



# PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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NEWSLETTER

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## ENQUIRES CONCERNING OVERDUE TRIPS

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ALL TRIPS LEAVE FROM THE FOODTOWN CAR PARK IN FERGUSSON STREET. IF YOU WANT TO GO ON A TRIP, PLEASE ADVISE THE LEADER AT LEAST THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OR WEEKEND TRIP, CONTACT THE LEADER OF THE SCHEDULED TRIP.

Members are reminded that a charge for transport will be collected on the day of the trip, the amount depending on the distance traveled and vehicles used. Leaders should be able to give an estimate in advance.

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## COMING EVENTS:

### 30<sup>th</sup> August – Fair weather trip

A trip with a view of a home town. Easy but long, heading from the Pahiatua Track along the North Range Road to the Manawatu Gorge.

Leader: Chris Morton Ph. 77497  
Grade: Easy  
Departs: Sunday 9am

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Committee Meeting - All members are very welcome to attend.

Time: 7.45 p.m.  
Venue: 28 Carroll St, PN

### 5-6<sup>th</sup> September – Kawhatau, Northwestern Ruahines

A visit to the Hikurangi and flat topped Mokai-Patea Range.

Leader: Urs Schupbach Ph. 80245  
Grade: Medium/fit  
Departs: Saturday 7am

### 6<sup>th</sup> September - Kapakapanui, Southwestern Tararuas

If you feel energetic enough to climb up 1000m go along on this enjoyable trip. Once on the open tops you can expect some excellent views.

Leader: John Barkla Ph. 65844  
Grade: Medium  
Departs: Sunday 7am

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September - Club night**

Graham Peters will talk about his CAVING exploits.

Time: 7.45pm venue : Society of Friends Meeting Rooms  
227 College St, P.N.

### **September 12-13<sup>th</sup> – Open snow weekend, Ruapehu**

Like to do some skiing (the weather must deteriorate soon), climbing, tramping, playing in the snow? This is your chance. We will be based at the MUAC Hut on the Turoa side of the mountain.

Leader: Urs Schupbach Ph. 80245  
Grade: All  
Departs: Friday 6pm

### **20<sup>th</sup> September - Ballantrae**

A voyage through spring. Discover the bounty of newborn life in the pastoral hills. Bring your storm gear - life can be rugged beyond the eastern horizon.

Leader: Roger Redmayne Ph. Woodville 48376  
Grade: Medium  
Departs: Sunday 9am

### **19-20<sup>th</sup> September – Pohangina, Ngamoko**

A tramp up the Pohangina Valley with a possible climb up to the possibly snow covered tops of the Ngamoko Range.

Leader: Trevor Bissell Ph. 73543  
Grade: Medium  
Departs: Saturday 7am.

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Club night**

Debate – PNTMC vs MUAC

"That all people should be charged for the use of crown lands".

Come and support our team who will be endeavouring to retain the coveted trophy.

Time: 7.45pm  
Venue: Society of Friends Meeting Rooms  
227 College St, P.N.

### **26<sup>th</sup> September – Otaki Forks, Tararuas**

A pleasant day trip to Field Hut and, for the keen ones who like to have a good view, a little further to the open tops.

Leader: Damien Eder Ph. 71785  
Grade: Easy/Medium  
Departs: Saturday 8am

### **26-27<sup>th</sup> September - Cattle Ridge, Tararuas**

A chance to visit the upper reaches of the Ruamahanga River. A bit of everything; bush, river, as well as open tops.

Leader: Alan Mountfort Ph. 69115  
Grade: Medium  
Departs: Saturday, 8am

### **NOTICES**

1) New members – we welcome the following new members to the club

John Wright	88 Pahiatua St; P.N.	Ph. 64258
David Susmilch	2/554 Ruahine St, P.N.	Ph. 736S2
Ann Deller	133 Featherston St, P.N.	Ph. 63298
Patrick Janssen	113 College St, P.N.	Ph. 78162

2) Change of address

Catherine Farquhar	38 Holdaway St, Blenheim	Ph. 87168
Dave Barker	9 Chamber St, Havelock North	Ph. 774006
Margaret Riordan	23 Rangiora Ave, P.N.	Ph. 67460

3) The PNTMC Christmas Dinner will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Sherwood at a cost of \$24 per head. Things can get pretty hectic at that time of the year so we are giving you plenty of notice.

#### 4) **SAREX**

This years SAREX (Search and. Rescue Exercise) will be held in the Mangahoe area on the 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> November. PNTMC is asked to supply a team of four search personnel. So keep this weekend free - it is really worthwhile going along.

### **TRIP REPORTS**

#### **11-12<sup>th</sup> July – Introductory Snowcraft**

The group departed Palmerston Nth on Friday night for Ruapehu turning off the Desert Rd up the road to the Tukino ski-field. The road became rather treacherous about 2 km from the track turnoff to Rangipo Hut. Although somewhat reluctant to get out of the vehicles it was a perfect., calm, moonlit night with an enjoyable 2 hour walk to the hut – no torches required. The next morning we set off up the mountain to practise cutting steps and self arresting. A smaller group went higher up the mountain and we met them later on in the afternoon on our way up to have a look at the Whangaehu Gorge.

The next morning the whole party set off west around the mountain to practise the skills learnt on the previous day. A lone pinus contorta tree was attacked by the more enlightened Aborta Contorta veterans among us. We returned to the hut in time for lunch and set out on the return trip shortly afterwards having to negotiate a rather steep slope which we must have climbed up in our sleep on Friday night with our then rather limited snowcraft skills. We had good weather all weekend.

We were: Daryl & Linda Rowan, Peter Wiles & Trevor Bissell - Instructors  
Janet Baird, Jenny Madgwick, Lorraine Bray, Jenny Dymock, Alan Mountfort, Marilyn Barnard, Pat Janssen, David Newstead, Urs Schupbach, Ruth Habegger, Michael Scheyvens.

#### **1-2<sup>nd</sup> August – Makaretu Hut – Longview Hut – Eastern Ruahines**

We left Palmerston Nth on Saturday morning expecting a wet weekend but as soon as we hopped out of the car at Moorcock Base the clouds disappeared (they must have seen us!). After the annoying farm track to Moorcock Saddle the real tramping began. We climbed a ridge, enjoyed the views and dropped down to the: North Branch of the Makaretu River to cool our hot feet. We stopped at Awatere Hut for lunch, looking forward to the boulder through the great scenery of the river. The water was as clear as glass and the stones afforded a firm hold so we reached the junction of the south branch in the early afternoon. The boulders in the south branch were really greasy but it was so great strolling along in the bush that we passed Makaretu Hut. As the track started to climb we thought that we had gone too far and after a lot of compass work we found the hut right beside the track! The fire was already going but the hunters gave it up and shifted to Happy Daze Hut. We enjoyed our stew and the whole night without them. We just had trouble with the question: warm and smokey (window closed) or cold and not smokey (window open). ...

Next morning a brilliant and clear day made us jump out of our sleeping bags. We left the hut at 8am and climbed through the refreshing bush towards the tops. Under a marvellous blue sky we strolled along the leatherwood covered ridge but barely got a view of the snow capped Ngamoko Range. At one of the last sheltered spots we stopped for a short snack before we got up onto the windy tops. What a breeze but we made it to Longview Hut without being blown away. After lunch we rushed over the last wind exposed part of the track, took a last look at the Ngamoko Range and descended to calmer conditions. All of a sudden we found ourselves back at the Moorcock Saddle, in front of the farm track to the car.

We were Dave McCann, Urs Schupbach .and Ruth Habegger

#### **9<sup>th</sup> August – Atene walkway, Wanganui River**

It was a beautiful early spring day with some mist up the Wanganui River valley and the Aterie Walkway in the newly created Whanganui National Park certainly lived up to its reputation. Described as a skyline walk it followed a circular route along the ridge tops the whole way. We did the trip anticlockwise starting from the Wanganui River Rd just past the little village of Atene. For the first leg of the trip we climbed up through the mist to the Taupiri Trig. The second leg continued around with views of Ruapehu to the right and the city of Wanganui to the left. We came upon the second trig 'and descended down to a clearing in the bush with a shelter and water supply and stopped for lunch. After a short nap in the warm sunshine for some of us we continued on around with views of the Wanganui River to the right and the little settlement of Ahu Ahu made famous by its commune, the,"Ahu Ahu Ohu". To the left we could see an old, dry river loop made by the Wanganui River before cutting through and taking its present shorter route. The track gave way to an old roadway which eventually led into farmland and back to the road about 2km upriver of the starting point. An excellent walkway of about 5-6 hours enjoyed by all.

We were: John, Marilyn, Phil, Kathy, Jenny, Christine, Lorraine, Gordon.

## **6-8th February – A three day medium Southern Main Range, Tararuas**

The Southern Main Range is normally done as an FE trip, often with a Friday night walk up to Field's Hut, from Otaki Forks. The idea was to use the long weekend to reduce the grading of the trip to medium/fit; good idea - yes/no? Read on!

Five hours effort took us up the Judd Ridge past Fields to the old Vosseler Hut site on Bridge Peak. Progress OK; decided to have lunch and continue north along the Main Range towards Maungahuka Hut. By McIntosh progress we were very slow & tired; decided to descend to the Pakihore Ridge to look for a campsite in the bush; 2 shooters directed us to a good one.

Next morning conference: out via Pakihore Ridge and Penn Creek or continue? Decision: continue. Tararua Peaks craggy and travel was very slow – arrived at Maungahuka at midday. Retreat back to Pakihore Ridge for the night and go out the next day; or continue? Decision: continue. Arrived at Anderson's Memorial Hut at 8pm to find that the hut was full, so fly camped nearby.

Next morning the weather was misty and drizzly with a wind blowing. We were overtaken by the other occupants of the hut a kilometre north of Anderson's. During the descent from Shoulder Knob to the Otaki River (and Waitewaewae Hut) we were overtaken by two of the other occupants again. They had wandered down the wrong spur in the mist and had mucked around in leatherwood for an hour before climbing up again for a second attempt. Our batteries were recharged by a leisurely lunch in the sun at Waitewaewae before the long drudge out (7pm at the car).

There was a sense of satisfaction in having completed the trip but we had certainly made full use of the long summer days.

Party: Trevor Bissell, Trish Eder, Bruce Ward, Rosemary Watson.

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