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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.



7th February – Favourite Places

Where is your favourite tramping area? Bring along your pictures, slides, videos, digital images, speeches, or whatever, and share them with the rest of us. The idea is that several people will spend about 5-10 minutes on each area. Contact Howard if you want any further details, or just turn up on the night.



21st February – Fun in the Philippines

Our chief guide **Tony Evans** is going to tell us about his Christmas holiday trip to the Philippines. He also invites anyone else who had an interesting holiday to come along and tell us about their trip.



7th March – Clouds

Richard Heerdegen, well known weather expert recently retired from Massey, is coming to tell us what weather signals to be aware of when we are out tramping and skiing. Invaluable opportunity for all club members here!

Where we've been...



Above: Climbing Urchin.
(Waipakihi Trip | 23/01/2006 | Photo: Adam Match).

Happy new trails...

Happy New Year to all!

It looks as though a lot of you have been out and about enjoying the outdoors over the break and during the latest spell of good (hot) weather.

I hope that all of you have been taking care to apply the sunscreen and drink plenty of water in this incredible heat!

Looking forward to another year of trip reports and photos!

Wei-Hang Chua (Newsletter Ed.)
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Club notices

President's Piece by Christine Scott

Another year! It is hard to believe. And yet another resolution to get out tramping more!! At least I have started right with a tramp into Howletts Hut for New Years Eve. What a wonderful spot and delightful hut. It is great to see a historic hut so well kept. Congratulations Here-taunga Tramping Club and keep up the good work. I'll be back!

Christine Scott
Phone (06) 354-0510
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Chief Guide's Report

by Tony Evans

I have nothing to report on the tramping scene just now because at the time of writing this I have not been tramping for more than a month and am looking forward to getting back into the hills this weekend. Hopefully most of you will have taken advantage of the holidays to spend time in our great outdoors, having been busy catching up with work since returning from a trip to the Philippines there has been no time for tramping but thankfully there are another 11 months in the year.

Digger Hut (Ruahine FP) news

Contributed by Phil Mohi (DoC)

Thought you might be interested in some pics of recent work in at Diggers (see below) - definitely be a bit more cosy on a winters night - Te Ekaou hut also has received some work (piles, fireplace general tidy up) and with Ngamoko hut we flew a light portable digger into this hut recently to sort



some drainage issues associated with this site. The replacement Purity hut is now ready to go to contract and we will be tendering after Xmas ,and if funds permit we will be working on 2-3 other huts over the rest of the summer - new roof for Ruahine Corner etc with our own team - It has been very helpful getting Lyall Goggin (qualified carpenter) on permanent staff for our area.

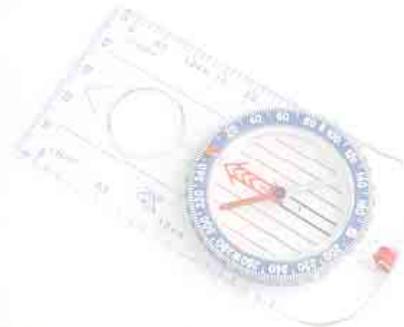
The track work has progressed - good to get the track to Mid-Pohangina reopened and the track team is going to work on the track into Iron gate hut after xmas (two tracks that were definitely overdue for some TLC). By the end of this summer most if not all of our maintained tracks on the western side will have received ongoing maintenance. The team at Pohangina have done some excellent work here lead out in the field by Nobby Robson the field Centre Supervisor.

Skiing from Queenstown

Is anyone interested in up to 5-7 days skiing based from Frankton (Queenstown) in August? I have extra cheap accommodation in Frankton for up to 9 people (would have to include 2 couples as 2 beds are double beds!) and a car. Public transport is available from Frankton to Coronet, Remarkables and Cardrona. Contact Christine - 354 0510.

Gorge Track Sundays

Just a reminder: there is a standing invitation to anyone who would like company walking the Gorge Track of a Sunday morning. I go more Sundays than I don't (anywhere between 7:30 (seldom) and 8:30 (more usual)), meet my wife, Leslie, at the Beyond-the-Bridge Cafe for morning tea (or lunch more often) and get a ride back through the gorge (or, very occasionally, walk back). So if you want to join me for a walk, and us for lunch, just give us a call. (025 576175)



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 member) 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.

Around Ruapehu

3-6 Feb **Med-Med/Fit**
Christine Scott **354-0510**

We will be leaving at 5.30 p.m. Friday night, driving through to the Ohakune mountain road and either camping at the road end or walking by torch light into the first hut (<1 hr).

On Saturday it will be approximately a 7.5 hr walk to Rangipo Hut followed by another 7 hr day on Sunday through to the Chateau road end (bypassing Waihothonu Hut) where I am told there is a possibility of a hot spa and dinner at the pub!

Hopefully on Monday we can get a

ride up the mountain road to access the more direct route to the Whakapapaiti Valley and from there we head on round the mountain and back to the Ohakune Mountain road (7-9 hr). At this time of the year there are plenty of daylight hours so there will be time for reasonable breaks during the day to soak up the sunshine and re-fuel the body!

Thursday Day Trip

9 Feb **Easy-Medium**
Keith Fisher **357-1724**

Full Waingawa River

11-12 Feb **Fit**
Jean Garman **354-3536**

We will head into Mitre Flats Hut on Friday evening. Saturday we will climb up and over Mitre aiming to drop into the Waingawa headwaters from Girdlestone. The next bit may be a bit adventurous but once the gradient eases off it should be a just a long, long boulder hop and river wade (wet undies inevitable) all the way back to the car.

Saturday night will either be at Arete Forks hut, Cow Creek hut of camping somewhere. This trip requires it not to rain.

Sunrise Hut

12 Feb **Easy**
Tim Swale **06 376-6556**

This popular walk on the eastern side of the Ruahine Ranges near Onga Onga follows a well formed, gentle track up to the bushline at the recently renovated Sunrise Hut. The hut is reached in a little over two hours and from there we have the option of either having lunch at the hut, or if the weather is suitable, going on a little further to Armstrong Saddle to get views to the west of the divide.

Wednesday Day Trip

15 Feb **Easy**
Donna Hayes **06 322-8686**

Thursday Day Trip

16 Feb **Easy-Medium**
Tony Evans **357-4355**

Roaring Stag Lodge

18-19 Feb **Easy/Medium**
Bev Akers **325-8879**

We go in by the Herepai Track then drop down into the Ruapae stream. A nice stroll down, maybe stop off at the hidden lake then on to the flash new lodge for the night. Remember this is an easy/medium trip, so we get to laze about a bit.

Saturday should only be 5.5 hr (all depends on how lazy we are). Sunday's only challenge is dragging ourselves away from this cosy hut and heading home (about 3.5 hr). This would be a great trip for someone who wants to do a spot of fishing, hopefully for tea.

Takapari Lost Track

19 Feb **Medium**
Tony Evans **357-4355**

From Tamaki West Road end we will follow the Tamaki River West Branch upstream past Stanfield Hut and up the track towards Cattle Creek Hut. At the junction on top of the ridge turning right takes the main track along the ridge and down to Cattle Creek Hut, turning left the track follows another ridge and before heading down to the stream to take the creek route to Cattle Creek Hut, an old sign saying Lost Takapari Track points up an overgrown track.

According to some maps this track meets the Stanfield Hut/Takapari Trig track about 10 minutes south of the trig where there is another old sign saying Lost Track and pointing down an overgrown track. A seldom travelled route to the Takapari Trig where the views are fantastic on a good day and return via either Stanfield or A-Frame Hut.

Thursday Day Trip

23 Feb **Easy-Medium**
Ken Rush **357-2529**

Climbing Ngauruhoe

25-26 Feb **Medium**
Adam Matich **359-2796**

This trip will start from the Mangatepopo Road end. The intention is to climb Ngauruhoe and quite possibly Tongariro as well. This all depends upon the weather, the phase of the moon, and how people (meaning me) feel on the day. Under ideal conditions we might climb Ngau-

ruhoe on Saturday and camp in the South Crater to return to the Road End via Tongariro on Sunday. If conditions are a little less ideal we may lazily go into Mangatepopo Hut for Saturday night and then climb Ngauruhoe on Sunday.

Murderers Hut

26 Feb **Easy/Medium**
John Stantiall **354-5521**

Hinerua & Smiths Stream Huts

4-5 Mar **Easy/Medium**
Gary & Bev **325-8879**

Depending on permission and numbers there are two road ends we can choose, Mill Rd or Alder Rd. We intend to stay at Hinerua Hut as it's the best of the two.

Gable End – Waiopahu Loop

5 Mar **Medium/Fit**
Mark Street **353-7442**

This trip starts from Poads farm in the western Tararuas at the back of Levin. The intention is to take the track adjacent to the Ohau River, then at the site of the former Ohau Shelter climb Gable End Ridge, turn SE at Richards Knob and trek over the tussock tops of the Twin Peaks and Waiopahu. We will pass the relatively new Waiopahu Hut en route down the Waiopahu Ridge ultimately ending back at the farm carpark. On a good day there are grand views to be had of the Tararua peaks and Horowhenua countryside. There are no river crossings.

Tramping time: 8.5 to 9 h

Distance: Approx. 19 km

Start from Police Station: 6.30am

Cost: \$12

Dundas Hut

11-12 Mar **Medium/Fit**
Garry Grayson **353-3117**

This trip will depart P.N. 7.30 Sat'morning, driving up to and parking our vehicle at the top dam (#1 Mangahao) . From this point make our way to Harris Creek, take a big breath, then on up (about 900mtr climb) to West Peak, south along the tops and drop into Dundas for the night. Sunday's return trip may be a 'tad'adventurish in that (conditions permitting) we'll go NorthEast back along the top's over West and East



Above: Merv Mathews and Graham Prichard at Arawaru Trig.
(Arawaru Trig Trip | Photo: Christine Allardice).

Peak's, continuing North once we reach Ruapae, then a 'little' scratchy stuff through Massey Knob and down the ridge from Ngapuketurua eventually reaching Puketurua Track and exit back to #1 Dam. Cut off day for names will be Sun'5th March!

Sledge Track

12 Mar **Medium**
Christine Scott **354 0510**

This is a nice close trip to town at the head of the Kahuterewa Valley. Highlights of the trip will be mine shafts, views over both the Manawatu and Wairarapa, tussock flats and native bush. We will leave the Police Station at 7.30am. The plan is to do the full loop up onto South Range Road and along the ridge looking down into the Wairarapa. Estimated time about 7 hours.

Carrington Loop – Holdsworth

16 Mar **Easy/Medium**
Bev Akers **325-8879**

Waikamaka Hut

25-26 Mar
Doug McNeur 359-1893

Waikamaka hut is a lovely part of the world. Nestled by a river in the eastern Ruahine ranges, it features the only octagonal toilet I know and is generally a nice place to stay. We'll womble up one river, over a saddle and down another river

before arriving at the hut. What could be nicer? Call me if you're interested.

Forest Lookout-Carrington Loop

26 Mar **Easy/Med-Tech**
Adam Matich **359-2796**

This was rated as a medium, but upon investigation we found the day length to be roughly 5 hours. Both times we became momentarily geographically embarrassed, partly because we were too busy not paying attention to the route. I am hoping that this time I will get it right..... although someone might want to bring along a GPS. This trip starts from the Holdsworth road end, where upon crossing the Atiwhakatu stream one takes a left to head south up to the forest lookout. This is steep in places but it takes less than an hour. From the lookout we climb up on top of the ridge and head in a westerly direction until the sparse remains of a hut are spotted on the northern side of the ridge (15 min).

From there we drop NW onto a sidle track, which we follow down into Gentle Annie Saddle for an early lunch, if we didn't get lost on the way down. Then we climb straight up onto Carrington Ridge and the Carrington Ridge track, which will take us up to Bump 801 and ultimately the Mt Holdsworth Track.



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!

Field Hut / Table Top 20th November

by Mark Street

Six trampers donned parkas at Otaki Forks carpark and set forth on the steady climb that is Field's track. There was plenty of birdlife to be seen and heard on the way up plus some interesting bush as well. The rewards of tramping, eh?

At 11.30 a.m. Field Hut came in to view whereupon we joined the

father and daughter hut occupants for an early lunch. After lunch it was on with the parkas again and in some cases woolen gloves and hats. Over 30 minutes later we were standing on the saddle just below Table Top getting buffeted by the strong winds and drizzle. With no prospect of views up on T/T we did an about turn and retreated to the hut. This trek up from Field Hut was looking rather pointless until on the return leg the cloud rapidly dispersed to give some favorable viewing from Dennan peak around the west to Kapiti and up to Waikawa Beach.

Back at the hut raincoats were stowed away and we ambled back to the carpark. In the scrubby zone just above the high river terrace we stopped for afternoon tea and a brief period of sunshine. The real fruit ice cream stop south of Otaki capped off the day. Thanks to Sharyn Hoult, Denise and Terry Knight, Alla Seleznyova and John Livingstone for a day in the Tararua.

Kawhatau

23rd November (Wed)

Leader: Phil Pearce

15 trampers

Visit to Phil's 100 year old family homestead and a walk over the old property, ended up with a barbecue lunch.

Maharahara - Kiritaki Hut 24th November (Thu)

Leader: Ann Green

8 trampers

Eight Thursday Trampers started up the Maharahara track from the Kumeti road end at about 9 a.m. in a steady drizzle. A recently cut track but too good to last, soon we were plunging through high cutty grass and some regrowing leatherwood. Turned left at the sign to Kiritaki which said 1 hr. It was steep, muddy and slippery. At the stream we went down stream but it is clearly marked even the best way round large boulders. Again steep up to the Kiritaki hut reached by 2 p.m. Inside were 2 hunters cooking venison. We had a very late lunch and then went down stream the more usual way to the Fairbrother road end pleased to see Peter waiting with the van at 5 p.m. We all enjoyed a bit of an adventure, don't do it if you want a comfortable day.

Triangle/Irongate Circuit 26-27th November

by Dave Allan

With the benefit of hindsight may be I should have pursued my original goal of cycling around Lake Taupo with the other 11,000 cyclists – but then I would have suffered from 6 hours on a bike seat. With a forecast that indicated an improvement we continued with the plan to traverse Deadman's Track, to Mangahuia to Triangle Hut, with the fall back plan to retrace our steps on Sunday if the river had risen overnight. Sleet and snow was being driven by a strong SE wind across Mangahuia but of course it was quite sheltered once Triangle Hut had been reached. By morning there was a good cover of snow on the tops and the river was at the same level as the night before. By the time we had walked the upper river, climbed the ridge track back over to the Oroua River its' volume had increased somewhat with drizzle that was falling over the



Above: Three generations of the Allardice Family on a trip to Field Hut. (Photo: Christine Allardice).

many tributaries feeding it. Crossing the river was fast becoming a marginal exercise however we made it to Iron Gate Hut thoroughly wet and hungry. Knowing what Tunapo Creek can become after rain, it was decided after a short snack to set off for the road end as I don't think any of us relished the thought of spending a wet night at Iron Gate Hut.

Both Triangle and Iron Gate Huts were in a very clean well maintained condition. The tracks have had recent attention, well cleared and marked, however there is a very active slip developing on the Iron Gate Hut side of Umutoi Creek which will cause problems in traversing the present track configuration soon.

This particular circuit has variety, and in adverse conditions can be challenging (which it was) however at the end there was a feeling (as wet as it was) of accomplishment. We were; Dave Allan, Bruce Taylor, Johanna Lieske

Scotts Road – Tararua Crossing 27th November

by Gary Bevins

Its not that often that you leave on a Sunday morning and cross the Tararuas by afternoon tea, the same day. We drove through Gorden Kear Forest at Scotts Rd. Walking started with a short climb to Scrub Trig (686 m). The route along the top was easy via a cut track. At the rock we dropped over the side into the valley. The trail was easy to follow with the occasional bit of vegetation having to be removed. At an old hunters hut made of pungas we stopped for morning tea.

I was a bit concerned about the trip from here on. I had not used the route for about three years and at that time it was becoming marginal!!! We wondered along the side of a creek, climbed out of it, and dropped steeply down the other side, to end up at the base of a waterfall. A scramble up a bank and we were climbing towards North Mangahao Biv. We broke out onto a clearing and I noticed that Brian & Jemma were preoccupied with



Above: Brian trying to get a view.
(Tararua Crossing Trip | 27/11/2005 | Photo: Adam Matich).

something in a bush. It's still a bit of a mystery as to what it was. But there is a very high probability that they had encountered a Kiwi, as there is the odd bird still left in the northern Tararua's. The track continued upwards, becoming a bit overgrown, until we reached a high point.

From here the track was almost non-existent. Pushing through tight scrub we broke out into the open. We had a scout around. Brian was ahead and dropped through an opening and onto the track. I called to the rest of the party and a few minutes later we were having lunch outside North Mangahao Biv.

The track from here is down hill and easy travel. The last section follows the stream, onto farmland, along a farm track and onto the road. We had not gone far on the road, when our ride turned up. The pick up time had been pretty accurate. Thanks Mike for taking the time to drop us off and collect us. Much appreciated. We were Gary Bevins, Bev Akers, Jemma, Garry Grayson, Adam Matich, Darlene Westrupp, Jean Garman, Ivan Rienks, Pam Dransfield, Brian Webster & Tony Evans.



Above: Nice day in the Wairarapa.
(Wednesday Trampers Trip | 07/12/2005 | Photo: Bev Akers).

Table Top - Kime Hut 1st December (Thu)

Leader: Jill Spencer
11 trampers

Six got all the way to Kime (4 1/2 hr). Big day by the time they got back to the vehicle (9 hr). While some were contented with Table Top & all the views.

Wednesday Trampers Christmas Trip 7th December

by Rosemary Hall

Twenty one of us left Palmerston North at the ungodly hour of 7.30 a.m. for the trip to Castle Point. Having never been to Castle Point but hearing of its reputation as a foul place to be in bad weather, we were a little apprehensive especially as the forecast was a bit "iffy" for the Wairarapa and we had no Plan 'B'.

Well, what a glorious sight greeted us on arrival, it was pure magic, blue sky, crystal clear water and a vista to die for. We set off at 10.00 a.m. for the climb up to a distant ridge (Castle Point) which seemed very intimidating from the carpark. It was however very exhilarating and satisfying sitting at the top with a view to forever. We later walked to the lighthouse and spent time scouting around that area.

We assembled about 1.00 p.m. for

a drive to our picnic spot. What a spread of the most delicious food, our eyes were popping with the many varied and yummy dishes all waiting to be devoured.

We didn't have many takers for the carol singing afterwards, maybe a nap in the sun was more to everyone's liking. However, Pauline Hall, the Intrepid and bossy ex-teacher soon had us all assembled for a "quiz". Don't know what misde-



Above: Enjoying the view... carefully.
(Wednesday Trampers Trip | 07/12/2005 | Photo: Bev Akers).

meanour Chris Brunskill committed, but he was soon banished from "the classroom". After that bit of hilarity we walked along the beach for about half an hour each way and then sadly we were homeward bound via the icecream shop of course. Once again it was a very successful ending to our enjoyable year of tramping.

Toka Trig 8th December (Thu)

Leader: Ivan Alve
8 trampers
Up Shorts & down Knights Track
(5.5 hr).

Ladies Ramble Round Rangī 11th December

by Christine Scott

Four of us, from the fairer sex, headed off to do the Rangī Loop with weather conditions looking far from perfect. We fully expected to be rained upon once we exited the bush above Dead Man's Track but despite the thunder and lighting out in the valley, the down pour never arrived until we stepped onto the verandah of Rangī Hut. We listened to the thunder roll over us and the heavy rain on the hut roof, but after 20 minutes it disappeared again and there was no more rain until half way down the descent around the



Above: Climbing onto the Umikarikari Range.
(Waipakihi Trip | 21/01/2006 | Photo: Adam Matich).

slip. Again it lasted briefly and we wandered through the last of the bush in brilliant sun shine. We were: Alla Selezuyovla, Suzanne Clark, Darlene Westrupp and Christine Scott.

Mount Bruce Reserve 15th December (Thu)

Leader: Stuart Malcolm
Our last trip before Christmas included walking to the eastern side of the reserve; sharing lunch overlooking the Wairarapa; and afternoon coffee watching the Takahe at the Wildlife Centre.

Waipakihi Hut (Kaimanawas) 21-22nd January

by John Beech
We started out with a rather long 2.5 hour drive to Kaimanawa Road end about 12 km south of Turangi. After dropping a bike into the bush at the Urchin track we headed back the 5 km to the Umakarikari track beginning. In clearing weather we made our way up the long Umakarikari track towards the bush line where lunch was partaken of in fine weather. As we continued on above the bush the cloud stayed just high enough for us to enjoy fantastic views of the Tongariro mountains, albeit in cloud, and Lake Taupo. Our hopes of having the hut to

ourselves were soon dashed as we came across and passed a rather diverse WTMC group of trampers with varying levels of fitness. On we pushed over Sharp Cone which had disappeared into the cloud along with the peak of Umakarikari. A total time of about 5.5 hours brought us into Waipakihi Hut and fortunately to claim the bunks before all and sundry arrived which they did, 27 in

the hut or under flies for the night. Sunday saw us away by about 8.30 a.m. down the Waipakihi river to somewhere near the Urchin track turnoff. A very leisurely stroll was had down a particularly beautiful river, enjoying plenty of stops for cuppas etc. About 2 p.m. brought us to Bev's campsite and a mighty fine campsite it was. The cloud and drizzle had cleared by then and after setting up camp the afternoon was spent relaxing and enjoying the sun and company.

Monday dawned with typical low cloud in the valleys which we were hoping would lift by the time we reached the Urchin tops. It did and we were treated to one of those rare perfect days with wonderful vistas from the tops. Again, after a steep grunt out from the valley, we took our time, stopping frequently to take photos, admire the views and try to pin point Rangipo Hut across the Desert Rd up on Ruapehu. Eventually we reached the Urchin car park where Tony volunteered to ride the bike around to the other road end and collect the van. An awesome trip made better with the fine weather. We were: John Beech, Mike Beech, Bev Akers, Gary Bevins, Adam Matich, Kim Dowson, Tony Evans and Scott Wythe.



Above: View from Urchin.
(Waipakihi Trip | 23/01/2006 | Photo: Adam Matich).



Above: Waipakihi Hut
(Waipakihi Trip | 22/01/2006 | Photo: Adam Match).

MTSC Club Awards 6th December

Contributed by Howard Nicholson

"Me for leaving hand brake off on mini bus." – Christine

Now the way that I heard it, (and after a few more intervening beers), the minibus was saved from certain destruction by none other than a group of accountants who, after returning from a tramp, tried to get into the minibus and noticed that it moved. These accountants unselfishly placed themselves in peril between the rolling minibus and a precipitous cliff (ok, grassy slope), arresting a downward trend in our club asset's value and preventing certain depression of our leader.

Now, that's more like a chocolate hamster story..

I would have to say that John Doolan, who has received the award many times in the past, came a close second for forgetting that he did NOT win the Chocolate Hamster last year. However, the hamsters that he created were enjoyed by all...
No Improved Trampler award this year.



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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