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Upcoming club nights

club nights: 7.30pm, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, at the Manawatu Aero Club rooms, Airport Drive.



4th October

Wine and Cheese at Mountain Equipment

This club night will be at Mountain Equipment on Fergusson Street. Dave Grant or others will no doubt be there to talk and show off some of the latest equipment and clothing. Come along and splash out of some gear or write up that Christmas wishlist.



18th October

Nutrition in the outdoors

Gaye Philpot – a dietician from the hospital is going to speak to us on the best nutrition for trampers – what to take on our tramps to get the best out of our food energy wise and to keep us full of boundless energy on the journey. She spoke to us a few years ago and was very well received – back by popular request.



1st November

A Slice of Pisa, anyone?

An idyllic week of back-country ski-touring in the majestic Southern Alps was planned for early September. But what would you do if confronted with an extreme avalanche forecast? Run away, of course. Come and see Pete and Howie's moving picture show to find out what really happened on their recent Winter ski-tour of the South Island.

Where we've been...



Above: A photo from Peter Rawlins and Lynda Hunt's ski tour in Canada in January 2005. Lynda's photo placed first in the open section of the club photo competition.

Late snow...

It seems as though I was premature in announcing the onset of spring in the last newsletter. The recent cold snap has brought a lot of snow to various parts of the country so be prepared when you are heading out there.

We have three very good club nights coming up, one about gear, another covering the very important topic of nutrition and then what will no doubt be an entertaining video from Peter and Howie.

Wei-Hang Chua (Newsletter Ed.)
morepork@ihug.co.nz

Club notices



President's Report

by Christine Scott

It was good to see the turnout for the trip card meeting at the Rose & Crown the other night. Thank you Tony, Adam and Bev for putting the trip card together and also to those people prepared to lead trips. It is always great to see the huge variety of day and weekend trips that are on offer to our club members. Trips are a very important aspect of the club - we wouldn't be a tramping club without them, but the work done by the committee is also important for the smooth running of the club and often overlooked. Its often hard to get the full quota of committee members to fill all the committee positions. However even if you are not interested in being on the committee but are interested in finding out what happens at committee meetings you are more than welcome to come along. The committee meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Club Rooms.

Christine Scott
Phone (06) 354-0510
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New Club Members

The club welcomes the following new members:

Andrew Legg (PN)

Sara Scott (PN)

Interclub Quiz

Contributed by Howard Nicholson

This year, the usually-annual Interclub Quiz is being hosted by Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club at:

7.30pm, Thursday 29 September.

The Society of Friends Hall
227 College Street

MUAC, PNTMC, Mountain Equipment and MTSC vigorously compete for the Trevor Bissell Memorial Trophy, and the best team usually wins. I suspect that we have won it the most (no bias here, my friends...). We will be getting a team together soon, so if you are interested in taking part then please let Howard (Secretary) know. We will also need a support crew on the night, so mark the date on your calendars now.

Something to consider

contributed by Ann Green

"But all conservation of wilderness is self defeating, for to cherish we must see and fondle and when enough have seen and fondled there is no wilderness left."

Aldo Leopold 1949



Letter to the Editor

Te Araroa is currently re-developing Burtton's Track as part of the Te Araroa walkway between Scotts Road and Mangahao Road with intent that it will open for public use in February 2006.

Ian Argyle is currently researching the history of Jim Burtton who built the track between 1909 and his death in 1941.

The attached photo has been located showing Manawatu Tramping Club members with Jim Burtton outside his hut in the Tokomaru Valley.

We would like to find out more of this picture. From the size of the packs it may have been be an overnight trip. The photo was taken some time prior to Jim's death in 1941. Perhaps the club archives may provide some information of who the members are and when it was taken. It may be of interest to print in the newsletter and perhaps some club members may be able to help.

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Upcoming trips

TRIP GRADING

The times listed below include tramping, rest and meal stops. In assessing the trip times and grades, terrain, weather and party fitness (a party is as fast as its slowest mem-

ber) must be considered. As these factors will never repeat themselves, times are only estimates. *Contact the trip leader if you are unsure about trip gradings for a specific trip.*

ALL: All welcome

EASY: 4 hours per day, pace slower than E/M. Does not relate to terrain.

EASY/MEDIUM: 5 hours per day at a pace slower than medium.

MEDIUM: 7 hours per day at a standard walking pace.

MEDIUM/FIT: 8 hours per day at a pace faster than medium.

FIT: Over 8 hours per day at a pace faster than medium/fit.

TECHNICAL: Qualifying requirements to be announced by Trip Organiser.

Wednesday Day Trip

28 Sept

Rose Strahan

Phone for details.

Easy
328-9861

Thursday Day Trip

29 Sept

Neville Gray

Phone for details.

Easy-Medium
357-2768

Mid Waiohine

Oct 1-2

Tony Evans

The plan is to leave the Police Station at 7.30am on Saturday and drive to the Holdsworth road end and start walking via Donnelly Flat, Mountain House, Powell Hut, Mount Holdsworth, Isabelle to Mid Waiohine Hut for the night. We will head back up Mt Holdsworth on Sunday morning, and then down to the roadend and home. If heavy snow is expected on Holdsworth (not very likely but had enough of that on Anzac Day) there is a Plan B which will be a lower level walk to Mitre Flats Hut from the same roadend.

Medium
357-4355

Piripiri Hut

Oct 2

Gary & Bev

We will drive up Pohangina Valley and turn off just past the Pohangina DoC base. We will stroll down the farmers track that will take us to the Piripiri Stream. We will head upstream (which I believe is a bit overgrown) and arrive at Piripiri Hut for lunch. After lunch we will head out the same route.

Medium
325-8879

Thursday Day Trip

Oct 6

Gordon Clark

Phone for details.

Easy-Medium
359-2500

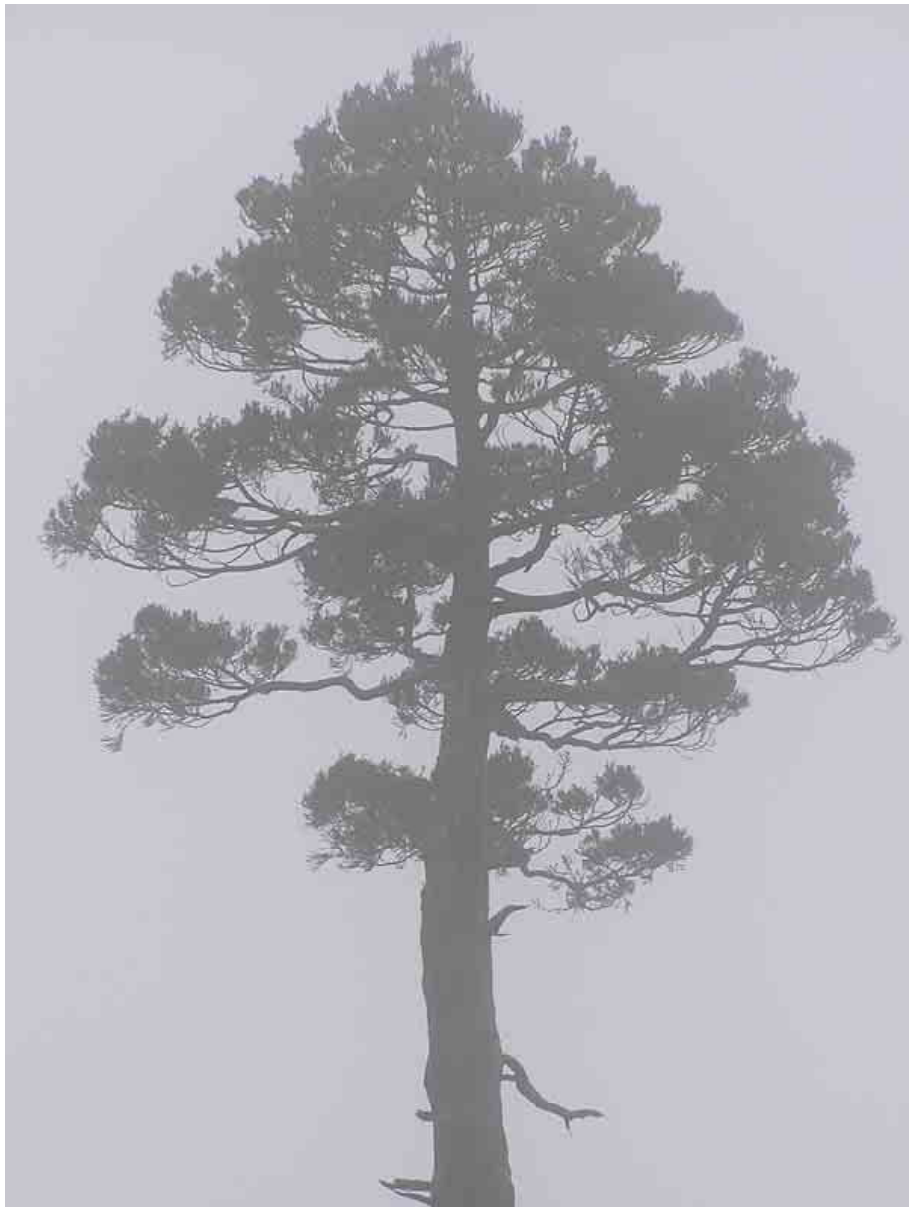
Kawakawa Hut

Oct 8-9

Gary & Bev

Kawakawa Hut is in the Aorangi Forest Park. Depending on weather conditions it is possible to drive to this hut. From here we can travel south and visit Mangatoetoe Hut or head north and come across Pararaki Hut then Washpool Hut. Numbers and weather conditions will be considered before deciding on the route.

Medium
325-8879



Above: A pine shrouded in the mist. Jean Garman's photo placed third in the natural history section of our recent club photo competition.



Above: Misty mountains. Ken Mercer's photo placed second in the alpine section of our recent club photo competition.

Irongates Hut

Oct 9 **Medium**
David Newstead 025 576-175

We will leave at 7 a.m. from the Police Station. The route is up past the old Heritage Lodge site (western Ruahines beyond Apiti) upstream along (actually above) the left (west) bank of the Oroua River; from here we can get some picturesque views of the river below. There are some grunty descents down to cross tributary creeks and up again (the deepest about 200-250 m) and through the usual attractive mixed beech forest typical of the Ruahines on the upland portions. It is about 3-3.5 hours each way. The hut is down beside the river and is actually a bit lower (50 feet or so) than the car park, so no view from the tops (or howling westerly wind either).

Wednesday Day Trip

Oct 12 **Easy**
Pam Wilson 357-6247

Phone for details.

Thursday Day Trip

Oct 13 **Easy-Medium**
Bev Akers 325-8879

Phone for details.

Skiing at the Lodge

Oct 15-16 **Easy/Medium**
Christine Scott 354-0510

This maybe one of your last chances

to go skiing for the season. If there is still enough snow make sure you come and make the most of it.

Jumbo-Holdsworth Circuit

Oct 15-16 **Medium**
Dave Allan 323-9734

I'm looking for a like minded group of trampers to leave Palmerston North Police Station at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday to travel to Masterton for lunch. Who don't mind losing a bit of sweat to climb Rain Gauge Ridge to reach Jumbo Hut for the night, where one can experience fabulous views of the Wairarapa Valley. Sunday morning would see us continue to the top of Rain Gauge Ridge, then head south to Holdsworth trig and Powell Hut for morning tea followed by a pleasant amble back to our starting point at the Holdsworth road end. We would have an obligatory café stop in Masterton before getting back to Palmerston North by mid afternoon. This trip could appeal to those who haven't experienced an overnighter before, a trip along the "tops" (great views) or just want to get away from the maddening crowds for a change.

Powell Hut

Oct 16 **Medium**
Charles Little 357-3438

The walk is located on the slopes

of Mt. Holdsworth in the eastern Tararuas. The first part is along an excellent and well-graded track, but the final ascent to the hut is steeper. Powell Hut is located near the bush line. If the weather is fine, we might continue up the ridge to the summit. We will depart from the Police Station at 7:30 a.m. and the cost will be about \$12.

Thursday Day Trip

Oct 20 **Easy-Medium**
Bev Akers 325-8879

Phone for details.

A wander in the Tararuas

Oct 21-24 **Medium**
Mark Learmonth 355-9143

Early evening we will fly from Holdsworth into Carkeek Ridge Hut for the night. Saturday up bright & early we will drop down into the Park River and up onto Nichols visiting Nichols Hut before travelling along the ridge over Mt Crawford, Junction Knob and onto Anderson Memorial Hut for the night. Sunday we will set off to Maungahuka Hut for lunch with an optional side trip for those who wish to Aokapurangi Biv. After lunch we will head down off Maungahuka to camp at Neil Forks Hut.

Monday will see us heading down the track to the Holdsworth road

end. This is your chance if you don't fall into the category of fit or medium fit trampers to visit parts of the Tararua's beautiful interior. As numbers will be limited and to avoid disappointment ring now to reserve your place. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Wednesday Day Trip

Oct 26

Margaret Gillingham

Phone for details.

Easy

356-8812

Thursday Day Trip

Oct 27

Peter Carver

Phone for details.

Easy-Medium

354-4479

Longview Hut

Oct 30

John Stantiall

This is a chance to see a great view for a reasonably short climb. It will be fantastic in calm weather, but if it is too rough to climb the exposed ridge, then we'll go for Plan B! Several options here for going beyond the hut if the weather is fine. I hope you can join me on the day.

Easy/Medium

354-5521

Mangahao Flats Work Party

Nov 5-6

Jean Garman

Due to unavailability of interested people on the scheduled weekend the Mangahao Flats work party has been moved to the following weekend (5-6 Nov). We will look at leaving Palmerston North at 7.30am on Saturday morning. People can wander up the track to the hut at whatever pace suits them then spend the afternoon primarily clearing vegetation (great way of venting life's little frustrations) and cleaning. As it will be guy fawkes we shall have an appropriately themed evening celebration. On Sunday we'll finish off anything that still needs doing then either stroll out down the track or splash out down the river (weather permitting) or some combination of the two. Should be home by late afternoon.

Medium

354-3536



Photo: Wei-Hang Chua

Editor's Note:

Janet Allan is my copy procurer. If you have led, or are scheduled to lead a trip, Janet may phone to remind you to send in a preview or report. Don't give her any lip!

Sledge Track

17th August (Wed)

Leader: Dave Warnock

(15 trampers)

Deadman's Track

18th August (Thu)

Leader: Jill Spencer

(12 trampers)

Less than three hours to the hut for a late lunch after going up Deadman's track first. Back out to the carpark for a total trip time of just under five hours. The downhill off the slip is very steep.

Tunupo Track

25th August (Thu)

Leader: Ken Rush

(7 trampers)

Family Ski Weekend

26-28th August

by Grant Platt

We (Zoe, Liam and I) were away at Whakapapa over



Above: Zoe at ski school.

(Family ski weekend | 27/08/2005 | Photo: Grant Platt).

the weekend. We went up to the Manawatu Tramping & Skiing Club Lodge on Friday night (with several stops along the way - the longest being at the fish & chip shop in Taihape.).

We (the seven intrepid travellers) filed out of the minibus in the Bruce car park of Iwikau Village and tramped over past SERAC Hut by torchlight to the MTSC Lodge, away by itself out to the right a few hundred meters. Others, including Hilary Hurst, our Family Ski Weekend Trip Organiser, were already happily ensconced in the hut when we arrived.

Saturday breakfast was a big affair with 20+ and then groups headed off skiing, doing avalanche courses high on the mountain, etc. I would have loved to go up the mountain but proceeded to Happy Valley with Liam and Zoe for skis, boots and poles; and carried on to ski school. We skied until mid-afternoon and used the Valley chair and rope tows. The cafe' was a welcome respite on two or three occasions though the snowfall wasn't all that hard.

Sunday came and instead of throwing away more money I decided we would do some tramping. We walked around the artificial lake made for the snow making machines, walked up through Happy Valley, went to the cafe', walked up to the main chair and went to the cafe', walked up to the top of the Rock Garden ski run and went to the cafe', talked the operators of the lift into giving us a free ride down and went to the cafe' (Liam had made himself nervous by walking up a steep snow bank instead of along and kicking his boots in. Even though I'd promised to hold him when we went down he wasn't going anywhere except down on the chair.

We headed to the cafe' and then went back to the lodge to rest up for a while before we headed out off the Bruce with the crew about 5pm. The crew, or magnificent 7, were Howard, Pete, Anne Henderson, Sara Scott, and we 3. I could have

lived the high life in Sydney for the weekend for the cost but Zoe and Liam will have some good alpine memories.

Avalanche Awareness Course 27th August

by Chris Mercer

Saturday 27th August was a most interesting day to be at Whakapapa as the Crater to Lake Multi-Sport Challenge was on and we saw all the runners stagger past as we picked up our climbing gear and skis from the van. A score of reps of the principal sponsor, Subaru, were at the Top of the Bruce giving away blue-coloured promotions- I still have the lip screen but missed out on the car! Twelve of us joined up at the chair lift with Steve Milgate, our professional instructor, who had already prepared us on the previous Tuesday evening. Under the top terminal of the Waterfall Express, we called in to the ski patrol HQ where patrol leader Stephan outlined the precautions they take to ensure our safety. We were impressed with the large wall map showing 52 possible avalanche sites on the ski field!

South of the Knoll Ridge tee bar, we looked around at the avalanche risk indicators like terrain, weather, etc., and started digging profiles. These

are simply columns of snow pack which when pressed on, reveal how stable the pack is. I have dug these previously with shovels and axes but was delighted with Steve's snow saw which makes profile digging a convenient 1-min task.

After walking or skiing to near the Valley Highway to find a different terrain, we simulated an avalanche accident by retrieving our buried Pieps rescue beacon/ transceivers. Half the group would bury then the others would run around homing in on the beacons. These remarkable devices responded over 50 m and would allow discrimination of more than one buried beacon. It was very important to turn the device on before burying it, but we all remembered to.

Sunday was also fine and most people went skiing. Some of us headed for that wonderful climbing training area, The Pinnacles and pitched our way to the ridge above the Valley Tee. At lunch on top, we had fine views of peaks to the north as far as Tauhara. While descending, Bryan entertained the others while he retrieved Jean's hammer which he had dropped into a tricky place.

I came away from the weekend



Above: Chris Mercer on the Pinnacles.
(Avalanche Awareness Course | 27/08/2005 | Photo: Brian Webster).



Above: Plitvicka National Park in Croatia (2005 | Photo: Christine Scott).

with a new respect for the power of avalanches and for electronic technology. The club has eight Pieps rescue beacons for hire. Our instructor's fees were covered by the MTSC training and development fund. Thanks to our leader Howard Nicholson for the course and for the AIC III instruction on Sunday. Others were Brian Webster, Peter Rawlins, Lynda Hunt, Ken Mercer, Rob and Kate Pringle, Dan Clearwater, Heather York, Sarah Scott, Preston Hatcher, and Chris Mercer.

Herepai Hut 28th August

by John Stantiall

The day was pleasantly fine – no rain, no wind and the sun came out after the mist lifted. The track was in good order, which also added to a pleasant day. A flock of whiteheads were spied while we were having morning tea. Just over two and a half hours to the hut and slightly less on the way back. No record times, but a most enjoyable trip. From the hut a couple of us climbed for another 15 minutes to try and find a view to the east, but unfortunately the vegetation was just too high to see beyond. As we came back mid afternoon, we passed several other family groups going in for a walk to the second bridge. We were John

Stantiall, Helen Davidson, Jill Chapman, Alla Seleznoyva.

Pukerua Bay 31st August (Wed)

Leader: Margaret Foot
(16 trampers)

Destination was to be Field Hut but halfway into Otaki Forks we found the road closed. So decided to do Pukerua Bay as it was such a nice day for it with new people.

Burn Hut 1st Sept (Thu)

Leader: Ray Pratt
(15 trampers)

The Thursday group went in from Shannon and enjoyed a pleasant walk on a superb day to the Burn hut arriving there just in time for lunch. The group then split with 10 trampers continuing on along a ridge and coming out at the Mangahao reservoir 3 and the remaining 5 going back to the number 2 reservoir to take the vehicles up to collect the others. The tramp was typical of the Tararua/Ruahine's, a fairly steep grind up through the bush then the easier walk along the ridgeline. The conditions were dry underfoot and the well-cut back track down to the hut gave good shelter from the wind. The road in was a bit of an adventure, very

twisty and lacking metal in places with some large bedrock exposed. Fortunately we were able to transport the group in the van and a ute as a low clearance vehicle could well have had problems. The top dam looked like the mud flats at low tide reflecting the lack of rain but workers at the dam assured us that a decent fall of rain would fill the dam in hours. It is a great feat of engineering and considering that the power station and dam complex was built in the 1920's one can only imagine the effort put in to constructing it. Well worth a look.

Miki Miki Tramway 4th September

by David Newstead

The eight of us set out bright and early in bright and cheery weather, coming to the Miki Miki Road end after a 1 h 20 min run from P.N. (Miki Miki Rd is about 14 km south of the Mt Bruce sanctuary). Most of the party had been there before (though from the other end) so the leader (who hadn't) had no worries.

We were on the old tramway formation even before entering the forest. The formation makes good walking, with traces of the old sleepers still evident though largely decayed. The track largely follows up the Miki Miki stream with one river crossing (river low that day) before crossing from the tramway, over a low ridge then down to join another tramway formation along the Kiriwhakapapa (?) Stream reaching the Kiriwhakapapa Shelter (Kiriwhakapapa Rd end) along by the well-known redwood planting (from about the 1930s) for an early lunch at 11:30 a.m. and then returning the way we had come. The forest cover is surprisingly well grown for a milled over area, and makes a very pleasant walk.

We were back in Eketahuna to round of the day with ice creams and coffee by 3:30 p.m. Along the way Richard (Gillingham) mentioned that some history of the tramway in the newsletter would be good...

A preview (accuracy not guaranteed). The forest was worked from



Above: Whanganui ferns and sky. Jean Garman's photo placed first third in the natural history section of our recent club photo competition. (Whanganui River Trip | 23/01/2005 | Photo: Jean Garman)

both north and south sides at different times, as evident from the two sections of tramway formation. The rails (now gone) were wooden, the base, on the sleepers 3 x 4 inch with cap rails of 3 x 2 inch. The Miki Miki mill was at the Dash property (now Trash) property at about the present end of the seal, and was burnt down in about 1916. Rimu logging was revived in 1934 presumably also from the Kiriwhakapapa side. That's all you get for now. My notes (of dubious accuracy) were taken over the phone. My informant, Gareth Winter, keeper of the archives at the Masterton District Council office, offered to send a copy of the source

material (from the local School Jubilee book), so when that arrives we can do a fuller entry for the next newsletter "watch this space".

Mid Week Ski 5-7th Sept

by Christine Scott

With the settled Indian summer we have been having, what could be better than 3 days up on the ski fields rather than being at work!

Turoa was our first stop where a cold wind at the top kept the snow from softening resulting in great skiing from the top to midway although there were the occasional

icy patches to watch out for. The second day was not what the snow report suggested so it was back down to the ticket office for a refund after a very lengthy coffee or three in the top café. The third day was awesome with sun, snow and not many people. One of our group opted to view the scenery from higher up the mountain while the rest of us skied the top T-bars from the Valley to the Far West. By early afternoon the snow was softening quickly so we called it a day mid afternoon and headed back to Palmerston North.

We were: Hugh Wilde, John Dymond, Elena Garnevska, Shane Keall, Ajmol Ali and Christine Scott

Wooden Peg Track

8th Sept (Thu)

Leader: Graham Pritchard
(10 trampers)

We headed up the Wooden Peg ridge track (branching off from the Kelly Knight track) in perfect conditions, warm sunshine and not a breath of wind. Some got well up above the bush line where they really enjoyed frolicking around in the waist high tussock and the numerous superb clumps of spaniard. Others stopped at various points en route but it was a day for stopping and soaking up the great panorama of peaks and ridges which ring the headwaters of the Pourangaki River.

Totara-Sayers Loop

10-11th Sept

by Adam Matich

A necessarily late start saw us commence the sometimes-steep climb from the Mangatarere Valley Road end at 11:45 a.m. Jenny and Jean steamed on ahead and after 90 minutes or so passed the intersection (2713980E, 6026380N), where we intended turning north, and stopped off at the second intersection (2713845E, 6026320N). This caused much confusion and earned them a severe frowning from trip leader, which they unrepentantly took absolutely no notice of. Oh well, the two intersections were only 100 m apart and the first intersection is a bit vague. Either way the second intersection was our lunch

spot before heading north along the ridge to the marked intersection at bump 768, and then NW down the spur to Totara Creek very close to where it joined the Waiohine River.

This route is pretty well marked and trodden (not by DoC), and regrettably no bush-bashing was required... just avoidance of some windfalls. It was not difficult.

The track did not drop into Totara Creek at the first stream up on the true left, as is shown on the map. In fact it was probably no more than 50 metres from the Waiohine River (2712350E, 6027795N), so we made our way up the river and crossed the swing bridge to reach the uninhabited Totara Flats Hut after a 3.75 hr day. We spent another 20-30 minutes wandering down to Totara Flats to find a campsite for the night, in an island of trees (Totaras) not too far from the river. An hour later we saw a large, noisy looking party making their way up to Totara Flats Hut. What had been a warm, sunny day cooled down, the mist rolled in and the frost descended overnight. Fortunately we stayed dry under the trees.

Next day we crossed the very low Waiohine River, some of us with dry feet, and located Sayers



Above: Looking out at the frost.
(Totara-Sayers Loop | 11/09/2005 | Photo: Adam Match).

Hut without difficulty. Apart from a lick of paint and some new mattresses Sayers hasn't changed in five years. From there we headed back up the hill, losing the zigzag in one section, to our lunch spot of the previous day. On the way, very near the top, is a good viewing point and we bemoaned the fact that we weren't right up on the tops on what was a

and across the first wooden bridge, then we left the track and followed a marked (hunters?) trail up the ridge on our left until reaching Bruce Hill (altitude 975m) where the ridge meets Blue Range for lunch. Back via the same route, a bit cool with a few showers but still a good day.



Above: Looking down to Totara Flats Hut.
(Totara-Sayers Loop | 11/09/2005 | Photo: Adam Match).

brilliant day. But time was moving on and so we dropped back down to the road end to finish our 4.5 hour day.

We were: Garry Grayson, Mark Learmonth, Gary Bevins, Bev Akers, Jemma, Jean Garman, Jenny McCarthy, and Adam Match.

Bruce Hill 15th Sept (Thu)

by Tony Evans.
From the Mikimiki Road-end 13 trampers followed the tramway track

Mangahua Loop 18th Sept

by Mark Street
This trip was cancelled due to poor weather.

Club Information

Annual Hut Passes

Support our club huts in the Tararuas. Buy your Annual Hut Pass through DoC Waikanae. Full price \$90, with FMC card discount \$63. Jean Garman will provide you with a form to fill in which will be sent off with your cheque and your FMC card (if you have one) to DoC Waikanae who will post your Annual Hut Pass back to you. Please note that MTSC family memberships only pay one FMC sub so only one FMC card (and therefore discount) is available per family.

Email: jean.garman@fonterra.com or phone (06) 354-3536.

For Sale

Howard's Bargain Basement

DOC hut tickets – discount rates to members. Phone Howard on 357-6325.

Accommodation at the MTSC lodge on Mt Ruapehu

The lodge is reasonably close to Iwikau Village, has power, hot showers, and is stocked with food. The phone number there is (07) 892 3860.



Photo: Anja Feise

Lodge bookings may be made between 9:30am and 9:30pm on any day of the week. Please don't call outside these hours. Note that bookings are not confirmed until the fees are paid. Payment is in advance by cheque or cash.

	Members	Non-members
Adult	\$21	\$33
Sec. School	\$18	\$30
Primary School	\$15	\$26
Group Prices	on application	on application

Booking and use of the MTSC Transit Van

The normal run-of-the-mill things you need to do if using the Transit Van are:



1. Book preferably by Thursday, and certainly no later than 6pm Friday.
2. Cancel bookings by these times so others who may want the van have time to amend their travel arrangements.
3. Check oil, water, and tyres.
4. Fill in the travel sheet (kilometres, people, and dollars).

Trip leaders and those planning trips should seriously consider using this cost effective club asset. Neville Gray is our minibus custodian, and he can be contacted at 357-2768.

Club equipment

We have packs, 2 and 3 person tents, fly-sheets, snow mats, sleeping bag cover, gas cookers, size 8 and 9 boots, billies, two new bivvy bags and two of the big tent flies. Ice axes, crampons, and helmets are also available. Food Dehydrator: ideal for drying large and small quantities of fruit, vegetables, and meat for tramping rips. Easy to use, works well, and is available for hire from the Gear Custodian. Hire cost for members, \$1 per day. Contact the Gear Custodian – Peter Rawlins on 356 7443.

People to contact

If you would like to contact the club with general inquiries, please drop a line to Manawatu Tramping & Skiing Club, P.O. Box 245, Palmerston North and it will reach the appropriate person. If you want a particular topic discussed at the Committee meetings, this is a good way to go about it.

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