



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.

COMING EVENTS:

27th September - PNTMC – MUAC Debate

The annual debate against MUAC, an evening of humour and wit. The topic of debate is "The era of the "true" alpinist has now past". A topic you can really get into. A great evening guaranteed so come along and support your team. We (PNTMC) have held the trophy for the last 4 years and with your support can make 5.

Organiser:	John Wright Ph 82041
Venue:	Massey University SSLB2 lecture theatre Social Sciences lecture block.
Time:	7:45pm
Ask John (82041) for directions to get there.	

NOTE: The debate is being held on Tuesday so there will be no club night on Thursday 29th – but please come along and support your team.

1st - 2nd October - Caving at Matoenui

The caving element of the club has emerged again! Mark is going to lead a trip to Mahoenui, a caving area near New Plymouth. This is a trip for all, experienced and inexperienced, gear can be hired for those that need it. A great opportunity for those that have never been caving before.

Leader:	Mark Bown ph 70122
Grade:	All
Departs:	Friday 6pm.

1st October - Balantrae Farm - Woodville

A days walking around the DSIR research farm near Woodville. Rodger will point out all the interesting sights and show you the ins and out around the place. The walk will finish about 4:30 and bring some food along if you'd like to stay on for the evening BBQ.

Leader:	Rodger Redmayne ph Woodville 48316
Grade:	Medium
Departs:	9:30 am Hope Road, Woodville

6th October - Committee Meeting

Venue: 75 Fairs Rd
Time: 7:45pm

8th October - Manawatu Gorge Trip

Another attempt at this pleasant walk along the southern side of the Manawatu Gorge, starting from the Palmerston side and finishing in the Gorge Scenic Reserve.

Leader: John Wright ph 82041
Grade: Easy
Departs: Saturday 9am

9th October - Longview Hut, Ruahines

Visit this delightful spot - on the dry (?) eastern side of the Ruahines.

Leader: Chris Morton
Grade: Medium
Departs: Sunday 7:30 am

13th October - Club night

John Barkla will be talking about his and Marilyn's travels in South America. Their trip took in several countries with a variety of peoples, terrain and tramping. Come along for an evening of slides and stories.

Venue: Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms
227 College St, Palmerston North
Time: 7:45pm

16th October - Kumeti - Ruahines

A day walk into the eastern Ruahines, west of Dannevirke. A chance to get out onto the Tararua (sic) tops, weather permitting, with views east towards Hastings and west across to Palmerston.

Leader: Tricia Eder ph 70122
Grade: Easy
Departs: Sunday 7am

22-24th October - Labour Weekend – Mt Hikurangi

At 1623 metres above sea level, Mount Hikurangi is the highest point in the Raukumara Range near the East Cape. It is also the first point in NZ which sees the morning sun; the keener people may like to climb the mountain before sunrise to see this event. The Gisborne Canoe and Tramping Club Hut on the northern slopes will provide a good base from which to climb the mountain. We can perhaps even try a little rock climbing on Wharekia, which is an amazing axe blade of rock rearing out of the farm land below the hut.

We will drive to Wairoa and will hopefully spend Friday evening at a shearers' quarters on a farm near Te Reinga. On Saturday morning we will continue via Gisborne and Ruatoria (where have I heard that name before?) and up the Tapuaeroa Valley. We will then cross the Pokihiroa Station to the hut.

Leaders: Urs Scupbach and Trevor Bissell
Grading: Medium and fit
Cost: \$30- \$50 depending on transport arrangements
Departs: Friday 6pm

27th October - Club Night

Lyndon Badcoe will show slides of the Milford Track. This country is renowned for its beautiful views, waterfalls and sandflies! Take the opportunity to bring along friends who may be interested in tramping the Milford.

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227 College St, Palmerston North
Time: 7:45pm

29th October – Kapiti Island

Your chance to visit an island sanctuary of some of New Zealand's rarest birds. On the island are stitch birds, saddlebacks, little spotted kiwis and many others. We will take a launch across to the island in the morning (and return about 4pm), and will have to wade ashore as landings are not permitted. This trip is limited to 20 people as John only has a permit for that number, so first to contact him will be taken. The cost for this trip is about \$30.

Leader: John Wright ph 82041
Grade: All
Departs: Saturday 6:30 am

NOTICES

Club Events and Future Trips

A number of Club activities are being planned - keep your eye on the newsletter or come along to club night to find out what is going on.

Coming Up:

- Search and Rescue Exercise (11-12 Nov.),
- Aborta Contorta Work Party - to Tongariro National Park to aid in the eradication of Pinus Contorta
- Christmas Dinner at the Coachman Restaurant - start dieting now the food is guaranteed to be excellent. Thursday 24th November - mark it in your diary NOW.

New Members

P.N.T.M.C. welcomes the following new members:

Marion Casey, 7 Kingston St, P.N. ph 82544
Joan O'Neill, 63 Florence Ave, P.N. ph 73607
Craig Crosse, 11 MacClaurin St, Dannevirke. ph 49343

No Rubbish!

PNTMC has always held with "what you carry in - you carry out" and would like to bring to your attention a notice from the Department of Conservation Tararua Forest Park Advisory Committee. At present they are implementing a "user rubbish removal trial" in the Holdsworth area. This means that there will be no rubbish disposal facilities and you are asked to carry out all your rubbish. The area includes: Powell, Jumbo and Mountainhouse.

New Charges for Huts

From December 1st D.O.C. will be making new charges on its huts and camping grounds. There will be four price categories dependent on the facilities provided from category 1 hut with full facilities to huts with no facilities being free.

Costs:	Category	Adult	Child
	1 hut	\$15	\$5
	2 hut	\$10	\$5
	3 hut	\$5	\$2.50
	No facilities	free	free

Manawatu Crippled Children Society

The Society is seeking people to collect during appeal week - Tues 22 - Sat 26 November 1988. Anyone will to collect in their own area or in Sheena's area please contact Sheena Taylor - 76-665 (home) or 62311 (work). Thank you.

TRIP REPORTS

Ngamoko Range, Ruahines - 27 August

An 8 am start and an uneventful ride up through Kimbolton and Apiti to the end of the Table Flat Rd saw us on the track soon after 9:30. The weather couldn't have been better and going up through the bush on the lower slopes saw most people comfortable in T-shirts. Above the bush line with scattered snow and leatherwood and tussock, the air was a little cooler & the lunch stop on the main ridge just after mid-day saw everyone in jerseys, parkas and overtrousers although we were sitting on a northern slope in the full sunshine. The view was across the upper Pohangina Valley (here lying in the Wellington Fault), the head water basin of the Manawatu River, inland Hawkes Bay with the Takapau Plains on the skyline. Then an hour's trip along the main ridge to Toka with a complete snow cover. To the south lay Dannevirke, to the north the high peaks of the Ruahine Range. Toka (1625m/5005 feet) is the highest peak south of the Orua Valley. We followed the loop track down, thus doing a circuit of the Upper Coal Creek catchment to be back at the cars just after 4pm. Liz and Jenny did the alternative Short Track Loop. A 1st rate trip.

Party: Jenny Madgewick, Liz Morrison, Leslie Haines Helen Svensson, Barry Scott, Mick Leyland, Dave Hunt, Jeremy Cole, Terry Coburn Tony Williams.

Ohau Shelter - 7th August 1988

Woke up to a nice sunny day. Met at Foodtown an hour later than originally decided. Still got a lay in. Took 2 cars and headed towards Levin. Came to a bridge which we thought was the start but it had a gate with a padlock on it so we just carried on and came across a very narrow one. Parked just over it. Most of us brought wet weather gear which we left in the car. Walked across a few fields which were quite dry compared to the rest. Got onto the track and waked pleasantly toward Ohau Shelter. Mud got slowly worse and became slippery nearer the hut especially for those without boots. Got to the shelter (if you can call it that) in time for lunch. Sat down by the river and sunbathed. A lovely spot and it was hard to get moving again into the shade. Headed back the way we had come. The pace felt like it had quickened. A few falls on slippery rocks but otherwise we all got back feeling fine having enjoyed the day out in the sun.

We were: Julian Dalefield, Joan O'Neill, Margaret Riordan (Leader), Marion Carey, Marion Smith, Vivien Harris, Christine Cheyne, Robert, Vicki and 2 friends.

Wharite from Coppermine - Easy Day 17th July

It was great to have trip members who weren't deterred by the miserable weather, and miserable it was as we left P.N. in the rain with little prospect of the weather improving. Coming in from Coppermine Rd end there is a super new track above

the creek on the true right - ideal for families and pint-sized trampers. The track is not yet complete and so we didn't get our feet wet until we got to the end of where the track had been cut up to, and we had to go down and carry on up the creek. Thanks guys you're doing a great job.

Wearing storm gear and keeping on the move we almost reached the turn-off point to Wharite Station before having a short lunch stop. It was too cold to hang around, so some of us retraced our steps, while the keener ones went on to the turnoff to Wharite before following us down.

Unfortunately there were no views out through the grey murk and leatherwood, but the cold wet bush air was different and we enjoyed being out in the elements, for a short time anyway.

We were: Gordon Derricott, Marion Carey, Joan O'Neill, Monica Cantwell, Julian Dalefield, Tricia Eder, Trevor Bissell.

September 3-4 - Ahukawakawaka Swamp - Egmont National Park

The early morning departure from Palmerston North was delayed by two hours waiting for flood waters to recede so roads could be re-opened. Consequently we didn't leave North Egmont until after a noon cup of tea. The route up Veronica Track to the Round the Mountain Track was inviting - that was until we hit the full force of the south-easterlies. Undeterred we continued around to Holly Hut in clearing weather with lovely waterfalls cascading over the bluffs. A break at the hut to visit Bell Falls and then back to walking. The swamp has a broad-walk across it making the travel quite easy. The vegetation is interesting and in summer a greater variety of plants can be seen. Up the ridge to Pouakai and along to Pouakai Hut for the night. A lovely view out over New Plymouth and the sea.

Sunday we travelled around sidling Maude Peak and over Henry Peak down to Kaiui Track and Kaiui Hut. The terrain is quite mixed - windfall, scrambling up and down creek beds and then the final stroll up the lower portion of Veronica Track back to North Egmont.

A wonderful mix of country, views; vegetation and weather. Looks like a good fit day trip in the summer although the tourist population may be *(unfinished)*

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