

# **Wanderers Tramping Club Inc**



## **Bulletin**

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# Wanderers Tramping Club Inc

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# Trip Programme

TRIP DATE	TRIP DETAILS	BOOKING INFORMATION
<b>12 May</b>	Tolley Road <b>Ngaroma</b>	Colin Standing Phone /Txt : 07 855 1335 / 027 326 6886 Email : standings@xtra.co.nz Open : Monday 29 April
<b>26 May</b>	Ruapane Trig <b>Pirongia</b>	Name Lyn Kingsbury Phone /Txt : 07 856 8071 / 021 150 7079 Email : l.kingsbury.nz@gmail.com Open : Monday 13 May
<b>9 June</b>	Brook Park <b>Te Kuiti</b>	Carol Davies Phone /Txt : 07 853 5527 / 027 319 0852 Email : grandmacarol@xtra.co.nz Open : Monday 27 May
<b>23 June</b>	Bill Garland's Property <b>Maungatautari</b>	Grant Svendsen Phone /Txt : 07 853 3434 / 021 047 6518 Email : gsveny@gmail.com Open : Monday 10 June
<b>Saturday 29 June NIGHT WALK</b>	Barett's Bush <b>Te Waotu- Arapuni</b>	Keith Wilkinson Phone : 07 847 4399 Txt : 027 366 6194 Open : Monday 10 June
<b>7 July</b>	Ngongotaha Jubilee/Summit <b>Rotorua</b>	Jenny West Phone /Txt : 027 611 0550 Email : tsew.ynnej@gmail.com Open : Monday 24 June
<b>14 July LUNCH</b>	MattBlack Café Hamilton Golf Club	Pam Cornforth Phone /Txt : 07 856 5922 / 027 278 0690 <b>CLOSE : Wednesday 10 July</b>
<b>21 July</b>	Hinehopu Hongis Track <b>Rotorua</b>	Dianne Lee Phone /Txt : 027 272 6617 Email : leedi444@gmail.com Open : Monday 8 July
<b>4 August</b>	Deversons Medium Gorge <b>Kawhia</b>	Colin Standing Phone /Txt : 07 8551335 / 027 3266886 Email : standings@xtra.co.nz Open : Monday 22 July
<b>18 August</b>	Bowentown <b>Bay of Plenty</b>	Pam Cornforth Phone /Txt : 07 856 5922 / 027 278 0690 Email : pcornforth@xtra.co.nz Open : Monday 5 August
<b>8 December</b>	Christmas Trip	Details to follow in next bulletin. Mark this date in your diary

## 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]

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## Booking Information

**Bookings for trips open two weeks before the trip date.** 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. \$3.00 parking fee or park free nearby on Collingwood Street on the road.**

# President's Ponderings

Greetings Fellow Trampers

Here we are ripping into the New Year with very good support on our tramps. So far on most outings we've had two full vans and in some cases a waiting list. It's a good idea to book early so this helps with getting an extra van if we need to so everyone who would like to can take part.

Trips still to run are different and varied. We have been working on a new selection of places to visit. We welcome ideas for new trips and perhaps re runs on enjoyable trips from the past. Just chat to one of the committee or perhaps come along to our next planning meeting and be involved in the planning or co-leading of a tramp.

Sometimes things change from the printed copy and we have to modify these so please keep checking your emails for updates.

For safety reasons please keep together on our outings and don't go off from the main party as this will be of concern to the trip leaders.

If you could please name your tramping items, eg packs, boots, jackets, change of clothing bags and poles as at the end of the day things can get left behind in the van and we have no idea who they belong to. On odd occasions there are items that are never claimed.

Well, I will sign off for now and on behalf of the team and myself enjoy our tramps, make new friends, be kind to the leaders and take care

Cheers

*Keith*





# Where We Are Going

**Sunday 12 May**

**Ngaroma**

**Grades 1+ and 2+**

## Tolley Road

This track is in the Northern Pureora Forest and starts at the end of Tolley Road. After a quick drink/snack the Grade 1's start off across the farm track to meet the old logging road that led to Ngaroma. Walking down this old road several fallen log bridges are encountered (negotiable but maybe some wet feet) to arrive at the old pine plantation (now overgrown with self-sown pine). The return trip starts from wherever the group decides is far enough and retraces the outward journey. Expect to walk about 4½ hours.

Grade 2's walk uphill to the forest boundary with good view back to Maungatautari and Te Aroha (weather permitting). It's then a downhill ramble through, sometimes dense bush, with maybe some views of Titiraupunga, to finally emerge at the old pine plantation.

Following one of the four-wheel drive tracks we join the end of the old mill road (and maybe meet Grade 1's). We continue up the old mill road and reaching the farmland we follow the farm tracks back to the vans. On the day we may choose to walk this track in reverse.

Expect to walk about 5½ hours.

**Depart:** 7.30am

**Return:** 5.30pm approx

**Cost:** \$25.00 (members)  
\$30.00 (non-members)

**Leaders:** G1 Carol Davies and Lyn Kingsbury  
G2 Grant Svendsen and Colin Standing

**Bookings:** Open Monday 29 April  
Contact Colin Standing  
Phone 07 855 1335  
Txt 027 326 6886  
Email [standings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:standings@xtra.co.nz)

**Sunday 26 May****Pirongia****Grades 1+ & 2+****Ruapane Trig**

The Grade 2+ group will leave from the Lodge car park on Pirongia to walk up the Mangakara walk and on to the Ruapane track to the trig where they will have morning tea and a view. Leaving the trig the group will wander along the track to the great views from Tirohanga. Following lunch on the rock the group will return the way they came back to their van. (Expect to walk approx 5 hours on a lovely autumn day)

The Grade 1+ group will follow the same route at a more sedate rate and try for the Ruapane trig, but we will turn back after lunch wherever that may be and return to the van via the second half of the nature walk.

**Depart:** 7.30am

**Return:** 5.30pm approx

**Cost:** \$25.00 (members)  
\$30.00 (non-members)

**Leaders:** Lyn Kingsbury, Kathy Potter and friends

**Bookings:** Open Monday 13 May  
Contact Lyn Kingsbury  
Phone 07 856 8071  
Txt 021 150 7079  
Email l.kingsbury.nz@gmail.com

**FMC MEMBERSHIP**

When it is time to pay your subs for our club there is the opportunity for you to subscribe to the Federation of Mountain Clubs too.

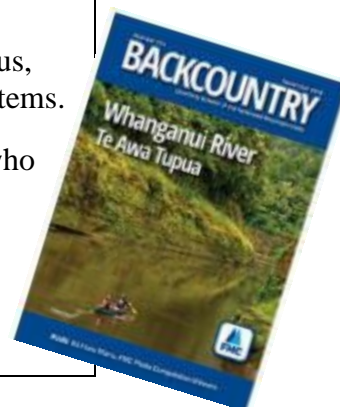
They advocate for us in the conservation estate, the national parks, the back country and the mountains. Walking, climbing, biking, fostering the outdoor community.

They keep an eye on commercial use of public land, DOC funding, land status, environmental issues, pest control, water, and tourism, huts and booking systems.

Their quarterly bulletin called Back Country is eagerly read by those of us who receive it.

I will remind you of the chance to join later in the year.

Regards Lyn Kingsbury (FMC Distributor/Advisor)





**Sunday 9 June****Ohaupo/Te Kuiti****Grade 1****Lake Rotopiko and Brook Park**

We will all go together for today's outing as it consists of two easy walks close to home. Our first stop will be Lake Rotopiko (sometimes called Lake Serpentine). This is an hour's flat walk around a lake that is being made into a wetland area behind a predator proof fence. This is a very pleasant walk with some information boards and some activities for the big kids amongst us.

We then continue our journey to Brook park in Te Kuiti. This is a two-hour loop on a track that gradually climbs to the highest point, Makiora. On a clear day there are great views of the surrounding area looking towards the Rangitoto range and Pureora one way and to Pirongia and Maungatautari in the opposite direction.

Morning tea and lunch will be taken at appropriate points dependent how the day is going but we will have time for a coffee, at the end, so bring some money if you choose for your daily fix at Bosco's café.

**Depart:** 8am**Return:** 3pm approx**Cost:** \$25.00 (members)  
\$30.00 (non-members)**Leader:** Carol Davies

<b>Bookings:</b>	Open	Monday 27 May
	Contact	Carol Davies
	Phone	07 853 5527
	Txt	027 319 0852
	Email:	grandmacarol@xtra.co.nz



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Just mention you are a Wanderers TC member to receive your discount on non-sale items



**Sunday 23 June****Maungatautari****Grades 1 & 2+****Bill Garlands Farm****Grade 2+'s**

This tramp is on the North West side of the Maunga at the end of Rahiri Rd. We start from the wool shed and head up over paddocks to the predator fence, through a secure gate and then up into native bush. We follow a track which eventually leads to a rocky knoll with views to the North, where we will have lunch. It is then a scramble downhill onto a lower track which leads us back to where we started.

**Grade 1's**

This group follow the G2+s as far as they like and return the same way.

**Depart:** 7.30am

**Return:** 4pm approx

**Cost:** \$25.00 (members)  
\$30.00 (non-members)

**Leaders:** G2+ Grant Svendsen & Ron Clarke  
G1 Carol Davies & Brenda Petersen

**Bookings:** Open Monday 10 June  
Contact Grant Svendsen  
Phone 07 853 3434  
Txt 021 047 6518  
Email gsveny@gmail.com

**WANDERERS PERSONALISED NAME BADGES**

Put these on your hat, pack or shirt to identify yourself and your club.

**Only \$12.00** – contact John Davies



**Saturday 29 June****Te Waotu-Arapuni****Grade 1****Night Walk**

Something a little different. We will travel by van to the Jim Barnett Reserve where we will do a circular walk amongst the tall trees and see what the night shows us.

After our walk we will have a light supper. Hot vege soup, bread, tea and coffee will be supplied. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

Wear warm clothes and a hi vis/fluro vest if you have one. Bring a powerful torch and a folding chair also.

Food will be under cover of a pavilion.

**Depart:** 4pm

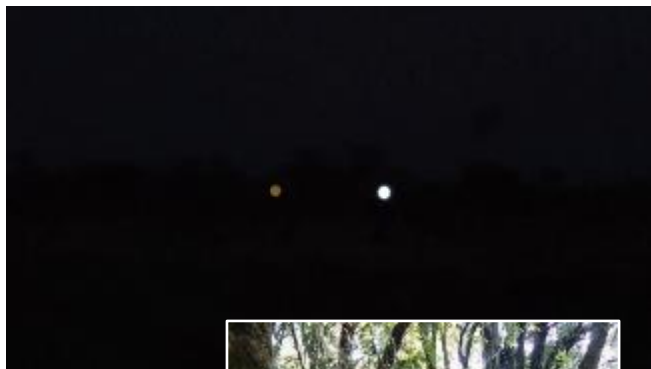
**Return:** 8.30pm

**Cost:** \$25.00 (members)  
\$30.00 (non-members)

**Leaders:** Keith and Associates

**Bookings:** Open  
Contact  
Phone  
Txt

Monday 10 June  
Keith Wilkinson  
07 847 4399  
027 366 6194



**Sunday 7 July****Rotorua****Grade 1/1+****Ngongotaha Summit via Jubilee Track and Nature Loop Walk**

We start our walk from the car park on Paradise Valley Road and up Mt Ngongotaha.

Access to the Nature Loop starts at Jubilee Track and follows an easy grade through unlogged native bush. This part of the track features a large rata with a viewing platform. Past this is the signpost for the Nature Loop Walk to left and right. This walk is a circular loop with gentle grades and even surfaces, and sidles along the lower contours of Mt Ngongotaha and returns to the car park having crossed and re-joined Jubilee Track near the rata.

There is opportunity to complete the first part of the Nature Loop and then strike off uphill along Jubilee Track towards the summit, or to return to the car park via the other section of the Nature Loop. Jubilee Track is moderately steep from the Loop intersection until near the summit. The final part of the track crosses Mountain Road for the last little climb. There is no view at the top due to surrounding trees.

**Depart:** 8am

**Return:** 6pm approx

**Cost:** \$25.00 (members)  
\$30.00 (non-members)

**Leaders:** Jenny West and Val MacArthur

<b>Bookings:</b> Open	Monday 24 June
Contact	Jenny West
Phone/Txt	027 611 0550
Email	tsew.ynnej@gmail.com





# SUNDAY LUNCH

**Our mid-winter Christmas lunch will be held on  
Sunday 14 July  
12 noon  
at MattBlack Café  
Hamilton Golf Club, St Andrews Terrace**

The venue is upstairs (lift provided) with wonderful views over the greens

The bar will be open

Please bring your RSA/Workingman's Club card with you if are a member

You can choose from the set menu or a special Tramping Club menu at \$20 per person. This includes a main, sweet slice and filter coffee

So reasonable prices, good service.

You will enjoy. See you there.

Last day for booking in with Pam Cornforth is

Wednesday 10 July

Phone 07 856 5922 or 027 278 0690





## Sunday 21 July

## Rotorua

## Grade 1

### Hinehopu/Hongi's Track

This is a lovely easy walk taking approx. 4hours total walking, through some amazing bush and ancient native forests with huge trees of rimu, tawa, pukatea and rewarewa.

We start our walk from Lake Rotoiti (Korokitewao Bay) and walk the undulating track through to Lake Rotoehu (Te Pohue Bay) for a nice lunch stop.

We retrace our steps with a diversion to the "Wishing Tree" (a Sacred Matai) and then make our way back to the van. This significance in the area lies in its important historic and scenic value. The history dates back to 1620.

If there is time will stop for coffee/ice cream on way home so bring extra money if you wish.

**Depart:** 8am

**Return:** 5-6pm approx

**Cost:** \$25.00 (members)  
\$30.00 (non-members)

**Leaders:** Dianne and Associates

<b>Bookings:</b>	Open	Monday 8 July at 5pm
	Contact	Dianne Lee
	Phone/Txt	027 272 6617
	Email	leedi444@gmail.com



## Sunday 4 August

## Grade 2

### Deverson's Medium Gorge

The track starts and ends at Te Kauri Lodge near Kawhia and takes us through variable bush with some large limestone outcrops and cliffs. We descend into the gorge and cross a stream (maybe wet feet and mud).

After lunch we start the ascent, steep at times along a ridge with some great views of Kawhia and return to the lodge.

Expect to walk about 4 ½ hours.

**Depart:** 8am

**Return:** 5.30pm approx

**Cost:** \$25.00 (members)  
\$30.00 (non-members)

**Leaders:** Colin Standing and Ron Clarke

<b>Bookings:</b>	Open	Monday 22 July
	Contact	Colin Standing
	Phone	07 855 1335
	Txt	027 326 6886
	Email	standings@xtra.co.nz





**Sunday 18 August****Bay of Plenty****Grade1****Bowentown Walk**

Our walk will begin from the Bowentown Holiday Park.

From here our direction will depend on tide and weather with beach and headland options. Hopefully we will have views of Karewa and White Islands.

**Depart:** 8am

**Return:** 4pm approx

**Cost:** \$25.00 (members)  
\$30.00 (non-members)

**Leaders:** John Sheat and Pam Cornforth

<b>Bookings:</b>	Open	Monday 5 August
	Contact	Pam Cornforth
	Phone	07 856 5922
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## LABOUR WEEKEND 2019

We have managed to secure the whole of the upper floor of the flash nearly new Forest and Bird Lodge at Ruapehu for the long weekend.

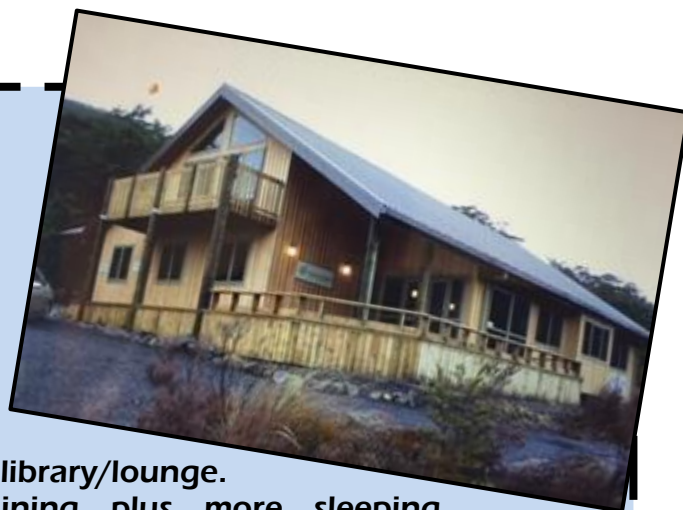
There are 2 upstairs sleeping areas and a library/lounge. Downstairs is a great kitchen and dining plus more sleeping accommodation.

The special cost to us is \$25pp a night. The walking is delightful and all grades available.

Please start showing expressions of interest now so you don't miss out.

Plan to be with us that weekend put it in your calendar now.

Cheers Lyn and Keith



# Where We Went

**Sunday 20 January**

**Whatawhata**



## **Ed Hillary Hope Reserve**

This was our first tramp of the year and was very well supported by 27 keen Wanderers . It was our first visit to the reserve which is on the Old Mountain Road.

We started off following a vehicle track through native bush and then on to open pasture. We then had a steep climb to a disused air strip where we got a great 360 degrees view of the Raglan/Te Pahu area.

The pasture land has been heavily planted in manuka and will be a great sight in a few years' time.

Then we made our descent down a steep (and slippery for some) slope to the vehicle track, ate lunch, and back to the vans.

We finished off a very enjoyable day with ice creams and coffee at Whatawhata. *Big Foot*



## Sunday 3 February

## Whatawhata

### Vandy Road Tramp

An enthusiastic group of 17 trampers tackled this tramp. We arrived at the end of Vandy Road, skipped morning tea and headed up the paper road immediately. The forecast was for another scorching day so plans were made to get us under the treeline and close to the windmills as possible before lunchtime. Enjoying an unmanicured track we made good time.

There was about ten minutes of steep uphill and scrambling over tree roots before a steady climb through beautiful and pristine bush. Because everyone had opted to do the 1+ we were spoilt with four leaders but Grant led us through the wilderness spotting the red and orange markers in a timely fashion.



Following morning tea we had a quick route stop with Lyn taking control and spotting the arrows (etched onto a big tree) which pointed us in the right direction. We continued on until reaching the fence line where we clambered through a gate into open pasture.

From there it was another 10-15 minute climb where we rested by the formidable windmills and lunched in the cool breeze. The temperature started to ramp up so Grant headed off and we trusted in his instincts to take us back under the bush line and follow an old fence down before meeting up with the paper road. This was an interesting reconnoitre following a track that in parts was muddy, slippery and difficult to see.



However, as avid trampers we were all up for the challenge. Keith was particularly interested in abseiling the big straps that were overhanging a slip. It was suggested that perhaps the straps were there to assist the motorcyclists traverse the slip.

The paper road levelled out and this was steady hiking. It was very rutted and deep in parts. This is because it has been used as a four wheel drive track and it shows. The fine weather had helped dry it out but like mountain goats we leapt from side to side with great agility and skill.

It was back to the van before stopping at Whatawhata for ice-cream. A big thank you to our drivers and leaders for this especial tramp. *The Wonderer*



## Sunday 17 February

## Rotorua

### Lake Tarawera

Due to the club not being able to go to Tarawera Falls two vans (21 trampers) headed off to Lake Tarawera via Cambridge to pick up three others and then pit stopped at Kuirau Park.

Once at Lake Tarawera we split into two groups – a G1 and a G2. Not far into the track both groups had to negotiate a fish trap contraption before getting on to the main track that leads eventually to Hot Water Beach.

The G1's went as far as Hawaiki Bay for their lunch and the G2's a bit further on to a look out for their lunch. Three others then carried on to Wairua Stream for a hot swim and lunch.

The other two groups then made their way back to the landing for a swim in the lake and a coffee at the café.

Apologies to those who had to wait for the three who went further on.

Thanks to our leaders Alison O and Cheryl

*The Viking*





## Sunday 3 March

## Whangamata

### Gold Mountain – Grade 3

Starting from the carpark at the end of the Wentworth Valley Road on a near perfect day (could have done with some more breeze) four trampers started the steady climb to the junction. After a short morning tea break, the junction was reached after about 1½ hours. Turning right the peak was reached after about another ½ hour.

We stopped for a few minutes to talk with some younger trampers near the summit and then enjoyed the panoramic views up and down the coast – perfect viewing conditions.

We found some shade in the scrub for lunch and then proceeded downwards back-tracking to the vans. Soon after arrival an ambulance arrived – first thought, it must be for one of the Grade 1's, but no, a teenage girl had broken her leg and Landsar were going to bring her out.



## Wentworth Falls - Grade 1

13 trampers set off for Wentworth Falls near Whangamata. On arrival at the Wentworth Valley Campground in the Coromandel Forest Park. We had morning tea then started the mines walk. We passed two mines which were closed and had danger signs at the entrance so we continued on to the picnic area and down to the river, this was a great warm up walk.



We then started the Wentworth Falls Track, passing the campground, we cleaned our boots at a very well devised boot cleaning station with brushes and disinfectant which is installed to help stop the spread of kauri dieback disease.

The walk was on a good pram track, it was wide with a gravel surface. It was a gradual incline for about an hour to the waterfall, on the way we stopped to look at a swimming hole, we then went on to explore a cave and found lots of cave wetas. We also saw nikau palms which were doing well and heard a tui or two.



After crossing two wobbly bridges we were soon at the waterfall which is a 50 metre two-drop waterfall, it was loud and sparkled in the sunshine. The weather was perfect, blue sky, sunny and hot, but cool in the bush. We continued on the tramping track up to the top of the waterfall where we had lunch, this was a lovely spot to have lunch.

After lunch we made our way down the hill, stopped off at the swimming hole where Dianne and Margaret had fun in the water, then we made our way back to the van.

On the way home, we stopped off for ice cream at the L&P Café in Paeroa.

Thanks to Keith, Dianne and Pam for leading this wonderful walk.

*Emma*





## Sunday 17 March

## Arapuni

### Te Waotu

First the drive to Jim Barnett Reserve for a toilet and morning tea stop. Then on, close by, to Rata Downs Station with permission from the land owner to drive up the farm race to near the top of Lookout Hill (that saved a long hot uphill puff).

At the top we saw the remains of the fire lookout tower and realised the choosing of this site – a panoramic view of the whole area. Continuing back downhill we parked and made the short walk to Piraunui Pa site and had time to explore. After the hot walk back to the vans we returned to Jim Barnett Reserve for lunch and a visit to view the King Fern.

After lunch, and a quick stop at Waotu School to admire the murals, we travelled to Jones' Landing for a toilet stop. Then those that wanted, walked the Waikato River Trail to Arapuni to reconnect with the vans and a welcomed stop at Rhubarb Cafe for ice creams

*Colin*



## Sunday 31 March

## Whangamata

### Parakawai Valley – G1's

10 intrepid trampers started off for a leisurely stroll in the Parakawai Valley. The weather was a light and constant smattering of rain that at times turned to showers...it may have dampened the forest but not our spirits.

You would not have known we were going uphill due to the slight incline over a long distance. There were old railway tracks and crusher machines from days gone past. Tall Kauri trees were evident as well as lots of fungi.

A short and dark tunnel was navigated well and an old mine shaft with new markings for possible development? A recent washout was a bit of an exciting moment and then over the swing bridge to view the waterfall. There was no need for a swim as we were all wet by that stage. Then we returned along the same track back.

The track was very muddy and slippery at times, however the scenery was lovely in the rain and it was warm at least.

A long day however thoroughly worth it.

An ice cream for some and coffee for others followed at Paeroa.

*Susan Rogers*





## Sunday 31 March

## Raglan

### Karioi – G2+

A van load of nine Wanderers left Hamilton on a beautiful early autumn day right on 7.30am. We travelled to Raglan where we had a quick pit stop and then drove to the start of the Karioi track at the rear of the Raglan Surf School.

We got our packs on and started the climb, it was definitely an uphill start as we had been promised! Just under an hour into our walk we came to a spot with a beautiful view peaking out through the trees over to the sea. Here we caught our breath and refuelled for more hearty climbing upwards.



It was a great track, lots of challenging spots with some very well-placed roots, branches, flax and rocks for pulling up on and getting to the next level.

After a couple of hours we arrived at our lunch spot high up on the mountain. It wasn't the peak but was the perfect rocky spot to rest at. Must admit I let out a loud holler of excitement on knowing we had made it! We had fantastic views sitting in the sunshine (and a breeze too for those warmer souls to enjoy) and had lots of company from other walkers passing through.

After eating our lunch we headed on back down, tackling the obstacles and interesting parts of the track.

There were some lovely bird noises during the day although we didn't see too many only a fantail or two.

At the intersection we returned to the Surf School of the other side of the loop track that we had gone up on and borrowed their facilities on the way past (thanks!).



What a fantastic day we had, I thoroughly enjoyed the challenges of the track and seeing a different part of Karioi I hadn't ventured on previously. We were extremely lucky to have had outstanding weather, right up until the small shower once we were in the van on our way home... how lucky can you get?

Huge thanks to our leaders Alison O, Maureen and Ray and our drivers. Also, to Ray H for taking our leaders on the recce.

*Brenda*

# TREK'N'TRAVEL

## GEAR LIST FOR MULTI-DAY WALKS

### FOR TREKKING

- Backpack / Pack Liner
- Sleeping Bag / Liner
- Towel
- Water Bottles / Bladder
- Sun Hat
- Quick Dry T-shirt / Shorts / Trousers
- Thermal Top / Pants / Leggings
- Wool or Fleece Hat / Gloves
- Mid Layer / Fleece Jacket
- Raincoat / Waterproof Overtrousers
- Boots / Trekking Shoes / Socks

### EXTRAS

- Earplugs
- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen
- Torch / Head Torch
- Trekking Poles
- Tent

### FOR HUTS

- Toiletries
- Sleepwear
- Lightweight Clothing / Footwear

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