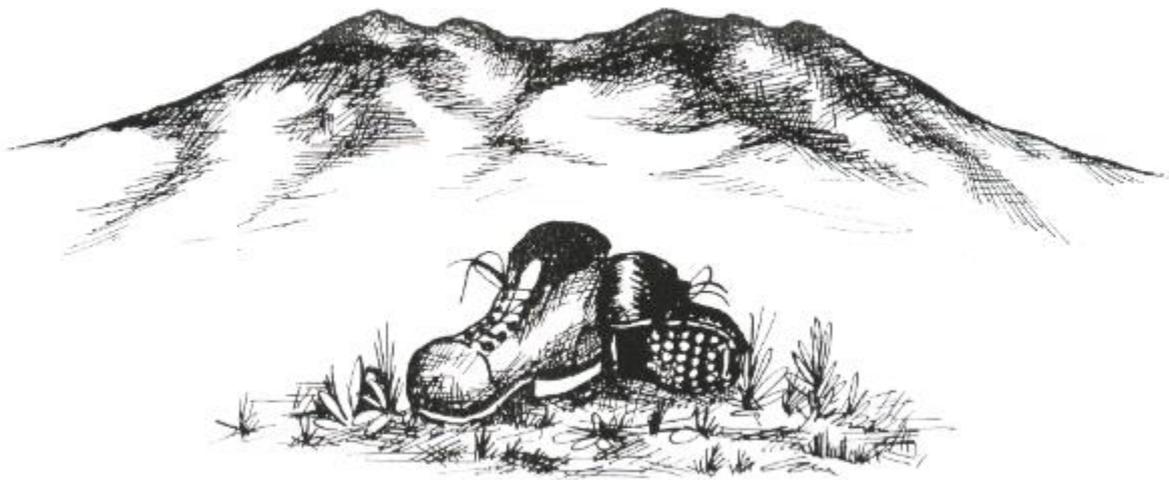


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Trip Programme

TRIP DATE	TRIP DETAILS	BOOKING INFORMATION
23 September	McBrinn's Track Maratoto	Brenda Petersen Phone : 07 8493 716 Txt : 0273 117 372 Email : brenda22269@hotmail.com Open : Monday 10 September
7 October	Totara Park/ Puhinui Stream Forest Trail Auckland	Colin Standing Phone : 07 855 1335 Txt : 027 326 6886 Email : standings@xtra.co.nz Open : Monday 24 September
Wednesday 17 October	AGM	7pm Celebrating Age Hall Victoria Street, Hamilton
21 October	Lake Rotoiti to Lake Okataina Rotorua	Pam Cornforth Phone : 07 856 5922 Txt : 027 278 0690 Email : pcornforth@xtra.co.nz Open : Monday 8 October
4 November	Karangahake Old Coach Road & Windows Walk Karangahake	Brenda Petersen Phone : 07 8493 716 Txt : 0273 117 372 Email : brenda22269@hotmail.com Open : Monday 22 October
18 November	Puketoki Reserve & Te Tuhi Track & Salvation Hut Northern Tauranga	Grant Svendsen Phone : 07 853 3434 Txt: 0210 476 518 Email : gsveny@gmail.com Open : Monday 5 November
2 December 	Christmas Outing Te Puna Quarry Park Katikati	Colin Standing Phone : 07 855 1335 Txt : 027 326 6886 Email : standings@xtra.co.nz Open : Monday 29 October Close : Monday 26 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. 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

Well here we are with just over half of the year gone. We have once again been treated to some great walks. Waihou Walkway a small number of members dodged the rain and retreated for coffee in Putaruru.

Tihitoetoe peak was knocked off by the faster group, while the other group had a more leisurely trip up the road and back, then onto Pirongia to visit Alexander Redoubt. After lunch it was on to Yarndley bush a great little gem on our doorstep. Then on to Lake Serpentine/Lake Rotopiku, went around this lake, and the boardwalk is almost finished. Next coffee and cake at Ohaupo and home by 4 O'clock.

Sentinel Rock and Tuahu Saddle were both successful days out with the G3's back to the van before us, but we beat them home as they stopped for coffee.

Jim Bennett Reserve and Arapuni to Little Waihi Reserve - another splendid trip... could have been improved with a fine day.

The night walk around Hakanoa Lake in Huntly went well under the light of a lovely arising cresting orange moon. On return partook of 7.5 litres of vegetable soup and finger food.

Watch out for up and coming future trips, with a lot of interest shown in some of the trips, so get those bookings in early. Sit back and get driven to some of these wonderful places.

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of two of our early members, Olive Gee and Arthur Grigsby who were both keen and dedicated trampers from back in the day. Our sympathies go out to their families.

A friendly reminder, for safety reasons please do not go ahead of the leader on tramps unless you have permission.

I must report that the Wednesday Wheelers have been out in all elements, keeping the wheels turning. Nice to see a group of happy Wanderers pedalling along, but please keep yourself and others safe on our busy roads.

Keep those feet and pedals going and enjoy every moment and every day.

Keith





Where We Are Going

Sunday 23 September

Paeroa

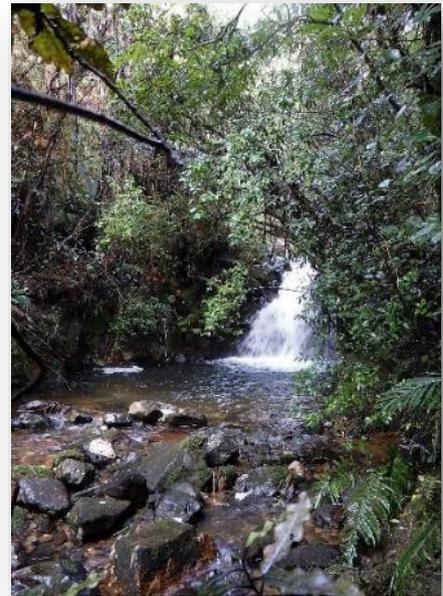
Grades 1+ & 3

McBrinn's Track, Maratoto

Our tramp begins today from the end of Maratoto Road. From here we pass a green rock quarry and follow the McBrinn's Creek up to the amalgamation plant, a most unusual and unique collection of gold extraction equipment relics.

The Grade 1+'s will lunch here and return to the van while Grade 3's will continue to climb up steeply to higher levels and examine the mine tunnels and possibly an old kauri dam. Caution will be needed and torches essential.

There are waterfalls to view and stream crossings so expect to get wet feet.



Depart: 7.30am

Return: 5.30pm approx

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

Leaders: Grade 1+ Keith, Dianne & Pam
Grade 3 Lorna & Brenda

Bookings: Open Monday 10 September
Contact Brenda
Phone 07 8493 716 (evenings only)
Txt 0273 117 372
Email brenda22269@hotmail.com



Sunday 7 October**Auckland****Grades 1 & 2****Totara Park/ Puhinui Stream Forest Trail**

There are multiple options for this day out. Those not so energetic can start at the Auckland Botanic Gardens visitor centre and have a leisurely walk around the Botanic Gardens leading down to the Puhinui Stream Forest Trail. The trail winds around Puhinui Stream and through lush forest, a piece of original remnant forest with great spots for picnics. Walkers can finish off with refreshments at the Miko Cafe at the Gardens. Walking distance will be about 6km depending on route chosen.



Others who would like a little more can start at the Redoubt Road entrance to Totara Park to walk through Auckland Council farm park on a variety of MTB/walking/horse tracks around the Puhinui Stream Forest Trail loop and stop for lunch at the Botanic Gardens. We can return to Redoubt Road via the same or different tracks. Walking distance about 10km.

Depart: 8am**Return:** 5.30pm approx**Cost:** \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non-members)**Leaders:** Colin and Margaret Standing + others

Bookings: Open Monday 24 September at 6pm
 Contact Colin
 Phone 07 8551335
 Txt 027 326 6886

WANDERERS PERSONALISED NAME BADGES

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

Only \$12.00 – contact John Davies

Sunday 21 October**Rotorua****Grade 2****Lake Rotoiti to Lake Okataina** *(new tramp never been done by Wanderers)*

We make our way to Lake Rotoiti where we will have morning tea and drop you off to start this exciting tramp that includes amazing bush and views. Walking poles would be good for this trip and we will be taking our time.

First part of tramp is on the Western Okataina Walkway which has a steepish steady climb on a bulldozed track to the ridge. We then turn on to the tramping track making our way to a hidden crater climbing down into the “bullring” up the other side to join Rongomai track. From here we make our way around the ridge of another crater and onto a loop track Te Auheke or Cascade Track to find a couple of waterfalls which will take us to the Education Camp to meet the vans.

For those who want a bit extra walk you can make their way down the Waipungapunga Track from Education Camp to Lake Okataina shore where the vans will be waiting.

Total walking time approx. 5 to 6 hours, nice benched track steep in places. Well worth a look.

Depart: 7.30am

Return: 6pm approx

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

Leaders: Keith, Pam and Dianne

Bookings: Open Monday 8 October at 6pm
Contact Pam Cornforth
Phone 07 856-0690
Txt 027 278 0690
Email: pcornforth@xtra.co.nz



Wanderers members can receive up to 15% discount off purchases in store at Bivouac, 311 Barton Street, Hamilton

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

Sunday 4 November Karangahake Grades 1 & 2

Karangahake Old Coach Road – Grade 2

You probably have all been to the top of Karangahake Mountain, so instead today we will circle around the mountain following some DOC tracks and some not. We will go along an old coach road which is slowly being taken over by the regenerating bush, so expect a few mucky damp gullies. There are no streams and the only real hill track is from the carpark on the Karangahake Mountain track in the first hour.

Expect to be on track for about 6 hrs

Karangahake Area – Grade 1

Today's tramp will start at the new Karangahake Hall then proceed alongside the Ohinemuri River, up to the Windows Tunnels, along towards Waikino and back through the old railway tunnel to the hall.



From here we will drive down to the Waikino Railway Station with options to enjoy refreshments, visit the Victoria Battery Site, museum, ore roasting pits or even maybe a ride on the miniature train.

Bring a torch and extra money for extra activities.

Depart: 7.30am

Return: 4-5.30pm approx

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

Leaders: G1 – Keith, Dianne & Pam
G2 – Brenda & Brett

Bookings: Open Monday 22 October at 6pm
Contact Brenda
Phone 07 8493 716
Txt 0273 117 372
Email brenda22269@hotmail.com





Sunday 2 December - Christmas Trip Tauranga/Katikati Area Social / All Grades

Our last tramp/outing for the club year. We make our way to Te Puna Quarry Park have morning tea then you are free to wander the quarry at your leisure. After change into your glad rags to make our way for Sunday buffet lunch at around 1-2pm at the RSA Waihi Beach.

We will be using vans for this trip so full payment for transport and lunch will be required to be paid to the treasurer, Colin, by Monday 26 November. No refunds after this date due to catering requirements. Bookings open Monday 29 October / close on Monday 26 November.

Bookings are confirmed with payment in FULL to the treasurer
Payment by internet banking to account 03-0306-0208429-00
Use reference - your name + xmas
Cost for members is subsidised by the club

Depart: 7.30am

Return: 7pm approx

Cost: Bring extra money for drinks at RSA
Members Transport \$25 + Lunch \$25 = \$50
Non-Members Transport \$30 + Lunch \$35 = \$65

Leaders: Dianne, Pam and Keith

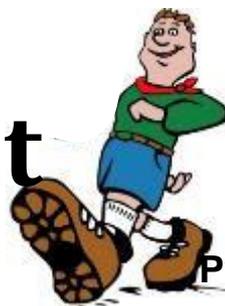
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WANDERERS' TRAMPING CLUB INC. AGM

Date:	Wednesday 17 October 2018
Venue:	The River Lounge, Celebrating Age Hall, Victoria Street, Hamilton
Time:	Hall opens at 7pm and the Formal meeting begins at 7.30pm Guest speakers The evening concludes with a light supper.
Contact person:	Carol - 07 853 5527

AGM

Where We Went



Sunday 6 May

Pylon Loop Track

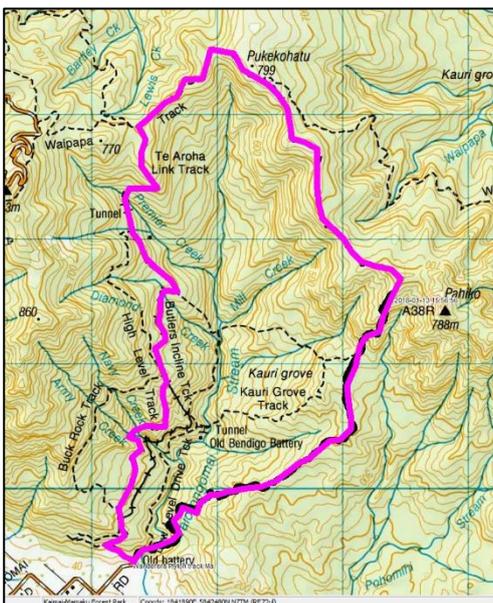
I first heard of this trip a few years ago, when becoming involved with the Kaimai Ridgeway project. In 2015 the Auckland Tramping club had cut a new track that gave access to the old Pylon track and bypassed the Kauri Grove track, since partly closed by DOC.

I had read a report of a track loop that went up the Pylon track, along the North-South track, and back down into the Waiorongomai valley, but found it hard to establish the level of difficulty – a real issue for some of us old codgers in the Wanderers Tramping Club. The only way to find out how we would go was to try it, so Grant and I did a survey a week or so before the planned day. The survey was successful – the North-South track section was well marked, and cleared, although not of a high quality. Grant and I took seven hours, so it was all on for the main group.

On the morning of the trip we ended up with six people in our own van – the 10 Grade 1 trip participants in the same area would not have to wait for us. The route starts off on the Waiorongomai low level track, but after a hundred metres drops off the side into the valley to the first obstacle – a stream crossing. Some of us strode through the water, but others chanced involuntary baptism by rock hopping. The grade is steady for a start, with one section along an old water race – Grant started to investigate the tunnel through the ridge because he knew where it came out, but decided to leave its exploration for another day.

The bush is mostly kanuka at the start, but then becomes more varied as altitude is gained. After about an hour we started to look out for the tape and string that marks the junction with the old track, and although I had it on the GPS I still missed it. I stopped when I realised I had gone too far, whereupon Carol said, “I saw the blue string”. She did not realise its significance, so I explained Plan B to the group.

After about 2 hours we emerged on to the barren tops – a place where extra clothing was needed because of the wind. Some mist was around, but no rain. Views appeared under the cloud to the Hauraki plains. Another half hour and we were on the main ridge, which had shelter in the scrubby trees, and we conferred – do we grab an early lunch and resort to Plan B, or continue with the circuit, getting back to the van about 4pm or 5pm? Plan A it was, so I ploughed on, shaking the water off the vegetation so I got wet, and perhaps making it drier for my followers?



I knew there would be little shelter for lunch once we reached the Waipapa track, so when we encountered an open but sheltered area about midday I called a lunch halt. No views, but the vegetation (*Dracopyllum latifolium*(?), *neinei*) was mildly interesting.

Another hour and we reached the Waipapa track – what a difference! Well graded, cuttings, geotextiles emerging from the path showing advanced construction techniques. A quick trot for a while took us to the Te Aroha Link track, and then we were on the way down back to the van. It seemed to me we went further down than we had gone up, but that was unlikely.

Mining relics (a tunnel on to a bridge, the May Queen and Butler’s Inclines, and an old and large water powered air compressor) gave us excuses to rest as well as places of interest.

We eventually reached the van about 4pm, seven hours after our start. We all felt it was a very enjoyable way to spend a day, even if the weather only cleared as we reached the end of the tramp.

Total distance 12 km. Time taken 7 hours. Highest altitude about 750m. Ray

Sunday 20 May

Ted's Track - Thompson's Track Loop - Grade 3

After a couple of false starts we hit the road and arrived in time to find the Grade 2's enjoying their morning tea. By 10 O'clock we were off, relentlessly uphill with markers that only our leader knew about.

After scrambling about (most of it up) going from one of the pretty old tape markers to another we found a nice sheltered grassy spot for lunch, it was about 12.15. The bush was nice when one had time to take your eyes off the ground.

There was lots of regeneration of rimu that I noticed. We also came across some fungi in big masses on the old windfall trees. When we got to the North South Track the going got a little easier being a DOC track.

But before too long we got to the Thompson Track and a few 100 metres down we came across 3 motoX (dirt bikes) and 4 x 4WD cars. The one car we watched struggled to get any further at the point we came across them.

The Thompson's track at this point was very slippery clay. There were lots of water filled holes, some pretty deep, caused by the off-roaders and it was pretty tricky for us to get around them.

After 7 hours of a great adventure we were all happy to see the van as dusk descended and the moreporks were calling. Seven tired but happy trampers.

Thanks Grant for a great day out.

Lyn



Sunday 20 May

Katikati - Grade 2

The tramp started from the Tauranga side; we drove to the end of Thompsons' Track where we began and ended our walk. Fortified by morning tea, we tramped upwards for a short distance; then followed a downhill track to the bridge and two stream crossings which were not difficult.

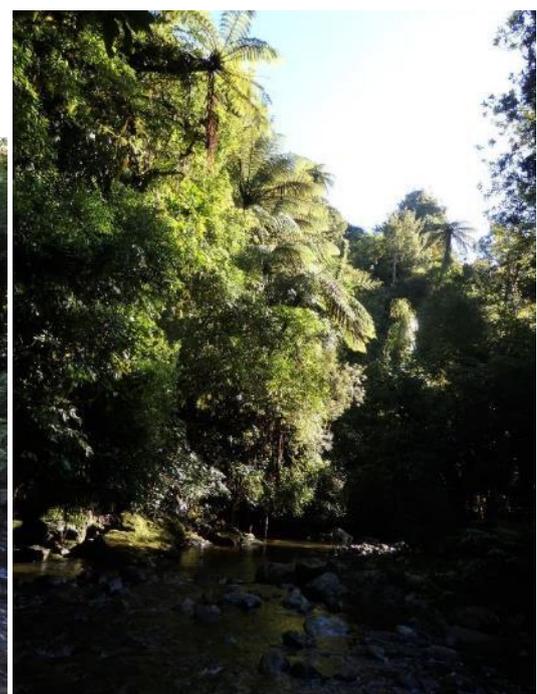
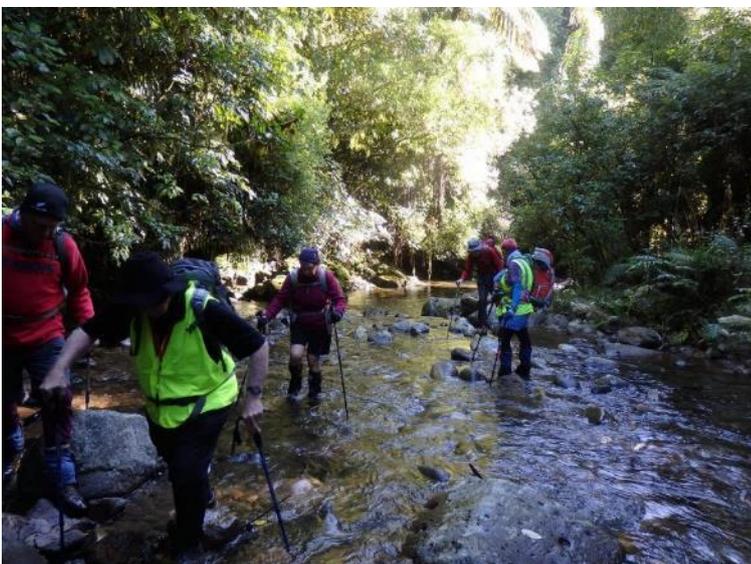
The bush was beautiful, as the sun was shining through the trees and the track itself was not too muddy, but relatively easy to walk on. We then headed towards Eliza Mine but at the junction we stopped for lunch then turned left to return to Thompsons' Track: this section of the tramp was a little more difficult, as there was more mud which was slippery. There were no major incidents though, just a few dirty boots and muddy bums!

The group met a few interesting people on the day. Firstly, there were two search and rescue personnel who were training one of their working dogs, we met them several times. Then there was a lone walker who stopped briefly to tell us his story. He was retired and after seeing an advert in the newspaper for apple pickers, he decided to bring his camper van to the area and help out. In his leisure time he was happily exploring the local bush.

Overall, it was a pleasant, social day and made even more so by a stop for ice creams on the way home!

Thanks to the team: Dianne, Pam and Keith for their leadership.

Margaret



Sunday 3 June

Putaruru

Waihou Walkway – Blue Springs

In all seven of us started on the walk to Blue Springs. The Waihou river is stunningly pure, the water having been underground for fifty years.

The walk was great and just as described in the bulletin, wetlands, small rushing waterfalls, native bush and plenty of trout in the swiftly flowing clear blue/green water.

Because of our smaller number we could all be seated at the BBQ table provided to eat our lunch. The rain only started when we were in the cafe in Putaruru having coffee.

A great day out, and a big surprise to come back to Hamilton and be told it had 'bucketed down' all day.

Thanks John.

Lyn



Sunday 17 June

Pirongia

Tihitoetoe Peak - Grade 3

Two vans of keen trampers headed for Pirongia to explore new areas on a day without significant rain – remarkable in this wet, wet June.

Nine Grade 3's headed up the gravel forest road, with the Waipa Mountain Biking Club tracks alongside - an easy gradient at this stage. At the end of the road we headed into the forest and were soon into the dense bush. All eyes were alert for the elusive markers, but with experienced Carol in the lead and 8 pairs of eyes following her we managed to follow the indistinct track, under and over fallen trees and fending off supplejack that was determined to trap some of us.

After the final steep ascent, we wended our way around large rocks and along a narrow ridge to arrive at the Tihitoetoe Peak. It was a sheltered but cold lunch spot nestled down in the bushes. Few views were to be seen this cloudy day - certainly not the snowy Ruapehu that the survey revealed.

Somehow the return down seemed to be much easier and the markers more obvious.

As there were few bikers around, some of the group chose to walk down one of the MTB tracks, while the rest returned via the Forest road. A great G3 outing into new places.

Thanks Lyn, Grant and Carol.

Maureen



Sunday 17 June

Pirongia

Pirongia and More - Grade 1

Our small group of ten had not ventured to this part of Pirongia before so after a brief stop at the car park we trailed the group threes up the mountain.

Following the forest access tracks, we headed upwards heeding the avid mountain bikers who are keen enthusiasts and users of the range of mountain bike trails that exist in this area. We had a couple of brief stops as we didn't want to overtake the Grade Three's before deciding to venture onto one of the mountain bike tracks.

Despite following the directions from a couple of bikers saying that the track should loop downhill back to an earlier intersection, we continued onwards and upwards eventually coming out at the very top of the forest access road. 'Hard labour' was this name of this track but we knocked it out in about 20 mins.

Regrouping, we retraced our steps back to the van. We headed into Pirongia but had a good look at the very interesting Alexandra Redoubt for our dose of history and heritage.

We parked up for lunch and a comfort stop before venturing over to the nearby church which is now the local information centre. They directed us for a brief walk to the Eastern redoubt which is situated just above the river flats.

Heading back to our van we ventured off to Yardley forest. This is a beautiful stand of kahikatea trees within strolling distance from the road which was enjoyed by all.

Our final destination was Lake Serpentine (Rotopiko) which is the often sighted but never visited wetlands that sits between Ohaupo and Te Awamutu (SH 3). This was an amazing site. It is operated by the National Wetlands Trust and bigger things are planned for this area. This will include more heritage trials and research and educational facilities. We roamed through the aptly named Jurassic Forest before departing for our final stop at Ohaupo. Hot drinks and cakes for some before arriving back in Hamilton just after 4pm.

A big thank you to the Triad of Keith, Pam and Dianne.



Scribe – Mountain Resign

Sunday 1 July

Katikati

Sentinel Rock - Grade 3

I had never been to the rock before and it makes for a good winter tramp when the weather behaves, as it did.

Whilst a bit of a drive from Hamilton the walk itself isn't long, it starts flat but at about 15 minutes a steady climb commences just after the splendid large kauri which is maybe 600yrs old with a girth of 2.7 metres. As I said not a long walk (about 2hrs) but due to the steady climb up the physical body gets a work out.



And then there is the final assault on the rock where the mental body has to overcome a few obstacles. We were confronted by a very steep climb with slippery rocks and dirt, though tree roots and a knotted rope offered some help, along with friends guiding our foot placements.

All 12 made the top –feeling very pleased with themselves - right on midday for an awesome lunch spot with views all over the bay and we could clearly see Motutapere Hut which is on the North South Track.

The clamber down again took a lot of care, so easy to trip on a root or slip. Then a pleasant 2hr walk back down the hill. At a pace which allowed for much chatter. To the surprise of some we had unusually beaten the other van load of trampers (Grade 1-2) back to the start point so Grant decided there was time for a coffee on the way home.

Weather wise this was a well-planned tramp – the forecast rain held off till we had finished and stopped for the coffee. It was a wet but safe drive home. Thanks to all for a good day out.

Lorna

Sunday 1 July

Katikati

Tuahu Saddle Katikati – Grade 1.5

Twelve G1.5 Wanderers left a fresh but fine Hamilton and headed towards our destination near Katikati. We pit stopped in Waihi before arriving at our starting point on Hot Springs Road.

We ate our morning tea while the Grade 3's headed off on their tramp at a brisk pace. The views were lovely bush covered hills and we could see across to the sea at our far right.

The track to the saddle was a gentle climb on a well-formed track. There were a couple of hairy bits where the track had deteriorated and started to slip away but mostly it was pretty good. We had one small river crossing that wasn't too technical, most of us got across with dry feet.

After about 2.5 hours of walking we made it to the top of the ridge where we ate our lunch with stunning views across the Waikato Basin. The weather was fine and there was no fog to be seen.

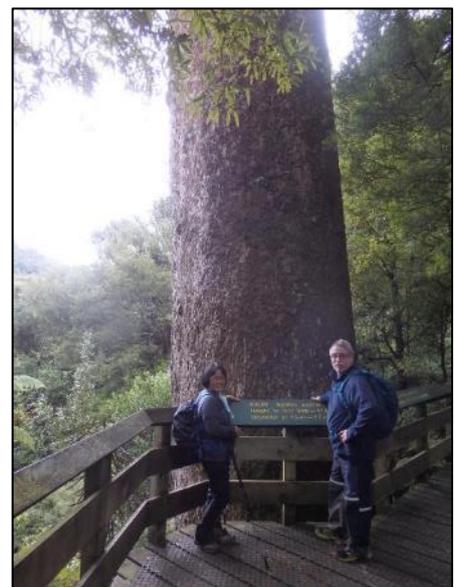


We returned on the same track we had gone up on, watching our feet carefully on the slippery bits.

On the way back down, some of us took a short detour up a side track to view two giant kauri trees. They were huge, healthy specimens at around 2m in diameter. Very impressive!

It started to rain very gently as we descended so we quickly organised ourselves and set off in the van to return to Hamilton.

The Grade 3 van arrived back at the Wintec carpark just as we were unpacking our belongings at around 5pm. This was very enjoyable day out and a lovely way to spend a winters day.



Thanks to our leaders Keith, Pam and Dianne.

Brenda

Sunday 15 July

Arapuni/Waotu

Jim Barnett Reserve and Arapuni to Little Waihi Reserve

Twenty-one keen Wanderers headed off to Waotu (South Waikato), in two vans and one car in weather predicted to be windy and wet.

Our first stop was the Jim Barnett Reserve where Bernie gave us a talk on the surrounding area. The walk through the reserve was short but interesting, as all the tracks and enhancement plantings were done by volunteers, ably led by Gordon Stephenson with help from our own John Sheat.

We then drove to Arapuni for the second part of the day. First crossing the big swing bridge and then onto the cycling/walking track, following the Waikato river to the Little Waihi Reserve, where we finished the day with Ann's pikelets and hot drinks.

Thanks to Ann and Bernie for a great day.

The Viking



Saturday 28 July

Huntly

Night Walk - Lake Hakanoa

It was a mild but damp evening with some rain forecast but that didn't stop a group of Wanderers gathering for a walk in the dark around Lake Hakanoa in Huntly. We all met at the usual meeting spot and then travelled by private cars to the starting point near the shores of the lake.

We set off led by Dianne while Keith and John kindly set up the tables and refreshments ready for our return. There was lots of chatting by headlamps and torch light along the way while we admired the lights of the surrounding area and Huntly Power Station. The moon was stunning from lots of angles, bright and shining, hiding behind clouds and then reflecting beautifully on the lake. We had one reasonable rain shower that didn't last too long, lucky we bought umbrellas though!

We returned to a delicious supper of hot vegetable soup kindly made and served by Keith and lots of other delicious shared treats.

Big thanks to Keith, Dianne and Pam for a really fun evening

Brenda



Sunday 12 August

Raglan

Raglan Walks

Two vans left Hamilton for Raglan where our first stop was for a toilet break and morning tea.

The next stop was the Water Race Track, rather muddy in places, which led us down to a lovely stream. Once back at the vans we donned our packs and headed down the Bryant Memorial Scenic Reserve Track, through native bush and onto the Ngarunui Beach, Chocka with surfies.

At the end of the beach a faster group then walked around the coast to the township while the slower group walked back to the vans, which were now parked at the surf club. They then drove to town where both groups met up for cafe drinks, and for some a look at the market.

Thanks to the leaders for a great day.

G.S.



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- Towel
- Water Bottles / Bladder
- Sun Hat
- Quick Dry T-shirt / Shorts / Trousers
- Thermal Top / Pants / Leggings
- Wool or Fleece Hat / Gloves
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- Raincoat / Waterproof Overtrousers
- Boots / Trekking Shoes / Socks

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