fauna on this trip, including identification of the many animal trails we saw in the gravel and snow (hare, possum, deer).



We were unclear what the next section would be like, half expecting the terrain to be slow with the need to pick our way through brush and tussock. But what we found was recently cut track, including the telling use of hedge trimmers on the upper sections of the valley and new orange triangle markers in the stream section. This made travel much easier and quicker than anticipated. The valley was very pretty, warm and sheltered. I led this section and eagerly made my way to the top. Gradually climbing, looking upward to a clear blue expanse, I reached out to touch the sky and arrived at the aptly named Rangi Saddle (1:15pm). Mike and Chris were not far behind, and a second round of celebratory fist bumps ensued (a routine of the trip and an excellent initiative from Chris). Macintosh lollies were also shared.

The view at Rangi saddle was like nothing I had seen in the Ruahine Ranges and was a highlight of the trip. Incredible views in all directions, we were cradled by high points on all sides. The Kawhātau river and valley lay before us, Hikurangi Range covered in a clean sheet of snow glowed in the sun, and the ridge we would navigate around to get to Waterfall Hut prominent in the foreground.



We seemed so close but still needed to descend 300 meters to Rangi stream and head around to its confluence with the Kawhātau river. The cooler SW side of the saddle had a decent amount of soft snow which our feet precariously sunk into, making for slow and careful descent. About halfway down this section we came to the realisation the climb back up the next day would be hard work. Eventually the snow gave way to bush and we dropped into Rangi stream (2:15pm). Just before the hut we walked past a small alpine mossy meadow, and on the other side of the Kawhātau a small plain of Tussock. Both a reminder of our elevation (approximately 1000m), despite our low viewpoint to the mountains above us, and an utterly gorgeous natural delight to walk by.

The tell tale orange triangle nailed to a tree beckoned us over to Waterfall stream and just beyond, nestled in the bush, Waterfall Hut (3:15pm). Both Mike and Chris worked to light the fire, and I returned to the riverbed to look for more firewood. The fire was soon humming; we kept the door and window slightly ajar to stop it from smoking. Mike and Chris played cards in the hut, and I retreated to the riverbed to enjoy the last of the warm sunlight and to do some drawing (1 lone male Whio sighting). Then it was dinner and bed.



To be fair, our aim was to make the hut warmer in than out, and we did achieve this goal. According to Chris and his tech, we reached -2 degrees outside and a balmy 0.9 degrees inside overnight. I have never been more grateful for my *Sea to Summit* sleeping bag and for my last-minute decision to bring my Swannndri in addition to my down jacket to keep warm. I will, on the other hand, be bringing back up socks for my back up socks on future winter tramping trips.

We were up by 6:30am and all packed and ready to go by 7:55am. By 8:45am we were climbing back up to Rangi Saddle. Our reservations about the snow were eased, neither too icy nor too soft, but with just enough firmness from the overnight frost. As someone who has not had a lot of experience with snow, I was particularly proud to not slip or fall on this short ascent and must acknowledge Mike for his steady

and assured footing in front of me, as I mostly just stepped where he stepped. We arrived at the saddle at 9:30am.

The views at Rangi Saddle once again impressed, and we retraced our steps to Waikamaka Hut. Along the way we christened the Speargrass Spaniard (*Aciphylla colensoi*) *Mr Sharp*, an improvement on suggesting he was my boyfriend because I kept talking to him, and no relation to Derek Sharp, one of the familiar names we saw in the Waterfall Hut DOC Intentions Book.

After an early lunch at Waikamaka Hut (11:00am) we soon were heading back up the unnamed stream to Waipawa Saddle (1pm). The snow from the day before had melted away, and the view out to Central Hawke's Bay beckoned us back to the car.

We made it back by 3:15pm. Thank you to Chris for your leadership, organisation and valuable backcountry knowledge (including gear tips). Another hut bagged, especially for Mike who has single digits remaining for Ruahine Huts. This was a trip I will not forget anytime soon.

We were Chris Parker (leader), Mike Breech and Verity Elder.

What's in My Pack

"Well, I won't be winning any awards..... butt!" – Chris Tuffley

Repair job:

I was crouched down unpacking my pack at Ruahine Corner when I felt that unmistakable feeling of the seam in the seat of my shorts giving way. Oh no! Not what I needed on day two of my five day Easter trip!

Well, I won't be winning any awards for the stitching in this dental floss special repair job...but it held for the rest of the trip, so that's a win in my book. In fact the shorts held up for another two trips after that - three and a half days in the rugged Taranaki, followed by two days trapping in the northern Ruahine - until I decided I was pushing my luck and retired them from tramping. But three years later they're still doing just fine as pyjamas.

Big thanks to Dean at Ruahine Corner for supplying a needle and saving my butt.

What's in my pack?

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Whether it is for comfort, safety or function, we all have it; gear we swear by and can't live without when out in the backcountry. 'What's in my pack' is an opportunity for us to share our stories, tips and advice on the gear we carry in our packs when tramping.

Choose from the 5 categories below and write a short story or explanation about the item or gear. Include a bit of history or an example of it in use, and a photo (in action is best) if available.



Categories:

Two for one - Every milligram on our back counts, which is why some gear earns its place for its dual, or even multipurpose function.

Second-hand - From merino gems, to vintage Swandri and spare tent pegs, you never know what might be found in a second-hand store.

Repair job - in a 'throw away' society, taking a moment to repair your favourite gear can help save the planet and your wallet.

DIY - whether it is hand-made, self-made, custom-made or kit-set, gear that we make ourselves can have added value and satisfaction.

Can't live without - that one item you always pack.

For every entry, go into the draw to win a \$50 voucher from a local outdoor store of your choosing. Enter all 5 categories and go into the draw an extra 5 times. Draw made at the end of the year club BBQ.

email entries to: elderverity@gmail.com

'What's in my pack' 2025 continues throughout the winter and spring season. Entries are accepted right up until the day before the end of year club BBQ in early December. What fun story, or top tip do have to share?



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