

Trip Programme

Trip Date

Booking Information

1 September	Maungatautari	Dianne [853 2980] Open 19 August
4 September [Wednesday]	First Aid Course	Zöe [855 3751] Open 26 August
15 September	Karakariki Loop	Carol (853 5527) Open 2 September
29 September	Ngongotaha Mountain	Lorna (849 0940) Open 16 September
13 October	Hunua (Options)	Colin or Margaret (855 1335) Open 30 September
16 October [Wednesday]	AGM + speaker	Contact person: Margaret [855 1335]
25-28 October	Ongaonga (Labour Weekend)	Dianne [853 2980] or leedi@clear.net.nz Open now
10 November	Waitomo Natural Tunnel	Brian or Barb (855 7453) Open 29 October
24 November	Wires Track, Maratoto area	Ann or Bernie (847 2460) Open 11 November
8 December	Christmas Tramp in Waihi area	Margaret [855 1335] Open 21 October

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

What a cold winter we have had! The weather, I feel, has been a factor in our trampers staying home rather than being out on trips. Our numbers have been down, so are looking forward to sunny warm conditions to warm the blood and make us more enthusiastic. So c'mon trampers, dust your boots off and enjoy the tramps we have from now till the end of the year; the last trip being a special Christmas "tramp" which everyone can enjoy. I love trains, so can't wait! Some events coming up include:

❖ **1st Aid Course, Wednesday, 4th September**

Upskill yourself by coming along to this very worthwhile course. The knowledge you gain you may need one day, whether out tramping or in your home.

❖ **AGM, 16th October**

Leslie Topping of FMC is our guest speaker. We are very lucky to have her talk to us on FMC's activities as she is a very busy GP practicing here in Hamilton.

❖ **Labour weekend tramping trip to the Hawkes Bay**

Book in early. The Ruahine ranges have lovely beech forests and braided rivers, truly beautiful. Tramping in this area is amazing and so different to our back yard.

Happy tramping everyone !

Ann



Coming Up

Sunday 1 September

Maungatautari

Grades 2 & 1+

Grade 2: We will start as one group to climb Maungatautari on the north side. After a gentle stroll up from Hicks Road the groups separate and we tramp up the original track which is steep in sections. At the top of the “Maunga” we will lunch with a view of the Waikato basin. To those who are familiar with this mountain you will notice a change is afoot! After lunch we walk down the southern track to finish at the Tari Road car park. This tramp should be approx 5½ hrs. So wrap up both lunch and yourself and join us for our first spring tramp of 2013.

Grade 1+: Will make their way on a well formed track up to the summit, returning the same way. Weather permitting there should be good views between the bush and hopefully a variety of bird life. We head back to the bus and pick up the others who have completed the traverse to the southern side. We will be walking (including breaks) for approx 4 hrs.

Leaders: Morva, Marion and Dianne

Depart: 8.00 am **Return:** Late afternoon \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non members)

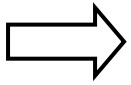
Bookings: Monday 19 August 853 2980 (Dianne)
after 5.30pm or leave message



**New Club badges still available @ \$15.00
See Grant Svendsen**

Plastic name badges @ \$10: also through Grant

Wednesday 4 September



First Aid Refresher Course in Wilderness Medicine

Topics covered:

What to do when faced with:

- Heart attack
- Fractures
- Sprains
- Dislocations
- Choking
- Hypothermia
- Wasp stings
- Severe allergic reactions
- Shock
- Blisters
- Crossing creeks and rivers
- Getting lost
- Use of PLB



Leader: Zoë Clifford

Time: 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Venue: 11 Mayfair Avenue, Chartwell, Hamilton

Cost: \$5.00 per person (these fees are used for keeping the First Aid kits fully stocked, and for handouts and supper at the course).

Bookings: 12 places available on the course. 855 3751 (Zoë)

Bookings open Monday 26 August. *[Calls not after 5.00 pm any night please.]*



Sunday 15 September Karakaraiki Loop**Grade 3**

A 20 minute walk from the Karakariki Road end sees us entering the bush proper. We follow a small river up a picturesque valley until reaching a lovely pool beneath a waterfall. Skirting up and around the falls we begin walking a series of ridges, interrupted occasionally by pebbly-bottomed streams. Ninety percent of this tramp is unmarked – not a bush bash as such – more the following of faint game trails through quite dense podocarp. A 20 minute splash down an idyllic stream completes the loop. [The stream is not deep.] At one point we have to sidle quite high above the river. This section is not long but has to be done twice. Despite handholds some confidence of height is required.

Expect to walk between 6-7 hours.

[Note: There may be some variation to this trip on the day.]

Leaders: Carol Davies and Ron Crosby

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

\$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 2 September

853 5527 (Carol)

Sunday 29 September**Mount Ngongotaha****Grades 2+ & 1+**

Grade 2+: It is just over 5 years since we have done this walk on Mount Ngongotaha. This tramp is possible because our leader Peter McKellar, who is involved in the Mount Ngongotaha Bush Restoration Trust, wanted some-



thing a bit longer than the Jubilee track. So we head off track onto bait lines, scramble through a bit of bush, into open paddocks (thanks to the landowners) and onto some bike tracks. There is a variety of vegetation including a group of humongous pungas that enchanted some of us last time.

If the weather is good we will get expansive views in all directions. Expected tramp time is 6 hrs.

Grade 1+: Jubilee Track. The first part of the walk follows an easy grade through unlogged native bush which features a large rata tree with a viewing platform. Arriving at the original Jubilee Track the walk becomes moderately steep until near the summit. Once Mountain Road is reached it is a short walk to the summit. Total walking time approx 3 hours. Another short walk could be undertaken but at time of printing nothing definite has been decided.

Leaders: Peter McKellar and Lorna Gribble; Dianne

Depart : 7:30 am **Return:** 6:00 pm \$25 (members)
\$30 (non members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 16 September 849 0940 (Lorna)
gribbles@ihug.co.nz

Sunday 13 October

Kokukohunui Track (Eastern Hunuas)

Grade 3

Tapapakanga Regional Park + Waharau

Grade 1+

Grade 3: The track starts at the Waharau Park entrance and climbs sometimes steeply through regenerating and mature bush, past Adam's Lookout Camp-ground to reach the trig at Mount Kohukohunui (the highest peak in the Hunuas). The new lookout platform at the trig should allow some impressive views. After lunch we trek south down the Mangatangi Ridge track which then veers east past 1000 Acres Camp-ground, to reconnect with the Kohukohunui track. From here we follow the Waharau ridge track until we turn east again to return to the Park entrance and the bus. The track is steep in places and may be slippery if wet – walking poles recommended.

Expect to walk 7 to 8 hours.

Grade 1+: Tapapakanga is a very attractive coastal farm park which has a rich Maori and European history and offers an accessible, pohutukawa edged beach on the western shores of the Firth of Thames. The Tapapakanga Stream winds its way through the park. The walk consists of a coastal track with extensive views of the Coromandel ranges followed by a farm walk to return to the car park. Swimming could be an option. Expect to walk 2 to 3 hrs.

The bus will then return to Waharau where those interested can walk the "Bush Walk – 40 minutes", "Lower Link Track – 1 hour return" or "Upper Link Track – 1½ hour return" to meet or otherwise with the Grade 3's.

Leaders: Grade 3: Peter Scott and Colin Standing
Grade 1+: Margaret Standing and Pam Cornforth

Depart: 7.30 am **Return:** 7.00 pm (approx.) \$25.00 (members)
\$30 (non members)

Bookings: 5:30 pm Monday 30 September 855 1335 (Colin or Margaret)
or email standings@xtra.co.nz



Annual General Meeting + Speaker

Date: Wednesday 16 October

Venue: Celebrating Age Hall in
Victoria Street

Hall opens: 7.15 pm

AGM : 7.30 pm

Gold coin donation please



- After the AGM Lesley Topping will talk about the work of the FMC
- Evening concludes with supper: courtesy of the committee

Contact person: Margaret Standing 855 1335

Fri–Mon: 25-28 October

**Ongaonga
Central Hawkes Bay
Labour Weekend**

All grades

Join the club for a trip to Ongaonga, inland from Waipawa in the Central Hawkes Bay. We will be tramping in the foothills of the Ruahine Ranges.

Accommodation: Camp Wakarara, (established originally as a school camp but now opened up to groups like the Wanderers). The kitchen and dining room are self contained and well equipped like Tutira, and have a toilet and shower block attached. There are 4 bunk rooms and an outside toilet block.

Transport: Travel by private vehicles (car pool where possible). Passengers to pay the driver \$65. Let Dianne know on booking if you require transport or you have seats available for other passengers.

Meals: A shared meal on Friday night, a catered evening meal on Sat and Sun night. You are required to provide your own breakfasts for Sat Sun & Mon and lunches for Sat & Sun.

What to bring: A small plate of food for the shared meal. Pillow and sleeping bag. Your usual tramping and overnight gear. Nibbles and imbibing fluids for evening happy hour.

Tramps: Saturday: (G3) Sunrise Hut return, (G1+) Swamp Track & Waipawa Forks Hut return. Sunday: (G2+) Hinerua Hut return via Kerry's cousin's farm and (G1+) as far as they feel comfortable or possibly Yeomans Track (dependent on weather).

Costs: Accommodation: \$60; Meals (2) \$30.
(Payment to the treasurer on booking)

Leaders: Grant, Dianne, John, Dee and Kerry

Bookings: Open now – close 18 October
Dianne: 8532980 or leedi@clear.net.nz

Mobile ph: *For weekend contact:* Grant 021 0476518, Dianne 027 2726617

Due to sole occupancy of the camp, the \$60 accommodation charge is **non refundable**.

Once your booking has been confirmed, there will be a follow up info sheet

with further details closer to the time.

Sunday 10 November Natural Tunnel (Waitomo area) Grade 2



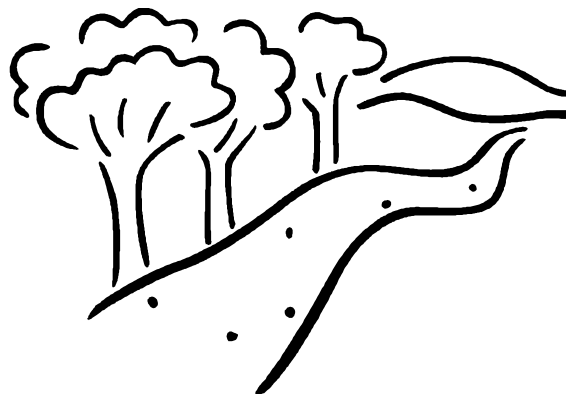
This very interesting walk is always popular. The last time we visited the tunnel was in 2008 and several requests have been made for a return trip. The first part of the walk is through some steep bush, across a stream, then over slightly hilly farmland which leads us to the entrance of the natural limestone tunnel. The tunnel was formed by a tributary stream of the Marakopa River. The tunnel is about 200 metres long and has a stream running through it and because of twists and turns, the centre is quite dark. Two things to remember are that a torch is essential and you will get your feet wet. Remember to have dry footwear in the bus for use on the way home. The tunnel exit follows the

stream for a short way before joining the Marakopa River. We cross the river and follow the true left bank out to farmland and on to the Natural Bridge where the bus will be waiting. **Don't forget the torch.**

Leaders: Brian and Barbara Morris

Depart: 7.30 am **Return:** 5.30–6.00 pm \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non-members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Tuesday 29 October 855 7453 (Brian or Barb)



Sunday 24 November: Wires Track (Maratoto area) Grades 2+ & 1+

Grade 2+: From the carpark we walk up the Old Whangamata off road vehicle track to the junction of the Wires Track. We'll continue on, stopping to look at the Ruston Procter traction engine at the disused saw mill. After this we'll wander upstream to view the remains of the largest kauri dam ever built in NZ. Depending on time and conditions, we may venture further on the day. After which we'll back track to the Wires Track and descend through bush, stopping at various points to view relics of the past, and rather a large waterfall. This should be a very interesting tramp following the remnants of the telegraph line erected in 1872 from Auckland to Wellington.



Expect to tramp approx. 5 – 6 hrs.

Grade 1+: Keith will take this group up the old vehicle track to the traction engine, stopping to admire the views along the way. After exploring the area looking at relics, the return will be via the Wires Track, stopping to look at historical relics along the way.

Leaders: Ann, Bernie and Keith

Depart: 7.30 am **Return:** Approx. 6 pm \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non-members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 11 November 847 2460 (Ann or Bernie)

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[only \$5.00].**

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Sunday 8 December CHRISTMAS TRIP

A DAY OUT FOR EVERYONE

- ❖ Bus leaves at 7.30 am for Karangahake Gorge (morning tea as usual)
- ❖ Walk through the Windows to Dickey Flat – approximately a 2 hour easy walk – grade 1 (please bring a torch).
- ❖ Lunch at the licensed Waitete Restaurant in Waihi: www.waitete.co.nz
- ❖ A choice of 4 main meals, 3 delicious desserts and tea or coffee including lattes or hot chocolate: the restaurant is BYO so bring extra cash (no Visas) if you wish to buy a drink
- ❖ Final event of the day: a return trip on the Goldfields railway with the possibility of a coffee at Waikino. (More cash needed here!)



This trip will be subsidised by the Club and the total cost for the bus, the lunch and the train is \$65 for members (\$70 for non-members). We expect to return to Hamilton at about 5 pm depending on the train times.

Bookings: Open Monday 21 October and close on Friday 1 November with Margaret Standing: 855 1335 – email: standings@xtra.co.nz

The full cost of the trip must be paid to the Treasurer by 4 November, otherwise the booking becomes invalid. The club has to finalise numbers with the railway and the restaurant.

Normal tramping gear should be worn for the walk but there will be time to change into more elegant attire for the rest of the day.



Where we Went

Leitch's Hut: 12 May

We commenced our walk from the parking area at the end of Leitch Road. The track started with a gentle incline, meandering through regenerating bush which comprised tawa, kamahi, rewarewa and kahikatea. There were great views across the valley at places. In the past we were able to walk alongside the Awakino River prior to approaching the hut, but although we could hear the river the track has now changed and it now diverts up a slope and down into the valley to where the hut is located. As we approached a DOC hunter was just setting out into the bush with his dog. We enjoyed our break and after lunch set off on the return trip.

Thanks to all involved for a great day.

Waiomu Kauri Grove: 26 May

The weather Gods were very kind to us this day, other than a couple of spots at lunch time, we had lovely weather the entire time we were outside the bus. With Keith at control of the wheel of one of the vehicles we did have a couple of interesting detours on the way to our destination; my favourite was a historical Pa site at Te Puru (I think it was).

One of the highlights of our youngest trumper there, Jordan's day was making our picnic lunch and the delicious morning tea which was provided by the organisers (I know he had more than his fair share of ginger crunch). Although I have been tramping with the wanderer's for a few years now I am still learning about the different leaders and their idiosyncrasies, so I'm sure for those of you who have been around a lot longer than me it will come as no surprise that with Keith at the helm the tramp will never be exactly as per the map. What fun, off we set on our tramp, it seemed like we had only just got underway and we find ourselves doing a wee bit of off track travels to a wonderful set of mining ruins accompanied with some historical notations. This was the setting for our day; I think we had two more slight detours. If you enjoy river crossings then this is the track for you, I lost count of how many crossings we actually undertook when we got into double digits. The scenery was spectacular and there were some lovely picnic spots by the river that on a lovely summer's day one could easily waste away a few hours with family and/or friends.

For those of you who know Dianne and since she was at the helm there was only one way to finish a lovely day spent with good company, a coffee stop at

a café in Thames. Thank you, Dianne and Keith for a wonderful day and driving us there and back safely.

Karangahake Mountain: 9 June

Twenty-one people enjoyed the bus drive to Karangahake gorge. The weather was wet and dismal. As a result of this 4 people decided to do The Windows Walk instead of the mountain. The rest undaunted by the rain and clad from top to toe in wet weather gear headed across the suspension bridge noting that the river level was not too high in spite of overnight rain. A slight detour took us past Crown Battery and up Crown Hill Road which led us to the four wheel drive track, this being the start of our upward climb. After branching off this track we continued for about 3 hrs along the walking track to the Trig, 554 m at the top of the mountain. At times the track up was like walking up a waterfall as everywhere was awash with powerful water movement. However as we reached our lunch spot the rain did stop giving us limited views of the countryside.

We had a quick but slippery return down the same track but near the end diverting off to walk through Scotsmans Gully, negotiating a now very swollen stream. Agile people leapt across the boulders; sensible people waded across. During our time out the Ohinemuri River had risen dramatically; the water now churning and frothing on its journey downstream. We returned to Hamilton, arriving around 4.30 pm.

Schofield Track: 23 June

On a cold and frosty morning 14 hardy souls took private cars to the northern slopes of our favourite back yard mountain, Pirongia. Being the first frost of the year we were keen to get walking. Off up towards the Bell Track alongside the Kaniwhaniwha Stream which had flooded across the track some time before we got there, thank goodness. At a point Lorna, our intrepid leader, stopped and said this is “where”? Glad she knew. It was into the bush literally, no track, just some very old markers, plastic bags and odd bits of tape tied to trees. Not too hard walking, just getting stuck in supple jack and fallen trees. Many times we had to stop and try to find markers but being “experts”, there were always plenty of helpers. Grant got a good smack in the chops from a supplejack I had lazily let go. I must say, the fungi on this tramp was nothing short of amazing – all shapes, sizes and colours. Keith will chew my ear for not taking my camera. They were a great show. One in particular looked like a daisy flower. Lunch was had at the junction of the two tracks as anticipated, rather cold up there so didn't diddle about. The down track was more open and easier to follow but had some very steep sections, but no problem to the experts. We suddenly popped out on to some part of the Nikau walk. Lorna did do well. We were all still there. Someone we did miss was our mate Long John Davies.

Thanks a lot Lorna and our tail end Charlie, Gail; it was one really out of the

norm and most enjoyed.

Chicken Man B

Oh by the way – which came first, the chicken or the egg?

Te Araroa Walkway- Te Kuiti: 7 July

We had only reached Te Awamutu when the smell of burning rubber brought our bus to a halt. Luckily it was only the shredding of a rubber belt in the engine area, but it meant we had to change buses at a depot in Te Awamutu. A slick changeover saw us back on the road in quick time.

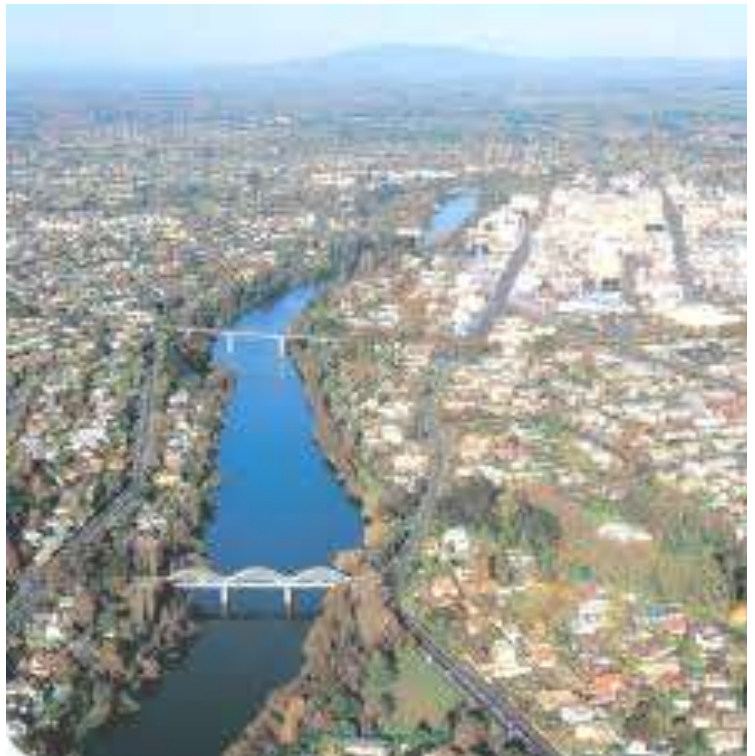
About 5 km after the Waitomo turn off we took a right turn down Oparure road, another right down Fullerton and soon we alighted from the bus. A brisk walk through long wet grass took us to a dainty suspension bridge which led into the Pehitawa Forest with its magnificent stand of Kahikatea trees. Once through this our walk was across paddocks, at least 35 stiles and undulating countryside. About 4 hrs later we arrived at our highest point, a Trig and mast at 264 m. Then it was all downhill through an attractive Arboretum and parkland until we reached the waiting bus and a coffee and cake treat at Bosco's.

Ninety minutes of a comfortable bus ride saw us arrive back in Hamilton at about 4.45 pm.

Thank you leaders, Grant and Peter.

The Night Walk: Saturday, 13th July

An unusual affair – met at the carpark – no bus – no cars – no packs – no boots – just shanks' pony. Nobody even knew where they were going. We all got glow sticks to stick somewhere – we did look a right mob. Off we went heading south down the roads till we arrived at the boat ramp area and the river side walk way. It was neat seeing the cars rushing by in the dark. We made the Cobham Bridge and there were told we now needed our lights on as it was all dark. At least no one fell in the river! At last the loo, oh no it was shut, must be because



its night – the leaders didn't think of that.

On we went. To see all the city lights from the other side was great, the brewery bridge was aglow, the lights changing from green to orange, then to red. Parana Park was so different by night and no-one wanted to play on the swings in the playground. Off up to the Claudelands bridge where our leader told us we were going to Rebo for a needed desert and coffee. A big table had been booked for the mob which went down very well. After a good natter session some went home to watch the rugby or whatever, while others took a wee trip to the night market. A great little ado. We are going there for tea next Saturday night! Then a stroll back to the cars. What a great affair – those who didn't come, should have. You missed a good one.

Thanks a lot to all those of the mob, and to the Little Red Hen and the Big Rooster.



