

Trip Programme

Trip Date

Booking Information

September 6	Waihi	Keith (847 4399) or 027 3666194 Open 24 August
September 20	Karangahake Mountain	Ann or Bernie (847 2460) Open 7 September
October 4	Ngamuwahine	Grant (853 3434) gsveny@gmail.com txt 021 0476518 Open 21 September
October 14 [Wednesday]	AGM	Contact for evening Margaret (855 1335)
October 18	Karakariki	Grant (853 3434) gsveny@gmail.co txt 021 0476518 Open 5 October
23-26 October [Labour Weekend]	Kauaeranga Valley	Susan (021 1627 620) rogers.susan96@yahoo.com Open 28 Sept/ Close 16 Oct
November 1	Hiwikiwi Track/Pirongia Hut	Lyn (856 8071) Open 19 October
November 15	Mangakino Pack Track	Marion (827 5150) Open 2 November
November 29	Manukau Harbour	Margaret or Colin (855 1335) Open 16 November
December 6	Christmas trip	(Dianne) 027 2726617 or email: leedi@clear.net.nz Open 9 November

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

Hi everyone

The year is fast coming to a close and the build up to Christmas festivities are under planning for most of us. Included is the Wanderers Christmas tramp on December 6th for which you will need to book early to get your place.

A reminder the AGM is on 14th October. I will be standing as president one last year then I must hand the reins over. Some of the long standing members of the committee are considering their options and so new members are required. It is not an arduous job, you will have fun and the rest the team will guide you gently into the role.

We have had some great tramps this year and the winter weather on the whole has been very kind to us; long may it continue.

In this bulletin you will see we are off to Auckland for another ramble with Joy. Her walks are very informative and fun. I had my first ride on the new electric trains through her last trip; otherwise I probably would never have ridden in one.

Labour weekend (October 23-26): We are off to stay at the Education Camp in the Kauaeranga Valley. A group has shown interest in doing a day walk to the Pinnacles and back, but there will be lots for everyone to do as they wish. For more information see the write up.

That's it from me – have a great and safe festive season.

See you in the New Year.

Dianne



Coming Up

Sunday 6 September

Waihi

Grade 1+

We start at Gilmore Lake (toilets), then we walk alongside the Ohinemuri River out to Black Hill (option for those who would like to climb it); otherwise we will continue around the base and return the way we came.



Next it's through the Bamboo Grove, and then alongside the ore conveyor belt to look at cyanide tanks and ruins of the Union Battery. Across the road where we will walk around the

rim of the Martha pit. Finally a look at the new information centre and then we return to the coach.

[Bring extra money just in case.]

Depart: 8.00 am **Return:** approx 5.00 pm \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non members)

Leaders: Keith & Associates

Bookings: 6.00 pm Monday 24 August Keith (847 4399)
or 027 3666194

**Latest "Safety in the Mountains" booklets still available
[only \$5.00]**

To purchase your copy contact John Davies.

Sunday 20 September**Karangahake Mountain****Grade 2 & 1*****A day out for everyone***

Both grades will start together at the now burnt out Karangahake Hall. We'll make our way up to the No. 7 Level where there are great views of the gorge on reaching the Dubbo track.

Grade 2's can continue on the No. 7 Level and make their way to the top of Mt Karangahake, returning by taking a more direct route down the mountain to the transport at the reserve in the Karangahake Gorge.

Grade 1's will go down the Dubbo track, cross the river (bridged) and follow the pipeline walk back to the reserve.

**Leaders:** Ann & Bernie**Depart:** 7.30 am **Return:** ~5.00 pm.\$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non members)**Bookings:** 5.30 pm Monday 7 September

Ann or Bernie (847 2460)

Sunday 4 October**Ngamuwahine
to Old Kaimai Rd****Grades 3 & 1**

Grade 3: This track has not been done for a while. The transport will drop us off at the end of Ngamuwahine Road where we will cross the stream and head up into the bush to the junction with the Leyland O'Brien track, and then turn left and walk east to connect with the North-South track. Another turn left and then head south to the Hurunui Hut for lunch. After lunch we carry on south to the junction with the northern branch of the Henderson Tram Line which we head down to and over the Rataroa stream and our waiting transport.

Expect to tramp for 6 hours over undulating terrain and several stream crossings.

Grade 1: After depositing the Grade 3's we will travel a short distance to the Old Kaimai Road where we shall park at the beginning of the Henderson Tramline track. This track is a gentle uphill walk, crossing a couple of streams on the way. The track joins the North South track and we envisage having lunch at the Hurunui Hut, a half hour further north on the North South track. After lunch we shall retrace our steps back to the Old Kaimai Road. This is an enjoyable tramp on good tracks, so come and enjoy.

Depart: 7.30 am **Return:** 5.00 pm \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non members)

Leaders: Grant & Peter (G3)
Ann & Bernie (G1)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 21 September

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Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 14 October 2015

The AGM is to be held in **Celebrating Age Hall on Victoria Street on Wednesday 14th October**: formal meeting to commence at 7.30 pm.

Then there will be a speaker and the evening will finish with supper, kindly provided by the current committee, although any extra plates by club members would be welcome.

The speaker is to be Ted Willson whose university studies at Ardmore equipped him with a degree as a civil structural engineer. Much of his earlier design work was for Forest Products Limited, based mainly at Kinleith. He also designed and project managed a major timber/board mill at Oberon in Australia. In addition, he was involved with the large green-field multi product dairy development at Litchfield. Then, he worked as a consulting engineer with Tonkin-Taylor where he project managed the large Wellington waterfront upgrade project.

Amongst a raft of other projects which Ted has undertaken, there have been some involving our environment such as the relatively recent work on the Tui Mine. This scheme has minimised the overbearing threat posed to Te Aroha and the surrounding area by the legacy of the Tui Mine. There has been much public interest in the work and many in the Wanderer's Tramping Club have shown concern.

Please come along on the 14th October and hear what Ted has to say about this very important project.

Contact person for the evening: Margaret Standing (Secretary)
(07) 855 1335



**New Club badges still available @ \$15.00
See John Davies**

Plastic name badges @ \$10: also through John

Sunday 18 October**Karakariki Loop****Grades 3 & 1**

Grade 3: We head off from the end of Karakariki Valley Rd, over the foot bridge and follow the Mangaotama Stream around to the 4WD club hut. We will then head up hill on a 4WD track to a point where we will climb over a fence and head into native bush, following a ridge to a small clearing where we will have lunch. We then walk out to another 4WD track (instep crampons [Zanggs] would be a good idea if wet), which meanders through more native bush down to open paddocks and eventually back to the club house. We then follow the Mangaotama Stream back to our transport.

Be prepared to walk between 5 & 6 hours

Grade: 1: This group follow the 3s to the club hut and a short distance further on enter the bush and make their way up to a fence which they will cross and then follow a 4WD track to the Tuoro Stream for lunch. A leisurely walk back on the 4WD track to the club hut and then follow the Mangaotama Stream back to the transport.

Depart: 8.00 am **Return:** 4.00 pm

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

Leaders: Grant, John & Bernie (G3)
Ann & friends (G1)

Bookings: 5.30pm Monday 5 October

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23-26 October 2015
[Labour Weekend]

Kauaeranga Valley
Thames

All grades



We are off to the Thames Valley area to stay in the Kauaeranga Forest Education Camp which has a well equipped kitchen and great facilities with several bunk room options (sleeps up to 46). From here we will tramp within the valley with many options open to us, all of which will be discussed on the day at breakfast, one being the Pinnacles.

There will be a shared dinner on Saturday night and of course the Wanderers quiz.

The plan is to meet at the camp between 2 pm – 5 pm on the Friday, home on the Monday after lunch.

Once your booking is confirmed by October 16th with full payment (\$60.00) to the treasurer, an email will be sent to the attending members with further information.

Leaders: Dianne, Ray, Susan, Pam and friends

Cost: \$20 per night (3 nights = \$60.00)

Transport: By private car – pay driver \$20.00. When you book let us know if you are taking a car, and if you have room for passengers or if you need a lift.

Bookings open from 28 September, close on 16 October.

Ring or text Susan on her cell 021 1627 620
or email:

rogers.susan96@yahoo.com.

Sunday 1 November Hiwikiwi Track/Pirongia Hut Grades 3 & 2

The Hihikiwi track is “round the back” of Pirongia which can be harder to access for many of us, so this is your opportunity. The Hihikiwi track is accessed off the Pirongia West Road and had a major upgrade in 2009 as part of the Te Araroa trail. The track starts with a series of steep steps, then settles to a steady climb to the Hihikiwi lookout (905 m).



Magnificent views can be seen from this point. Time to the lookout is about 3 hours. From here is the start of the 800 m of boardwalk to the Pahautea Hut and 30 minutes beyond the hut is the true Pirongia summit (959 m). The G3 trampers will then descent down the mountain possibly by the Wharauoa route, this decision being made nearer the time. Whichever route we take it will be a long strenuous walk. Expect to walk at least another 4 hours.

The G2 trampers will walk at their own pace to the lookout and return the same way,

[There is the possibility of some members staying the night at the hut but this will be dependent on the numbers involved and transport arrangements.]

Leaders: Lyn, Grant & friends

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

Bookings: 6:00 pm Monday 19 October 856 8071 (Lyn)

“In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.”
---- John Muir

Sunday 15 November Mangakino Pack Track Grades 3 & 1+

Grade 3: From the car park it's a short walk to Tui mine where we climb for about an hour to the Tui Saddle. Then we turn northeast onto the old Mangakino Pack track. Constructed in 1880 this track was used for the transportation of supplies from Karangahake and Waihi to the mines of the Tui and Waiorongomai. After a short respite at the Mangakino shelter, we cross the Mangakino stream and begin a lengthy ridge side. The many windfalls will keep us on our toes (or bottoms) whatever the case may be.

There are many fine rimu scattered through the bush, and more easterly, majestic kauri. Soon after reaching the intersection of Daly's Hut, we pick up the superb Dean track, which leads us out quite suddenly onto high farmland. We can enjoy picturesque views of the Waitawheta River as we make our way down the grassy slope to Franklin Road.

Though not an overly hard tramp, it will be a lengthy one. Expect to walk for 7½ hours, excluding lunch.

Grade 1+: We start from where the G3s finish (Franklin Road) and make our way to the Waitawheta hut for our lunch stop. Waitawheta is one of the most spectacular bush tramways ever built. It's an easy walk and all crossings (except the last) are now bridged.

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

Leaders: Ray & friends (G3)
Ann & Marion (G1+)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Monday 2 November Marion (827 5150)

"After a day's walk everything has twice its usual value."

---- *George Macauley Trevelyan*

"There may be more to learn from climbing the same mountain a hundred times than by climbing a hundred different mountains."

---- Richard Nelson

Sunday 29 November Train travel and scenic Grade 1 Manukau Harbour walkways

Our trip in May took us to the Waitemata Harbour: Today we explore the lesser known environs of the Manukau Harbour along well formed pathways. Our day will again start at Manukau (*and for the coffee stalwarts there should be time for a quick takeaway again!)* before boarding our carriage for Britomart. Here we switch to the Onehunga line to reach the start of our coastal walk. Hope the Pohutukawa will be flowering as both walkways are ablaze with colour in summer.

Last trip: A carriage takeover by Wanderers!



Walkway 1 is on the northern Onehunga side of the harbour with scenic vistas across the water to Mangere Mountain and a variety of shore birds en route. Our lunch spot will be on the water's edge close to the historic Waikaraka cemetery opened in 1890. Partly retracing our steps we cross the old Mangere bridge (now for walkers and cyclists only) to start our second walk on the

southern side. **Walkway 2** is part of the Te Araroa (Long Pathway) walk. Different harbour vistas this time towards the western bays; One Tree Hill and the Waitakeres. In autumn this area is a protected habitat for thousands of migratory birds. Our walk ends at the Mangere yacht club parking area adjoining the harbour and close to Ambury regional farm park, a popular family attraction.

Again, I'll have some information and photos available on the coach.
Website: MAXX Eastern and Onehunga lines will show you our train route.

Note: Please bring your **gold card** for train (**approx. \$10 without card**).

Depart: 8.30 am **Return:** approx. 6.00 pm \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non members)

Leader: Joy Foley

Bookings: 6.00 pm Monday 16 November Margaret or Colin (855 1335)

Christmas Tramp and Dinner

Sunday 6 December

**Waiorongomai
[Lunch in Te Aroha]**

Grades 2 & 1

We are off to Te Aroha for our final trip of the year. This is open to members and non members, so book early to assure your seat at the dinner table and the bus as numbers are limited. Those of you who do not wish to tramp, but would like to join us for dinner are most welcome (make your own arrangements to get to venue, but register with Dianne). We are having a buffet dinner at the Grand Tavern (opposite the i-Site). It is likely we will have time for a swim in the hot pools and or coffee, so bring your glad rags, togs and extra money.

Grade 2 (Buck Rock, Waiorongomai): Leaving the car park near the old crusher ruins, we take the Bulldozer

Track to reach the top of Butlers Incline after about 1½ hours (if enough people interested on the day, we may opt to climb the Incline itself). Time here to have a breather, a look at the Incline winding gear and maybe a snack. We continue from here on the Buck Rock Track for about half an hour before climbing steeply to the top of Buck Rock where we can enjoy views over the Waikato Basin and lunch. After lunch we negotiate down and follow the track to rejoin the Bulldozer Track and back to the car park. Then time to rejoin the Grade 1's for the trip back to Te Aroha and enjoy a hot swim/coffee etc before continuing on to the Christmas dinner venue.

Expect to walk about 4 hours.

Grade 1: At the time of printing, this trip had not been finalised, so check the web site; but rest assured it will be interesting even if we visit places we have already been.



Depart: 8.00 am **Return:** ~8.00 pm

Leaders: Colin Standing & others (G2)
Dianne & Roger (G1)

Costs: **Bus** - \$25.00 members, \$30 non members;

Dinner - \$20.00 members and \$27.50 non members (this needs to be paid to the treasurer by 1 December – **No refunds after this date**)

Bookings Open: 9 November

Contact Dianne after 5.30pm via txt or message on 027 2726617
or email: leedi@clear.net.nz

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