

Trip Programme

Trip Date

Booking Information

May 8 [Wednesday]	Social Evening Nepal Re-visited	Contact: Margaret 855 1335
May 12	Leitch's Hut	Peter & Audrey (854 5478) Open 29 April
May 26	Te Puru/Crosbies Hut/Waiomu	Dianne (853 2980) Open 13 May
June 9	Mt Karangahake/Dubbo Track	Pam (856 5922) Open 27 May
June 23	Schofield/Rimu Track, Pirongia	Lorna (849 0940) Open 10 June
July 7	Te Araroa Walkway, Te Kuiti	Grant (853 3434) gsveny@gmail.com Open 24 June
July 13 [Saturday]	Night Walk (Hamilton)	Ann & Bernie (847 2460) Open 1 July
July 21	Waihaha Hut, Pureroa	Marion (827 5150) marionfz@gmail.com Open 8 July
August 4	Lindemann Rd to Woodland Rd	Ann & Bernie (847 2460) Open 22 July
August 10 [Saturday]	Lunch	Morva (827 7261) Open 22 July
August 18	Tauranga & Mount	Grant (853 3434) gsveny@gmail.com Open 5 August

Emergency Information

Wanderers' trips occasionally return up to an hour or more beyond the stated return time given in the Bulletin. This happens due to the variable nature of the tramp, the weather and the people on the tramp. However, in the event of a trip being seriously held up (possibly two hours after the time indicated), communication will be made through the Operations Room, Central Police Headquarters, Hamilton.

Trip Bookings

Remember that any default in notifying the leader of cancellation of bookings renders you liable for the cost of the trip.

Responsibility

"Whilst the committee will take all reasonable care to ensure the safety of participants on trips, the participants themselves undertake such trips entirely at their own risk and no responsibility will be accepted for accidents, injury, loss, delays or other misadventures which may occur or happen to members while on trips arranged by the Group."

[Constitution, Rule 29]

Booking Information

Bookings for trips open two weeks before the trip date **not before 5.30pm**. Please choose a suitable time to ring the number given. Avoid early morning weekday calls and alternative calls to place of employment. If, after booking, you are unable to go on a trip, please cancel promptly so that your place may be reallocated.

It is essential that at least 24 hours notice of cancellation be given.

Default in cancelling may render you liable for the cost of the trip.

If you check the programme you will see that each walk or tramp is graded 1, 2 or 3. These "gradings" are defined here:

Grade 1 (easy): A tramp on fairly level formed tracks, duration 4+ hours and where there may be the option of returning by the same track.

Grade 2 (moderate): A tramp of 5-6 hours, often on less well-formed tracks, or on off-track routes; can involve river crossings, or short sections of steep terrain.

Grade 3 (fit): Can be over 6 hours duration, tramping on either formed tracks or off-track routes, river crossings, steep terrain, snow conditions.

You will enjoy a tramp better if your level of fitness isn't of concern to you.

NOTE: Until further notice all trips will leave from the **Wintec student carpark, cnr Collingwood & Tristram Streets.**

President's Report

Hello everyone

With this brilliant weather for tramping there has been no excuse for not getting outdoors. Trips have gone well with some having exceptional numbers of members on board. Keep up the good work. During late summer a number of trampers visited the South Island to view the breath taking scenery and enjoy the tranquility of the wilderness there, and this year has been no exception. All arrived back safely and will have many stories to tell.

With a nip in the air now and evenings decidedly cooler, we are now looking at trips during the winter months and have put together a range in this bulletin for you to enjoy. Remember to book in early as it makes the job of the bus co-coordinator so much easier when ordering a suitable bus.

Along with the fortnightly trips we also have a night walk, the social evening and luncheon. Mark them on your calendars now.

We are now a third of the way through the year and advise that at our AGM in October. I shall be relinquishing the position of President and Jennifer is stepping down from being Treasurer. Any expressions of interest for these roles will be gratefully received!! Don't be shy – one person has already indicated their keenness to be President, which is most appreciated.

Take care out there.

Ann



Coming Up

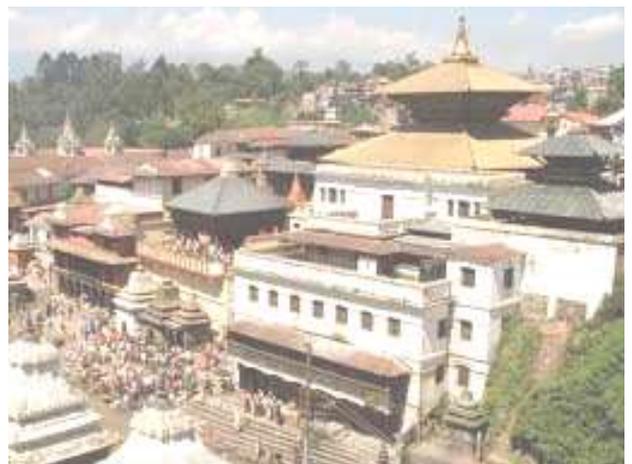
Wednesday 8 May: SOCIAL EVENING

VENUE: CELEBRATING AGE HALL IN VICTORIA STREET

- **7 pm.** The evening will begin with a Sales Table of pre-loved tramping gear and the proceeds from this will go towards the cost of the new safety beacon which was around \$600.

All contributions of clothes, packs, boots or other tramping gear would be welcome.

- **8 pm.** There will be a presentation on Nepal Re-visited: Trekking in the Annapurna Region in Nepal in 2012, reaching an altitude of 4130 metres at Annapurna base camp.
- *Presentation by Colin and Margaret Standing but there could be also be input from the rest of the trekking group.*



- The evening will conclude with supper, courtesy of the committee.

A gold coin donation please

Members and friends welcome

If you have been on an interesting trip and have some good photos to share please contact the committee: as we will need a speaker for the AGM in October.

Contact person for the social: Margaret Standing

Phone: (07) 855 133 Email: standings@xtra.co.nz

Sunday 26 May: Waiomu Kauri Grove (Thames Coast)

Grade 1: After seeing the Grade 3 trampers off, we will walk up the Waiomu Valley as far as the lovely Kauri Grove. Along the way we will view some old gold mine tunnels (so you might want to bring a torch) and there will be some stream crossings (with which we will take our time).

After this we will retrace our steps back to the bus and make our way to the coast and for those who wish we will have a light catered lunch – e.g. buns, tomatoes, cheese, greens etc. There will be an extra charge for this, so when you book let the booking person know if you are going to partake. After this is unknown at this stage but –?walk along the beach, ?ice cream/coffee before we return to the bus to for the homeward journey.

Walking time: approx 2 hours for the Kauri Grove part.

Sunday 26 May: Te Puru/Crosbies Hut/Waiomu

Grade 3: Starting from the road end of Te Puru Creek Road, the track follows the Te Puru Stream for about 1 km, crossing the stream several times. The track then begins its ascent towards Crosbies Main Range tramping track and a junction with the Waiomu track. Time permitting we will continue on at an easier grade to have lunch at Crosbies Hut. Retracing footsteps to the junction, the Waiomu track is then followed westward, dropping steeply down (slippery when wet) to reach a stand of mature kauri. Further on, a short side track leads to the Old Monawai Gold Mine (a quick look, time permitting). The track continues to follow the Waiomu stream until the bush is left behind to follow a formed road for about 600 m to the carpark.

Expect to walk about 7 to 8 hours.

Leaders: Grade 1: Dianne Lee and Keith Wilkinson
(bring extra money for the side trips and lunch).

Grade 3: Sharon Woodward and Colin Standing

Bookings (both grades): 5.30 pm Monday 13 May Dianne (853 2980)

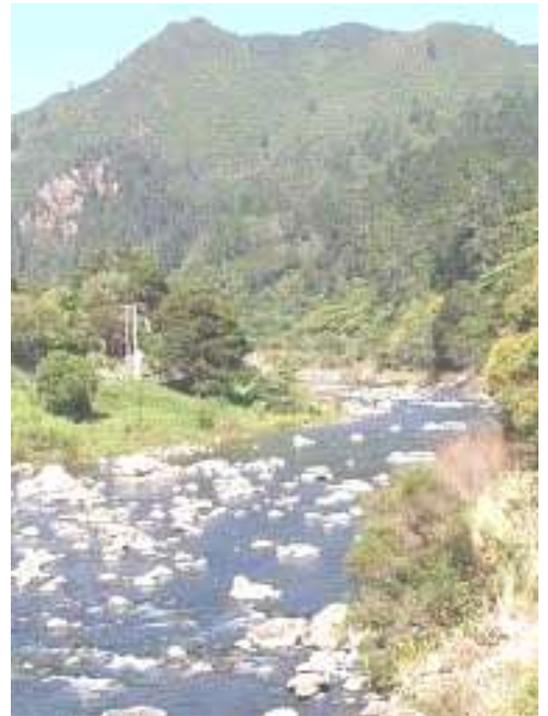
Grade 1: Limited numbers 12 people, van **departs** car park at **8.00 am**,
returning approx 5-6 pm (may be earlier)

Grade 3: Limited numbers 14 people, van **departs** car park at **7:30 am**,
returning approx 7 pm

Van costs: \$25.00 (members); \$30.00 (non members)

Sunday 9 June: Karangahake Mountain Track**Grade 2**

The bus drive from Hamilton to the Karangahake Reserve car park takes about 80 minutes. Toilet facilities are there. After a drink and snack we will cross over the Ohinemuri River on the suspension bridge. The start of the tramp takes us through Scotsmans Gully following a little stream which we eventually cross. The narrow track opens out to a wide gravel uphill track which we follow for about 20 min. Then a right turn leads us onto the Mountain track which we follow to the summit. Part of this track is an old bulldozed road. However it does narrow and parts can steep and rather slippery if wet. It is an uphill walk, very pretty in places with the occasional view of the Hauraki plains.



Lunch will be at the summit of Karangahake Mountain, 544 m. This spot offers splendid panoramic views.

Our return tramp takes us along the same track, most of it is downhill. Expect to walk about 5 hrs.

Leaders: Pam Cornforth & Alison Orchard

Depart: 8.00 am **Return:** Approx 5.30 pm \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non-members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 27 May

Pam (8565922)
or pcornforth@xtra.co.nz

**See page 11 for details on
lunch at the Punnet Cafe on
Saturday 10 August**

Sunday 23 June: Schofield/Rimu Track, Pirongia**Grade 2+**

The Schofield track is an old route on Pirongia. We will not tramp the whole Schofield as there would not be enough daylight hours to return to our transport. Instead we can make a loop by returning down another track known to some as the Rimu track. The day will start and finish on the gravel track which follows the Kaniwhaniwha stream into the forest park.

We will commence our tramp proper about 10 minutes onto the Bell track after the turn off to the Kani whaniwha Caves heading due south on a route. Very quickly we start a steady ascent, easing off, and then ascending again. We come to a track junction on our right which some club members may have tramped in the past; it heads north-west to the big kahikatea tree. We continue to follow the Schofield and whilst the gradient is gradual it is a bit scrambly with a few wind falls and supplejack.

If our time is good we should be at the intersection of the Schofield and Rimu track for lunch. From here it is a steady downhill of about 1½ hours to come out into the Nikau Walk and then back to the bus.

There are no stream crossings and there shouldn't be the mud that Pirongia is so well known for as these routes are not well trod.

Expect to be out 6-7 hrs.

Leader: Lorna

Depart: 7.30 am **Return:** 6.30-7.00 pm \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non-members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday June 10 849 0940 (Lorna)

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Sunday 07 July: Te Araroa Walkway – Te Kuiti**Grade 1+**

A mid winter tramp across the Te Kuiti farm lands. At Te Kuiti the bus turns up Oparure Rd from SH3 to John Were's farm, which is a continuation of this part of the Te Araroa Walkway that starts at Waitomo. We head off across rural paddocks, through the Pehitawa Forest (QE2 Trust, and one of the finest remaining stands of Kahikatea trees), then onto a trig where we will get good views of the surrounding area. We then make our way down through Brook Park (Arboretum) to the waiting bus. Expect to tramp for 4 to 5 hours.

Leaders: Grant Svendsen and Peter Scott

Depart: 8.00 am **Return:** 4.00 pm \$25 (members)
\$30 (non members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 24 June 853 3434 (Grant)
gsveny@gmail.com

[Contact on the day only – 021 0476518]

Saturday 13 July: City by Night**Grade 1**

Have an early dinner and come and join us for a night walk in the city. We shall commence at the car park, Cnr Collingwood and Tristram Streets where we meet to catch the bus on our trips. However on this occasion there is no bus – we shall be walking from there. It will take us approx. two hours to do a loop walk on part of the river trails before arriving back to the central city where we plan to stop at a café for desert and refreshments. After our café stop, it is a very short walk back to the car park.

Of course, being a winter evening, you will require a torch and suitable clothing, and some \$\$ for desert.

Depart: 6.00 pm **Return:** approx. 9.00 pm **Cost:** No cost for members
\$5 (non members)

Leaders: Ann & Bernie Cloke

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 1 July 847 2460 (Ann & Bernie)

Sunday 21 July: Waihaha Hut, Pureroa**Grade 2**

The Taupo Western bypass road (SH 32) leads us to this track which covers a variety of terrain. It begins from a bridge over the Pikopiko stream and follows it for a while before crossing a swing bridge. Steps upwards into rock, sand and tussock are encountered around here. The track then passes through a valley to the bush line and meanders through a rimu forest to the Waihaha hut (the last stretch through a beach forest). Keep an eye out for bikes!



Winter gear a necessity. Walking time 6 hours.

Leaders: Marion & Morva

Depart: 7:30 am **Return:** ~7.30 pm \$25 (members)
\$30 (non members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 8 July 827 5150 (Marion)

Sunday 4 August: Lindemann/Woodlands Rd**Grade 2+**

It will take approx. 5 hours to walk through regenerating bush on the Pack Track, with views across to Matakana Island and the Mount. Lunch is scheduled to be at the junction with the Woodlands Road track. We will continue down this track, passing an area with magnificent kauri. There are some river crossings so be prepared for wet feet on the Woodlands Track section of the walk.

Depart: 7.30 am **Return:** approx. 6 pm. Cost: \$25 (members)
\$30 (non members)

Leaders: Ann & Bernie Cloke

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 22 July Ann & Bernie (847 2460)

Wanderers Tramping Club Lunch

Saturday 10 August

Lunch will be served from 12.30 pm.

À la carte menu – please make your choice when you ring to book into the café. Beer and wine available.

VENUE :

**Punnet Café
337 Newell Road
Hamilton
[on way to airport]**

Owing to the fact that weekends are very busy at the Punnet the number catered for will be capped at 30 people.

We look forward to seeing you on 10th August – book early to avoid disappointment.

Bookings open: 5.30 pm Monday 22 July

Phone Morva Blackie [827 7261] for bookings and queries.

Sunday 18 August: Tauranga & Mount**Grade 1+**

Come along on this mid winter trip over the “Hill” to the sunny Bay. Firstly we will walk around the inner harbor on the Daisy Hardwick boardwalk. It has been sometime since we have done this. [Approx 2 hours.]

Next we go to the Mount and some might like to climb up to the top, others walk around. Later a trip to the salt water hot pools at the bottom of the Mount (extra charge). Otherwise a walk along the beach or a stroll down town for a coffee.



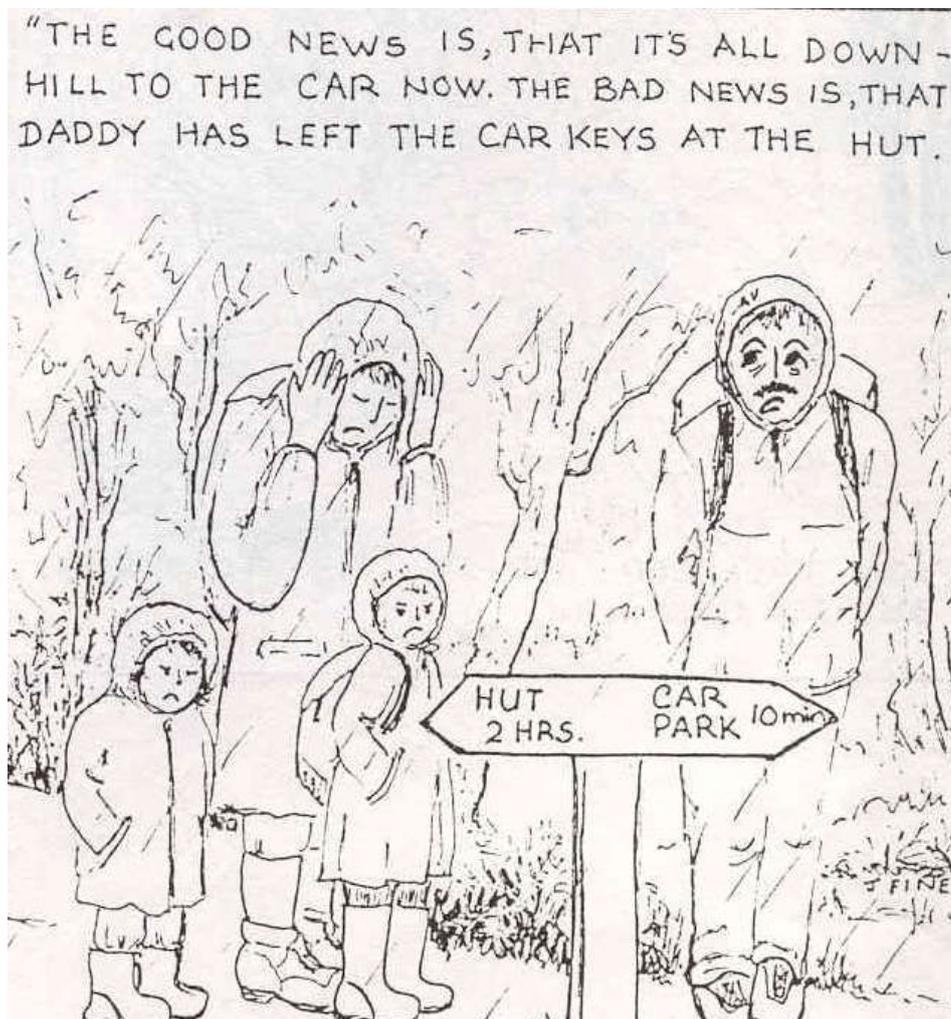
Leaders: Keith, Grant & helpers

Depart: 8.00 am **Return:** Approx. 5.30 pm

\$25 (members)
\$30 (non members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 5 August

853 3434 (Grant)
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Where we Went

Wilson Clearing, Pirongia: 20 January

This was the first trip for 2013 and attracted 19 hardy trampers. The day was fine and not too hot but Pirongia lived up to its reputation and there was mud underfoot on parts of the Bell track. Initially, a few members of the group were uncertain about tackling the whole of the trip but before the main uphill part, the group decided to stay together and for individuals to ascend at their own pace; and there were no problems. Lunch was enjoyed amongst the trees at the top; then we followed the fence line to an old horse track which was reasonably challenging because it was somewhat overgrown. Although the real test was trying to stay upright on the steep downward descent as it was very muddy in parts and some of us resorted to 'bum sliding'! Overall it was a very good walk and we all felt that we had started off the New Year well.

Thanks to Lorna for providing an interesting tramp that we hadn't done before and for her excellent leadership skills.

Written by one of the bum-sliders

Waipa Wetlegs: 3 February

The day was perfect and it was going to be HOT; we had about 32 people all ready to get "wetlegs" and anything else. We set off over the farm and wended our way down to the river through nice bush on a good farm track. Time for morning tea, sun tan lotion and hats, Off we went at a leisurely pace to make our way down the river valley to the exit point about 10 km later and over 30 river crossings. We had a safety talk from those who attended the Mountain Safety River Crossing training recently. After about 3-4 hours we stopped for lunch in a picturesque area to indulge in one of our favourite pastimes a swim in the swimming hole – boots and all.

The rocks were very slippery with algae and unfortunately one of our members fell, resulting in a broken arm. This was stabilised by the first aiders, pain killers and glucose administered and pack shared between members back to the bus. Numerous crossings later we reached the exit point, to refuel before a really good climb out on to the exit farm and our last swim, the farm owner offering us a cup of tea plus a swim in the family pool which were both gratefully accepted.

Thank you to everyone who made the day special, especially the leaders and to the farm owners for allowing us access to this lovely area and their hospitality.

Dianne

Te Kauri Lodge, Kawhia: 16/17 February

The weather was fine, abundant gourmet food and great company, but alas, only five members sampled this part of the weekend. After the Saturday arrival all enjoyed an easy walk through the Kauri Grove loop track. The following day four others arrived and everyone set off to the Deverson's Track. There were only a few occasions where mud was struck, the rest of the track being really dry underfoot. Coming back up from the steep descent into the gorge our bonus was a wonderful view of Kawhia – complete with full tide.



Thanks to Grant and Dianne for a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

Ebullient Ellie

Tiritiri Matangi : 3 March

On time, on task and on board – 44 members were ready and seated by 7 am for their trip to Tiritiri Matangi. We arrived safely on the island and were briefed by the guides about the rules for our visit. Following this we formed into various groups to explore various parts of the island. The more intrepid journeyers walked the circuit tracks while others ventured off to explore the various trails. One group opted for a personal guided tour and we meandered through some of the 240,000–300,000 trees that have been planted by volunteers. We were privileged to sight a range of bird life including takahae, hihi, kakariki, brown robin and the elusive rifleman. We lunched at the information centre, strolled around the lighthouse and basked in the sun and surf before boarding the ferry and returning home.

Thank you leaders for your planning specifically the freedom allowed for everyone to go off and enjoy this glorious autumn day.

She who walks in silence

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Quotes:

“Not all those who wander are lost.” **J.R.R. Tolkien**

“The world is a book, and those who do not travel, read only a page.” **Saint Augustine**

“A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.”
Lao Tzu

“I haven’t been everywhere, but it’s on my list.” **Susan Sontag**

“I hate having my life disrupted by routine.” **Caskie Stinnett**

“Embrace the detours” **Kevin Charbonneau**



Economy

The economy of energy. It’s important to make sure you have enough energy to play for the whole day.

Website

An area outside that has spiders web, sometimes many webs. These are wonderful spaces to watch our eight legged friends. Spending many hours at a web site will teach a lot about nature.

Microwave

A very very small wave to get the attention of your tracking partner but not big enough to disturb the bird or animal you have just found.