



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING
& MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC)
P.O. Box 1217 Palmerston North

NEWSLETTER

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Hon. Secretary,
Trevor Bissell, 71-955
Membership Enquiries
Peter Croad, 80-284 (evenings)

COMING EVENTS

25th SEPTEMBER CLUB NIGHT

Thursday 7.30 p.m. in the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street.
Spiel by Eric Terzaghi and Bruce Parker will give a 10 mins. on First Aid.

27th SEPTEMBER ROCK CLIMBING TITAHU BAY

27-28th SEPTEMBER ROCK CLIMBING TITAHU BAY AND BARING HEAD

Suitable for both novice and veteran climbers. Both areas are pleasant picnic spots but bring plenty to drink as there is no fresh water.

You are all invited to a barbecue on Saturday night to celebrate James Read return to these pleasant shores.

Names to Lindsay Sandes Phone 82-930

Grading: Easy

Cost : Day trip \$3.40, Weekend \$5.20

Depart : Super Save Car Park 7.00 a.m.

4-5th OCTOBER AVALANCHE FLATS HUT (Mangahao River)

Western Tararua, water, mud and Florence Nightingale. The proposed Waitewaewae Dam will destroy, the evidence is clear. See the Mangahao Dam.

Leader : Vivien Mawson Phone 83-335

Grading: Medium

Cost : \$1.20

Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.00 a.m.

5th OCTOBER MANGAHAO RIVER (Western Tararua)

Now you see them, now you don't.

Leader : Roy Wilson Phone 84-925

Grading: Fitness Essential

Cost : \$1.20

Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.00 a.m.

10-12th OCTOBER RANGI – HOWLETTS CROSSING

This is man's country. A place only for the hardy, the determined and the mighty.

Leader : Time Short Phone 76-906 working hours

Grading: Fitness Essential

Cost : \$4.50

Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.30 p.m. FRIDAY NIGHT

12th OCTOBER TUKITUKI RIVER (Eastern Ruahines)

Woman's country. Once again it has been rumoured Heather is leaving her easel and heading for the hills. Names in by Thursday prior please.

Names to Heather Crabb Phone 77-668

Grading: Easy

Cost : \$2.60

Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.30 a.m.

16th OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING

At 7.30 p.m. Glenn's 15 Kent Crescent, P.N.

18-19th OCTOBER PALISER BAY (Wgtn. Heads)

Go climb a rock with our very own Mr Vice. Don't you think he is cuddly? A water canister will be required.

Leader : Peter Croad Phone 80-284

Grading: Medium

Cost : \$5.20

Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.00 a.m.

18-19th OCTOBER RANGIWHIA CLUB HUT (Ruahines)

A moral conscience. Day trips will be run.

Names to John Williams Phone 84-925

Grading: Work Party, Easy

Cost : \$2.20

Depart : Super Save Car Park. 6.30 a.m.

24-27th OCTOBER LABOUR WEEKEND TONGARIRO NAT. PARK

Have you visited the colourful craters of Mt. Tongariro or heard of the Emerald Lakes, Blue Lake, The Tama Lakes, Soda Springs or bathed in the Ketetahi Hot Springs?

Names to Trevor Bissell Phone 71-955

Grading: Medium

Cost : \$10.50 approx.

Depart : To be decided.

24-27th OCTOBER KAIMANAWA RANGES

Four days in the hills, what a Labour or National Weekend. Foaming at the mouth on top of a peak, in a blizzard arguing politics.

Kaimanawa is show and sun, love and hate but mostly blood, sweat and tears.
Evening meals and breakfasts will be provided.

Leader : Tim Short

Grading: Fit

Cost : \$10.50 approx.

Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.30 p.m. THURSDAY

NOTICE

1080 Poisoning

N.Z.F.S. advise that 1080 green-dyed carrots and small quantities of 1080 on natural vegetation will be applied in the POHANGINA and WEST TAMIKI catchments. As from 22.9.75 until further notice hunting blocks 7, 8 & 15 are closed. Note this is virtually all of the Ruahines southward of the Oroua to the Takapari Road.

Trip Schedule

Suggestions are required for the Summer Schedule - contact 84-925.

Tim Short

Is now at 19 Albert Street, no phone, Old phone number during working hours.

Social

Amend your social calendar by inking P.N.T.M.C. on 5th DECEMBER.

Christmas Trip to Arthurs Pass

Bookings have been made for 12 people to travel:

- 1) From Wellington to Lyttleton on Dec. 29th by ferry
- 2) From Lyttleton to Arthurs Pass on Dec. 30th by railway,
- 3) From Arthurs Pass to Lyttleton on Jan. 14th by railway,
- 4) From Lyttleton to Wellington on Jan. 15th by ferry.

The cost of the above fares will be \$21.80 each. Extra money will, be required for fares from P.N. to Wellington and back and possibly from Hokitika to Arthur's Pass at some stage. The cost of party food has not yet been estimated.

A number of shorter tramps (2 or 3 days) will be done in the area initially to reduce the weight of the packs a little and then it is hoped to finish with a Three Pass Trip.

Breakfasts, dinners, puddings and hot drinks will be organized but people should take their own lunches, cold drinks and scroggin.

Please supply names to Trevor Bissell 71-955 as soon as possible (preferably before

the end of November).

PAST TRIPS

15-17th AUGUST NO MANS – RUAHINE HUT

A wet Friday night, drove over numerous back roads north of Dannevirke which brought the party to the Big Hill station and a comfortable camp site in some trees. The key to the gate on the Big Hill was obtained from the manager in the morning.

Having driven Dick's sheep down the road to the Big Hill stream the party crossed the stream and followed a 4 wheel drive track on the south side to the Herricks Hut. A sidle track skirted above some steep cliffs above the stream and eventually returned to the river bed.

Dead Dog Hut is marked 300' above the river on a prominent ridge it is not! It is sited on the river's edge some distance upstream (grid ref. 752290). A left turn at the next fork upstream and a right turn at the forks above that was assumed to be the best route towards No Mans Hut. From the first waterfall, the party climbed out onto the ridge between No Mans and Lessong Monument. The remainder of the walk to No Mans was along a Forest Service Access road which travels to the very tops of the Northern Ruahines at 4200'!

Next day after viewing the country to the north of the Ruahines forest, for an hour or two, the party set off for home via Herricks Spur. This spur involved much up and down traveling with no source of water in its whole length. The Golden Crown Ridge, which was traversed by the club a year ago, provides a much more interesting walk.

Party: Roy Wilson, Keith Margrain, Trevor Bissell

23-24th AUGUST WAIOPEHU

Mutiny most foul! Shame and scandel in the ranks of the P.N.T.M.C.! could it be that a leader's word is no longer regarded as infallible?

Three members of the party (who shall remain nameless) broke away from the party at the Ohau Hut and disappeared up the Ohau River.

What could be the respectable, honest, honourable, etc. members of the party do but tramp steadfastly up the Ohaiti Stream. An interesting ridge was climbed from the true left branch of the Ohaiti to the main north ridge of Waiopehu. After a leisurely lunch at Waiopehu Hut it was decided to mount a search for the mutineers. In the fading afternoon's sunshine the peaks Waiopehu & Grave were searched in vain. When all hope seemed to have faded three figures were spotted on Richards' Knob (ouch!). Allah be praised! The 'Great trumper in the Sky' had returned our wayward children to us. On reaching the tops of Grave they threw themselves on the ground at our feet and pleaded for our forgiveness, which was forth coming.

But all was not to end well. The rain fall. Only the 'right and the just' ventured forth that morning (and even they returned to curried vegetable lunch!).

Party (including mutineers): Steven Moore, Eric Strachan, Kathy Hindmarsh, Peter Darragh, Ross Meder, and Trevor Bissell.

17th AUGUST BURNS HUT

Arrived at Mangahao Dam number two in cars where everyone had their theories on how all hydroelectric power stations could at least triple their power output.

We crossed the dam and tramped down the Mangahao River for a short distance before branching onto the track. Gradually it became overcastted with mist and light rain. Everyone with expert knowledge on navigation was quite confident we would not get lost. Arriving at Burns Hut we soon had the stove lit and warmed ourselves up with hot soup, we spent our time reading various magazines and, catching up on party jokes and tricks.

Early in the afternoon the weather cleared to reveal a breath taking view of what we had missed out on earlier.

Arriving back at the cars we took a quick drive to number one dam and returned home.

Taking part were: Stuart MacLachlan, Peter Hanratty, John & 2 nephews Toni Holroyd.