



# PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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## ENQUIRES CONCERNING OVERDUE TRIPS

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ALL TRIPS LEAVE SUPERSAVE CARPARK, FERGUSON STREET. IF YOU WISH TO GO ON A TRIP, YOU MUST ADVISE THE LEADER AT LEAST THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE.

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## DAY TRIPS AND ALTERNATIVES

If you are interested in a day or an alternative weekend trip, contact the person running the scheduled trip.

### 28 October – Club Night

Laurie Kennedy, a well known mountaineer from Palmerston North will be speaking on his recent two year stay in Florida. He visited interesting places such as Everglades, (a wilderness without hills) and the Grand Canyon.

### 29 – 30 October – Central Ruahines

Journey through the central Ruahines to the idyllic Waterfall Hut. Our resident Ruahine expert will arrange the 'best' routes.

Leader: Julian Dalefield 73543  
Grading: Easy/Medium  
Cost: Approx \$6  
Departs: Saturday 6.00 a.m.

A Saturday/Sunday trip will also be organised.

### 29 – 31 October – Whanganui Bay, Lake Taupo

The year's first trip to the mecca of North Island rock climbing, don't forget to pack your fishing rod, for the quiet moments during belay sessions.

Names to: Catherine Farquhar 63588  
Grading: Some basic experience desirable  
Cost: Approx \$13  
Departs: 6.30 p.m. Friday

### 4 November – Committee Meeting

To be held at Kathy Crow's place; 105 Clifton Terrace, 7.45 p.m. Any club member is welcome to attend.

### **5 – 7 November – Wanganui river cycle? trip**

Get those saddles padded for this one! Extra four wheeler transport will hopefully deal with the heavy gear as panniers (big bags which get attached to bicycles) aren't necessary.

Logistics: Eric van Toor Wanganui 57647/P.N. 63588  
Grading: At least one training cycle needed!  
Cost: Probably about \$10

### **7 November – Ohau River Day Trip Tararuas**

A day trip for those people who aren't keen on spending two days fixing flat tyres! A chance to check out a newly 'cleared' track.

Leader; Lorraine Tremain 80971  
Grading: Easy and Medium  
Cost: Approx \$4  
Departs: 7.00 a.m. Sunday

### **11 November – Club Night**

Come to the Chalet for an evening of dining and dancing (music by Roddy Henderson!). Tickets at \$10.00 each, (excluding drinks), are available from Don French ph 73543, Terry Crippen or Catherine Farquhar ph 63588.

### **13 – 14 October – Ruahines, Cattle Creek Area**

Devious exploratory circuits in the southern Ruahines.

Names to: Philip budding 85936  
Grading: Medium  
Cost: Approx \$6  
Departs: 6.00 a.m. Saturday

### **20 – 21 November – Waitewaewae**

Classic bush and river travel. River temperature guaranteed to be above 10°C.

Leaders: Sue and Lawson  
Grading: Medium  
Cost: \$5  
Departs: 8 a.m. Saturday

### **23 November – Bushcraft preparation night**

For all those intent on going bushcrafting this weekend (and those who can't, but still need the practise! e.g. Mike Freeman and Don French will probably be eager students!).

Meet at Supersave Carpark at 7.00 p.m., for transport to classroom-type facilities.

Names to: Kevin Pearce 70217

### **25 November – Club Night**

Allan Gardener, a canoeist, will be speaking and showing slides on canoeing in the local region.

### **Future Trips**

27 – 28 November	Bushcraft/Navigation weekend, Kiriwhakapapa
5 December	Ecological excursion
10 – 11 – 12 December	Christmas 'gathering of the clans'

### **Rock Climbing**

The rock climbing season has been officially declared open. Day trips to Titahi Bay and weekend trips to Whanganui Bay are often informally organised. If you are interested in the vertical method of movement, contact one of the following:

Philip Beech	79093
Philip Budding	85936
Peter Darragh	35633
Mike Freeman	71785
Don French	73543
Nigel Seebeck	89043

### **Christmas trip(s) to N.W. Nelson**

An easy/medium trip to N W Nelson is being organised. Leaving immediately after Christmas Dinner. If you are interested – plans are not yet finalised - contact Trevor Bissell - 73543. Easier or fitter could be arranged to coincide with available transport.

### **New Member**

Sharon Patterson            24 Morris Street            ph 63588

### **PAST EVENTS:**

Since a planned trip to Egmont didn't stimulate much interest, a couple of us squeezed into a M.U.A.C. skiing trip. We managed to get away from the Turoa Slopes before the multitudes arrived, and made our way to Cathedral Rocks. The ice was in excellent condition and we achieved a variety of exhilarating and satisfying climbs. By the time we decided to call it a day, some mischievous folk bestowed a white-out on us, moved Paretuitonga and fiddled with my lodestone. These bastardly tricks eventuated in our having an unscheduled night at the NZAC Hut on the Whakapapa slopes. We were Mike Freeman and Don French. (Anyone interested in learning how not to navigate in a whiteout please contact the former.)

### **The Quiz of the Century**

I'd heard about a quiz between the three Palmerston North Tramping Clubs when I arrived here three years ago. Over the next couple of years that quiz had come up numerous times in conversations, with the general consensus of opinion being that it was an enjoyable evening and that another should be organised. Laurie Kennedy, Kevin Pearce and Trevor Kitson were approached to submit questions. There were sixteen different subjects for the evening ranging from Topography to Cartography, from skiing to spelling. Trevor Kitson was the quiz Compeer for the evening. Trevor, a past participant in the popular T.V. Quiz show 'MASTER MIND'. With his comparing, the evening was made into an event that those who participated in or watched will remember for some time.

Right from the beginning MUAC and PNTMC battled for the lead. From time to time the audience was asked questions, and proved that the team members were not the only ones with an excellent mountain knowledge. MUAC and PNTMC continued their fierce battle to the 13<sup>th</sup> round when PNTMC gained a slight advantage, which was maintained to the end.

The final results were:

M.T.S.C.	11½
M.U.A.C.	22
P.N.T.M.C.	24½

Let us hope that it will not be three years until the next quiz.

Thank-you to all who participated and assisted in making the evening a success.

The P.N.T.M.C. Team was:

Roddy Henderson (Leader)  
Stephen Moore  
Christine Scott  
Nigel Barlow

### **3 October – Titahi Bay**

A brilliant spring day saw us stuck on the 'main drag' outside Waikanae. "A Screwdriver! My Kingdom for a Screwdriver". We finally arrived at the rock at 11.00 a.m. and began limbering up! After the initial exploratory excursions, we all enjoyed a variety of climbs and ended a long and satisfying day with an exhilarating plunge in to the Tasman Sea (Plimerton Sewage). Catherine Farquhar, Mike Freeman, Don French, Sharon Patterson, Daryl Rowan.

### **STOP PRESS**

Recently the 1982 debating team accepted a challenge from the highly placed Marlborough team Tapuaeauku (2885 m), Mitre (2621 m) and Alarm (2878 m). It is pleasing to be able to report that by taking each opponent on in turn (in the above order) that the local team were successful in each case. Mitre proved to be the most reluctant, aiming stones and lumps of ice at the team, with more than one direct hit. However, this deviant behaviour was finally beaten into submission by 4 or 5 applications of the rope on the most exposed upper parts. Alarm justified its name and proved to be the psychological high point of the contest.

It is believed that superb weather and good snow conditions were encountered during the contest.



**PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB**  
**GUIDE TO TRIP LEADERS**

If you are a trip leader, you have certain jobs and responsibilities. These are set out below:

**A: BEFORE THE TRIP**

1. If you are unable to lead the trip it is your responsibility to inform the Club Trip's Organiser so that another leader can be found.
2. Check that the trip has been advertised correctly to club members.
3. Familiarise yourself with the area you are going to by obtaining maps and talking to others who know the area.
4. Encourage people to put their names down for the trip provided it is within their capability, but keep numbers to manageable levels.
5. Try to finalise details; numbers, transport, by Wednesday or Thursday night for a weekend trip. Last minute changes are not satisfactory – they create confusion.
6. Make sure all members on the trip are capable of doing it and if you have any doubts ask the person details of his tramping experience and also ask an experienced committee member.
7. Decide what club gear is required and inform the Club Gear Custodian in sufficient time.
8. Ensure trip members know when the trip leaves and from where.
9. Ensure trip members have the required equipment.
10. Make out a list, (2 copies), one to be deposited at the Police Station after checking names, just prior to departure, (keep one copy yourself).
11. Inform a responsible club person, preferably one of the 'Overdue Trips' contacts, of the proposed route, etc.
12. Obtain permission, prior to trip, to cross private land if need be.
13. Take a suitable first aid kit and a copy of 'Safety in the Mountains'.

**B: AT MEETING POINT**

1. Check party members names against Police list.
2. Check that trip members have correct gear.
3. Check that drivers know the way to the trip starting point.
4. Deposit list at Police Station.

**C: THE POLICE LIST**

(Make two copies, hand one to the 'Duty Desk' at the Police Station, keep the other so you have full details with you.)

- The format should be:
- a. Club name - Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club.
  - b. Title of trip – area – map number – dates.
  - c. List of people on trip and telephone numbers, (Leader first).
  - d. Information on what transport and where left.
  - e. Proposed route.
  - f. Special equipment taken.

- g. Standard of trip ( e.g. Fit trip into snow.

NOTE:

Circle or underline these two since they are important

- (h. Most Important: Time due  
( back in Palmerston North  
( after which Police should  
( initiate inquiries.  
(i. Leader's name and phone followed  
( by the responsible person's  
( name and phone who knows  
( the trip details), so the  
( Police know who to contact  
( regarding the trip.

**D: ON THE TRIP**

As leader you are responsible for, in the following order:

- i. The safety of the party members.
- ii. The enjoyment of the party members.
- iii. The successful accomplishment of the trip.

Thus:

1. Respect farmer's property, keep to poled access across farm land.'
2. Your party is a unit – you should not split up, strength is in numbers. Make sure the slower members and new members are not left straggling behind by themselves. Place the slower/less experienced members immediately behind the leading person and bring up the rear yourself or arrange for a responsible person to be in the rear.
3. Keep an eye on 'quiet people' who want to be alone and 'aggressive people who feel like exploring. Either can cause headaches if they separate from the party.
4. Don't let the party spread out especially in difficult country and bad weather, crossing bridges, etc.
5. Watch for hesitation or unusual quietness, etc, in tricky situations. Don't let people take risks to keep up with the party.
6. Travel at such a pace that the slowest/inexperienced people still have reserves in case any mishap or tricky situation arises.
7. Allocate jobs to be done at the hut/camp site.
8. Ensure hut/camp site is left clean and tidy.
9. Ensure people know what's happening the next day, and when they are expected to be ready.

**E: AFTER THE TRIP**

1. Ensure drivers are reimbursed for petrol costs.
2. Remove the list from the Police Station.
3. Collect and return part gear to Gear Custodian.
4. Write a trip account.

**REMEMBER** AS A LEADER YOU ARE GIVEN FINAL SAY REGARDING THE TRIP; THE CLUB HAS GIVEN YOU THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SAFETY OF THE TRIP MEMBERS.