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Newsletter of the Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club



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CLUB NIGHTS

7.30 pm, 1st Tue of the month, Rose City Aquatic Club Rooms, 50 Park Road, Palmerston North

4th November Jill Dalton

Crazy Kiwis go Trekking in Greenland: Reindeer, Sled Dogs and Snow

The Arctic Circle Trail runs 165kms between Kangerlussuaq and Sisimiut, Greenland. 10 days of remote, glaciated country travelling parallel with the Arctic Circle, this trail ranks as one of the classic walks of the world.

A fantastic set of slides and amazing scenery!



3rd February Ian Ritchie Tracking in the Bush

Ian Ritchie can be described as a practical trumper who is passionate about preserving and enhancing our access to the bush. He has a long record of cutting and clearing tracks and concern for the lack of maintenance of some of the huts in the hills, such as, the much used A Frame. In this talk Ian will share some of his experiences and aspirations.

This is also the first meeting of the year, so it starts with the traditional bring-your-own BBQ



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The deadline for newsletter contributions is **the 1st week of the month**. Photos are welcome and will be included where possible – remember to include an appropriate caption.



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MTSC President: Linda Campbell

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Over the years I have read many books written by goal orientated people. These are people who excel or have excelled in their chosen areas. This year, after many years of mostly reading books written by those or about those who excel in the mountains, I have read Mike Allsop's book High Altitude and two books by ultra marathon runner Lisa Tamati. Books such as these also make me think about the goals we set ourselves as trampers and skiers. Our goals may not be on the same level but we too push ourselves at times. We too test our limits. And most of the time it is fun or at least it seems fun days later when we reflect on what we have done.

Whatever your goal the important thing is knowing what steps to take to achieve it whether it be making it to the next hut or scaling the highest peak.

Enjoy yourselves in the hills but take care out there. *Linda.*



MTSC Chief Guide: Ken Mercer

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A saying I recall from my primary school days was: if you step on a crack you'll marry a rat. It was a superstition I proved wrong but in later years I took to stepping on thistles on the track with the possibly forlorn hope that if everyone did it they'd be kept under control.

Another little habit which I share with others is carrying a folding saw and sometimes secateurs. The saw may one day be useful for building an emergency shelter or stretcher although, like a first aid kit, I'd prefer to never need it for that purpose.

Generally it's used for removing the odd branch obstructing the track. In this I am not alone and quite a number of our members also give the DoC a helping hand. Examples include regulars "trimming as we walk past" as well as the forthcoming overnight trips specifically for hut and track maintenance. I'm sure these efforts are appreciated leaving resources for the more difficult jobs. Thanks everyone!

NOTICES and INFORMATION

→ Lodge Work Party to Install Double Glazing ←

WEEKENDS OF: 8th and 22nd November 2014

MTSC Lodge Manager: John Lyttle

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For those of you who weren't aware we have been successful in obtaining \$15,000 to double glaze the majority of the windows at our lodge. We have engaged a glazier who will be providing and installing the glass. We will need to carry the glass over to the lodge and install some of the new windows.

We are planning to run work parties on the weekends starting the 8th and 22nd November 2014. Most of the work will be carrying the new and old glass to and from the lodge. We will also remove some of the older double glazing and paint the window frames in the process.

All and any help is appreciated and we will be running the club van up. These weekends are free for your contribution of your labour. Let me know if you want to come.





Sunrise Hut Cooking Facilities

The gas cooking has been permanently removed from Sunrise Hut so you are going to have to take your own cookers or go hungry. There is a wood-fire and a supply of fire wood so if desperate you could use the fire to cook on. That is if the firewood hasn't run out because everyone else has been cooking with it.



Maggie Barry - Minister of Conservation

FMC congratulates Maggie Barry on her appointment as Minister of Conservation, and Peter Dunne and Nicky Wagner as associate ministers. We also congratulate Nick Smith on his appointment as Environment Minister and thank him for his leadership and vision as Minister of Conservation over the last few years.

We will be seeking to work with both Ministers on behalf of our 18,000 members to promote outdoor recreation in our backcountry and ensure the wise management of our natural resources. Key issues for the coming parliamentary term include: the strengthening of the Battle for the Birds, ensuring the integrity of statutory planning processes and resolving the status of key "Forgotten Lands".

If you are ever finding your tramp hard going then think of Stuart Kettell!

On my recent visit to the UK I came across a newspaper report headed "Pushing a sprout up Snowdon, nose first."

Stuart Kettell of Balsall Common, Solihull set himself the challenge of crawling up Snowdon pushing a Brussels sprout with his nose. To reach the 1085 m summit he had to use 22 sprouts over four days. He started the challenge on a Wednesday, with a backpack containing camping gear and extra sprouts. After completing the challenge on Saturday he was left with no skin on his knees. He wore a nose-guard and said the climb was an amazing experience but he admitted to being "shattered" and "very sore". The 49 year old trained for his mission in his back garden. Mr Kettell said that he chose a large sprout so that it would not fall down a crevice. He raised about \$7000 for a cancer charity.

Bob Hodgson



The Kaiparoro Track

Merv Matthews

Hello Trampers,

I was one of a number of Thursday Trampers and MTSC members who lodged a submission in July 2012 opposing the proposed closure of the Kaiparoro track. I didn't hear any more about it, so last month I followed this up with a letter to DOC's Wairarapa Area office. I have now received a reply to say that this track remains open and available to the public, and will remain open for the foreseeable future. The writer, Garry Foster, said that the track is currently due for inspection and may require some maintenance to be carried out. This is good news, and shows that we should be vigilant about any future proposals to close tracks, especially those we use regularly. It doesn't take much effort to put pen to paper and send off a letter in protest.



Ruahine Range FaceBook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/RuahineRanges>

There is a FaceBook page for the Ruahine range. It is mostly on hunting, so is really cool if you want to see photos of vermin killed within the park. It does also have photography not involving dead animals, some of which is pretty good. There is also a [movie clip](#) (promo?) taken from and of a Hill Country Helicopter flying over the range in August of this year: lots of snow.

Notes from the Ruahine User Group (RUG) meeting

DOC has decided that more consultation is needed to consider the use of a summer booking system for Rangī and Sunrise huts. Consultation, discussions and questioners (at the huts) will happen over this (2014/2015) summer with the expectation that a decision will be made for the following (2015/2016) summer.

Purangaki, Kelly Knight, Crow, McKinnon and Otukota huts have all gone onto minimal maintenance due to low usage and/or on-going issues with access and/or non-guaranteed access. This means that they will continue to be inspected to ensure they meet the hut standards but very little resource will be available to rectify any issues. Ideally a community partnership agreement will be sought for these huts.

The last little bit of farm 'road' down to the Makaroro River at the end of the Wakarara Road is no longer passable. The gate at the end of Wakarara Road is locked but you can park here and walk down to the river. Please remember that you are crossing private land to get to the river.

Takapari Road has been upgraded to 'shiny 4WD' standard as far as the lookout. The road was used by about 550 vehicles over 2013 with most usage in March/April.

The Ruahine Whio Protectors trust is in the process of being established to seek funding and work with DOC to better manage/protect the Whio in the Ruahine Forest Park. Hopefully (weather permitting) a further 220 of the DOC200 wooden box traps will be placed around the Oroua catchment and on the Rangī Deadmans Loop to improve rat and stoat control.

PNTMC are hoping to put in an application to the Community Partnerships Agreements for funding to replace the Mid-Pohangina bridge. There are still issues to be sorted as DOC would not want to own the structure (have to pay depreciation) or to fund any required maintenance but they would include it in their bridge inspections.



This is a recent picture of Jim Neumann (& Zona) whose obituary by Graham Baker was printed in the October issue of Beachleaves. A number of members will recognise him in this photo by Sue Hall



UPCOMING TRIPS

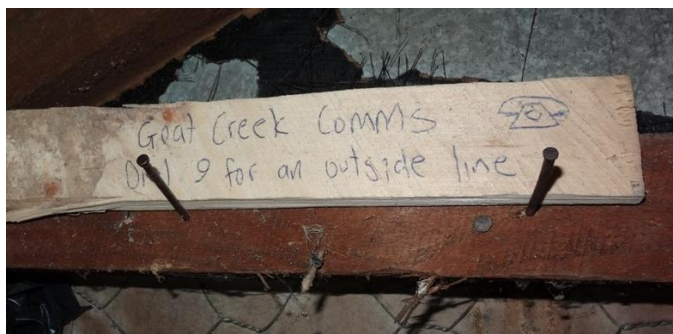
Trip Intentions

The email address for leaving trip intentions is intentions@mtsc.org.nz

Intentions sent to this address will not be acted upon UNLESS a party is reported overdue (e.g. by a family member, flatmate, friend, etc.). The email is sent to several MTSC members. This information will be provided to LandSAR only if the party is reported overdue.

The email should include: a list of participants and their contact details; a brief description of the intended route and possible alternative routes; starting point; start date; date/time due out; vehicle registration; and any other relevant details.

November Wednesday Tramps		
Date	Leader	Phone
5	Rita & Arthur Hodson	323 5491
12	Mona Webb	323 4212
19	Bev Akers	325 8879
26	Lynn Robinson	329 8759



Trip Grading

The times listed below include tramping, meal and rest stops. In assessing the trip grading, terrain, weather and party fitness (which is as fast as the slowest member) are considered. Consult the trip leader if you are unsure about your suitability for a particular trip.

FAMILY	All welcome, casual pace, any age
EASY	4 hours per day, pace slower than Easy/Med. 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 Med/Fit
TECHNICAL	Qualifying requirements to be announced by the trip organiser

Weekday trips generally range between Easy and Medium/ Fit. Call the leader for details on the destination and trip grade.

November Thursday Tramps		
Date	Leader	Phone
5	Syd Easton	356 7462
12	Alan Cameron	358 3848
19	Richard Ellis	357 6410
26	Carolyn Brodie	358 6576

November Weekend Trips				
Date	Trip	Grade	Leader	Phone
1-2	Ngamaia (NE Tararua FP)	Med./Fit	David Harrington	06 839 5766
1-2	Mountain-Biking the Great Lake Trails	MB	Royce Mills	355 8556 021 055 2527
8 (Sat)	Pinnacle-Atiwhakatu loop	Med.	Adam Matich	022 358 8062
8-9	Lodge Work Party	All	John Lyttle	027 433 6307
15-16	Te Matawai Work Party	Med./Fit	Jean Garman	021 176 0209
16	Stanfield Hut	Easy	Tim Swale	06 3766 556
22-23	Lodge Work Party	All	John Lyttle	027 433 6307
22-23	Whangamomona Lost Highway Tunnels	Easy/Med.	Mark Learmonth	355 9143

For weekend trips, unless otherwise specified, contact the trip leader by Wednesday night for overnights or Friday night for day trips.



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1-2nd November: Ngamaia (NE Tararua) Medium Fit David Harrington 06 839 5766

Starting from the Putara Road end we will follow the DOC track into Herepai Hut and on up to the tops to Ruapae. From here we head north along the tops to Massey Knob; then NE to Ngamaia to camp. Next day we'll drop into Ngamaia Stream and navigate back along the park boundary to the start.

1-2nd November: Mountain-Biking: Great Lake Trails MB Royce Mills 355 8556 or 021 055 2527

We will drive to Taupo on Friday evening (31st October), and plan to camp or use cabins at Great Lake Holiday Park, Acacia Bay. There is a good variety of trails we can choose to ride over the weekend; they are technically easy and not too demanding physically, with some enjoyable downhill sections. Also there will be choices available for shorter or longer rides to allow for moving vehicles around. Possible rides on Saturday are Kinloch to Whakaipo Bay and Whangamata Road - Kawakawa Bay - Kinloch. On Sunday there are options for rides of varying distances from Western Bay Road - Waihaha to Waihora Bay. There is something for all keen mountain bikers of varying abilities.

8th November (Sat): Pinnacle-Atiwhakatu Hut Loop Medium Adam Matich 022 3588062

adam.j.matich@gmail.com

We will follow the trail up the true left of Atiwhakatu Stm, from the footbridge, and climb to Pinnacle Peak which has a bald patch for views and basking on sunny days. The trail then heads northerly to pt 862, westerly to pt 846, and northerly along Pinnacle Ridge to the Baldy track junction in the Atiwhakatu Saddle. Somewhat before that (at BP34 076730) is another track junction; a left turn heads westerly down to the Atiwhakatu Stream a few hundred metres up-stream of Atiwhakatu Hut. Then it is back to the road end by the short route for probably less than a six hour day.

15-16th November: Te Matawai Work Party Medium/Fit Jean Garman 021 176 0209

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From the road end a likely plan (subject to change at any stage) is that we will head in up the Ohau River, then up Deception Spur and through Girdlestone Saddle to Te Matawai Hut. The usual cleaning, firewood gathering/chopping and gardening will follow in the time remaining between arrival and pre-dinner shared nibbles and drinkies. After a light dinner (not much room after all those nibbles), dessert and a good sleep we will do a little more work then head down to South Ohau Hut, up the escape track onto Gable End Ridge and back home.

22-23rd November: Whangamomona Tunnels Easy Mark Learmonth 355 9143

This is a trip with a difference/social trip suitable for everyone; No overnight pack carrying is required. On Saturday we will explore & walk the line through the Whangamomona Saddle train tunnels. That evening the intention is to stay at the Whangamomona motor camp, with the possibility of having tea at the iconic Whangamomona hotel. Sunday is a three hour walk through the forest up to Whangamomona saddle.

2014 Photo Competition 1st Place Getters

Topical: Howard Nicholson



Maungahuka sign, Tararua FP

Overseas: Jean Garman



Blessings from the Lama, Nepal

TRIP REPORTS

Thursday 18th September: Punga Hut

Hugh Wilde

Fifteen set off to Punga Hut (Miro Hut) in the 'Miro Valley' behind the Gordon Kear Forest. The weather was fine although rain was promised later in the day. It only took 1.5 hours to get to the hut – the track had been cleaned up and the hidden bits opened up so it was easy going generally.

Our original idea was to head towards the North Mangahao Bivvy from the hut to see how far we could get. We had three locations for the bivvy, one roughly SSE of Punga Hut and shown on the old map, one roughly ESE of the hut and shown on the new TM map (the favoured location) and one about midway between these two locations. Given the size of the group, however, it was more prudent to leave this trip for another time. As we still needed to do more walking to deserve a lunch stop we set off southwest from the hut, following first the pink and then the blue marker tape to Number One Stream where we stopped roughly 1 km due south of Scrub and not far from the burn. From there we retraced our steps to the hut, and then headed homeward to arrive around mid afternoon and missing the promised rainfall.



In the forest near Punga hut John Brock

Sunday 5th October: Not Maropea Forks but a day trip

Jean Garman

The weather in spring is nothing but changeable. After some brilliant weather during the week the weekend was forecast as gale force winds with heavy thundery showers to include hail and at higher altitudes snow on Saturday and just a little better on Sunday. Not the sort of forecast for sane people to try and get to Maropea Forks. As a few weekends of late have sported bad weather the people interested in the overnight tramp were getting twitchy and needed some exercise so a relatively weather safe route was chosen to favour the marginally better weather on Sunday for day trip instead. Various cars met up in Woodville and with a bit of reshuffling we carried on to the Tamaki West Road end where the wind was very strong, but at least it wasn't raining. Not long into the trees and the remnants of yesterday's hail was evident in sheltered shady spots. As we climbed up the track towards A-frame the patches of hail on the ground became larger and more frequent and further up through the leatherwood corridor the track was covered with a mixture of hail and snow. When we left the shelter of the bush it was time to layer up with hats, gloves and wind proof layers as the wind was not only strong but also cold. While the A-Frame hut is not super lovely it makes a darn good shelter in less than idyllic weather for a morning tea stop. Along the Takapari



Arriving at A-Frame hut for Morning Tea Jean Garman



Road (still closed for maintenance) our foot prints in the snow were the only sign of recent human activity, however, multiple hares and a few deer had been through since the worst of the weather. The tall leatherwood blocked the worst of the wind and we alternated between dull greyness and bright sunshine. We almost got blown sideways as the wind funnelled through where we hopped off the road onto the track towards Stanfield. Then the sunny patches became fewer and further between with a little intermittent light rain. Stanfield Hut was cosy warm as some overnighers had obviously had the fire going in the morning so made a great place for lunch. We left Dave and Fred here so they could take a more leisurely walk out giving Fred a chance to reduce the possum population along the way. For the rest of us it was a quick hop down the river then up onto the Holmes Ridge and back to the cars. A few more showers threatened but they were pretty light. It kept on being very windy. All in all a nice bit of exercise with varied terrain and manageable weather. We were Adam Matich, Mark Learmonth, Jenny McCarthy, Dave Mitchell (and Fred) and Jean Garman.

11-12th October: Maropea Forks

Adam Matich

We had a slightly early start, because our route in was over new (for us) ground. Less than two hours saw us at Sunrise Hut for a quick first lunch before heading to Armstrong Saddle and north along the tops over pt 1499, which had a little snow in its gullies, and to pt 1476. The saddle in between these peaks was scrub/forest infested and the route finding made travel slow. We reached pt 1476 3½ hours from the road end and headed NW down the spur that goes all the way to Maropea Forks Hut.

This was new ground for us, and kind of a mistake. Not because of the leatherwood/scrub belt, which was surprisingly not-nasty (no tears) there being quite a lot of deer trails for us to follow; and not because of difficult terrain as that was all pretty straight-forward...or safe anyway; Jean and Ivan did need to do quite a bit of navigating. The forest was the great disappointment; where there wasn't tight, chest-high ultra-scratchy blood-sucking scrub there were beech thickets we had to shimmy through. What would normally take 3 hours, on a civilised spur, took us six hours from top to bottom, arriving at the hut at 7 p.m. after a 9½ hour day. But it didn't rain; one of the day's great blessings.



Heading down "Mistake Spur" from pt 1476

Adam Matich

Eleven other people had arrived at the hut well before us which meant that quite a few of them camped out. So a total of seventeen people were at a six-berth hut that had not been visited for the preceding forty days! Not the best of timing, for which the weather of-late can take the blame. Given the lateness of the hour we were disinclined to mess around with the silliness of camping out and so after a hurried dinner, cooked on the veranda, two of us fitted in the wood shed; three on the veranda; and one inside the hut underneath the table; for a reasonably comfortable night's sleep.

The next morning was crisp and clear, the weather improving as the day progressed. We headed down-river to hook a left at the big bend and then south up the stream that leads to Top Maropea Hut (4 hr). The water was cold and the rocks slippery in places, but there were some nice flat shingle and grassy sections. We encountered four blue ducks and three edible-sized trout. Early lunch was had at Top Maropea hut with a couple of hunters who had also spent the night at Maropea Forks. Another three hours saw us back at the vehicle after a 7-hour day, having passed

quite a lot of day-trippers in and around Sunrise Hut which had only accommodated 11 people the night before. It was certainly an interesting weekend, the travel down the spur to the hut being more-so than we would have liked; a once in a lifetime route then! We were Dave Mitchell, Ivan Rienks, Jean Garman, Mark Learmonth, Jenny McCarthy, and Adam Matich.

More photos can be seen at https://www.facebook.com/MTandSC/photos_stream?tab=photos_albums



New Maropea Forks Hut at night (*Adam Matich*) and next morning (*Jean Garman*)

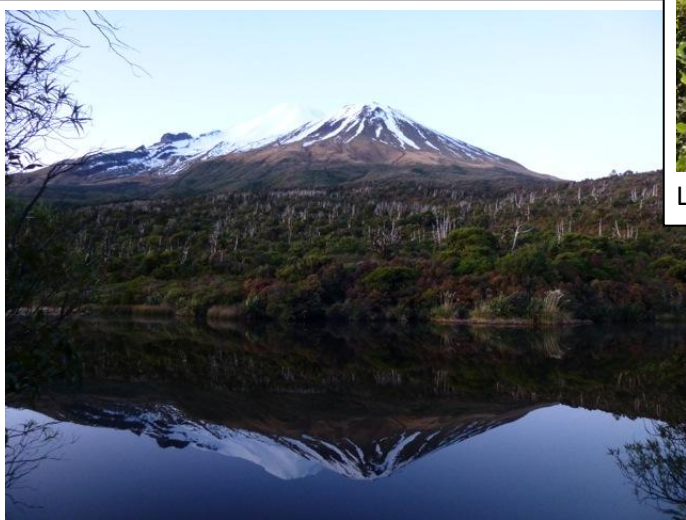
11-12th October: Lake Dive Hut, Taranaki

Just three of us teamed up for this trip - Linda Campbell, our leader, Jill Faulkner and Royce Mills. We were lucky to enjoy two beautiful days over this weekend. We set off from Dawson Falls car park at about midday Saturday and tackled the many steps on the track that heads up to Syme Hut. Several stops were taken to enjoy the views and have a breather. Higher up there was patchy snow. As we turned onto the high track to Lake Dive Hut we were in tussock

Royce Mills



Linda, Royce, Jill, and Fathom's Peak *Royce Mills*



Lake Dive - evening reflections *Royce Mills*

above the bush line - snow filled many of the gullies along the way and we needed to take care on these slopes. Lake Dive Hut was spotted below us in the distance and grew closer as we reached the downhill track to the hut. This section is badly in need of some maintenance - many of the steps are ruined and eroded. Just before 4.30pm we reached the hut and were delighted to find that we had it to ourselves.

There was still plenty of time to enjoy the sunshine and wander beside the lake to take photos. A pleasant evening was enjoyed at this hut - with its superb views of the mountain and lots of bird song to be heard.

Next morning we walked out on the lower track to complete our circuit, a four hour walk back to Dawson Falls. Most of this track is in bush, but we had several glimpses of the mountain above and farmland below. Our goal was lunch at Dawson Falls Mountain Lodge and Cafe - excellent! The friendly couple who own this lodge showed us around - we were very taken with the beautiful Swiss style interior throughout the restaurant and bedrooms. Thank you, Linda, for organising this memorable weekend and for driving us there and back.

11-12th October: Rae Ridge

Lou McNutt

Wet feet, was the start of the day for our team of four trampers, as we crossed the Waioatauru River, near the Otaki Forks car park and headed inland, sidling across the river flats to the toe of Rae Ridge. A short scramble up to the ridge was to become the theme for the trip.

The day was turning out to be a cracker, and we were shortly shedding layers of merino as the temperatures began to rise. Having adjusted to carrying the additional weight of an overnight pack, we soon settled into a steady pace and began a continual upward climb following a trail along the central ridge. After an hour or so the vegetation began to close in, as we entered more developed forest and the trail began to weave, to and fro, before petering out altogether. Pink flagging and the odd bit of faded electrical tape around sparsely spaced saplings indicated that we were in fact on a trail, though this soon too eventually yielded to the completeness of the bush.

After a short lunch break, the temperatures had dropped to a pleasant tramping level, but the threat of rain lingered heavy in the air. We continued on gaining elevation, the vegetation slowly morphing from open areas of tree ferns, supple jack, through kamahi to beech forest. We were



In the tussock on Rae Ridge *Lou McNutt*



On Dennan – no more climbing

Lou McNutt

now making our way through the stunning cloud forest belt, where prevalent mist had wreathed the vegetation in thick green moss, epiphytes and kidney ferns. Dropping down along the ridge the first few drops of rain started as the canopy opened out revealing lush green slopes of distant spurs, swirling with mist. The scenery was stunning, but the trail demanded attention, as we found ourselves scrambling over fallen trees, clambering up slippery inclines, entangled in supple jack vines, squeezing through stands of saplings or forcing our way through barriers of tussock and leatherwood.

By mid afternoon we broke out of the tree-line onto a narrow ridge and into a sea of alpine tussock. A view I'm sure that would have been amazing, had the tops not been heavily shrouded in mist.

Summiting on Dennan, could not have been better timed for as soon as we hit the main trail the heavens opened and it began to rain steadily. Pulling on Parkas we began our descent, although after the variety of the tramp up to Dennan, the ‘highway’ along Table top flats to Field Hut was positively boring. Damp from the rain and from clambering through the dense vegetation, the sight of smoke swirling from Field Hut and the promise of warmth was a welcome sight. After 7 hours tramping, we stepped into a full hut (a total of 17 people in residence) and even the playful, raucous children could not dampen my appreciation for a nice hot cuppa and some dry clothes.

The following morning Dan and I had planned to shoot back up to Table Top to take in the view, however the day dawned misty again and with nothing to see but the insides of clouds, we all decided to pack up and headed out. We followed the main trail down to the car park, pausing briefly to admire the prominent white flowers of the Clematis.

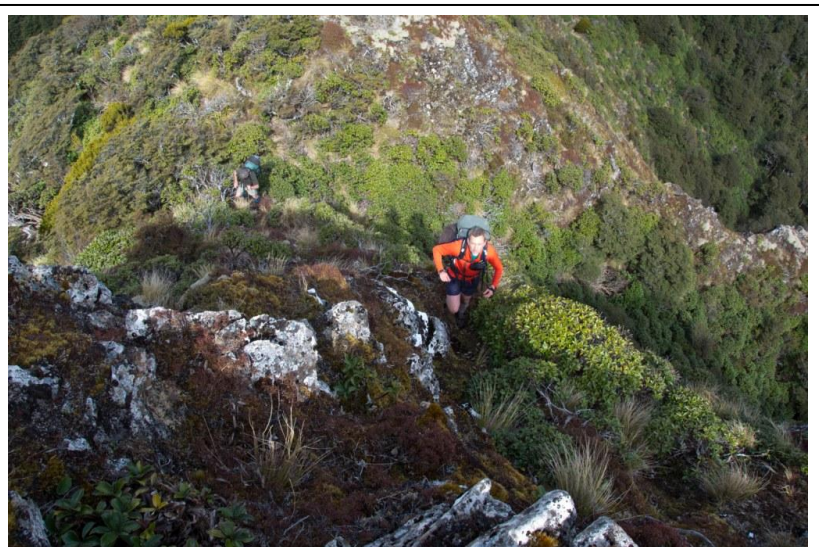
It was a great trip! Many thanks go to David and Debs for their invitation to join. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to get off the beaten trail, and see so much more of the stunning bush the Tararuas have to offer. We were David & Deb Harrington, Lou & Dan McNutt



Wind-blown dunny at Sunrise Hut
Jean Garman



Top Maropea Hut on a sunny day
Adam Matich



Adam and Mark on “Mistake Spur” heading down to Maropea Forks Hut
Jean Garman



New Members

Prospective members must be nominated by a Proposer and a Secunder who are current MTSC members and have been so for at least one year. New memberships are confirmed at the next monthly committee meeting. Prospective members are encouraged to go on a club trip or attend a club night before joining. This is a great way to meet current members who can nominate you. For further information or an application form please see the club website.

Club Equipment

Hire equipment: we have packs, 2 and 3 person tents, tent flies (small and large), snow mats, gas cookers, size 8 and 9 boots, billies, food dehydrator and two bivvy bags. Ice axes, crampons, and helmets are also available. We have two personal locator beacons (PLB) for which there is no charge. Contact the Gear Custodian: Peter Rawlins on (06) 356 7443.

Website | www.mtsc.org.nz

This contains club information, photos, contact details and back issues of this newsletter, Beechleaves.

The club website is maintained by Howard Nicholson (06) 357 6325 and is kindly hosted by **InSPire Net**, a locally based company.

Facebook | <https://www.facebook.com/MTandSC>

Accommodation at the MTSC lodge on Mount Ruapehu

The lodge is close to Iwikau Village, has power, heating, hot showers and is well stocked with food. Members and their guests are welcome.

For Lodge bookings email Liz and Hugh Wilde lodge.bookings@mtsc.org.nz. If you cannot email then phone (06) 356 9450. To confirm your booking payment must be made in advance by cheque to 179 Cook St Palmerston North 4410 or by cash in person. Internet payment is not available for lodge fees.

	Members	Guests
Adult	\$30	\$45
Secondary School	\$25	\$40
Primary School	\$20	\$35
Pre-school (3-5 yo)	\$10	\$10

The Lodge phone number is (07) 892 3860.

Booking the MTSC Van

For bookings:

- Contact Ken Mercer (06) 356 7497.
- Cancellations should be made as soon as practicable to accommodate other potential users.

A fly (in the passenger door) and a Personal Locator Beacon (in the glove box) are available for use free of charge on trips.



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