



# PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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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

1990 - a new year and time to plan ahead for those tramping trips read on ....

### 1<sup>st</sup> February - Committee Meeting

All members welcome to attend - committee members a reminder that this is the first meeting of the year.

Venue: 436 College St  
Time: 7:45pm

### 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> February - Putangirua Pinnacles

This is a popular area on the southern coast. Camping at the beach and easy walking. A great place to be in summer.

Leader: Terry Coburn ph. 86-391  
Grade: Family  
Departs: Saturday am

### 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> February - Whanganui Bay

Jenny is prepared to organise a trip for rock climbing enthusiasts to this popular spot on Lake Taupo. Camping sites are available at the Bay, there is a cover charge to use this area. This is a rock climbing trip for those who know what to do - it is not an instruction trip.

Leader: Jenni Madgwick ph.590-536  
Grade: Experienced  
Departs: Friday pm Returns: Tuesday pm

### 8<sup>th</sup> February - Club Night

Tonight we welcome Doug Strachen home from his global wanderings over the past two years and look forward to seeing his slides and hear his adventures of one months stay in Turkey. All welcome.

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

### **10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> February - Kaimanawas**

A. trip in the Kaimanawas – north of the Ruahines - plenty of scope here for river travel and tops travel with views of the volcanoes on a summer's day.

Leader: Daniel Schupbach ph. 80-245  
Grade: Medium-Fit  
Departs: Friday pm

### **11<sup>th</sup> February - Beehive Creek**

Now that Doug has returned from his overseas travels it's time to familiarise himself with the Manawatu once again! A family trip to this popular walk. An easy trip especially suited for children and the young of heart as you amble up the creek!

Leader: Doug Strachen ph. 75-732  
Grade: Easy/Family  
Departs: To be arranged

### **17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February - Egmont**

Ready for a change from the usual rambles? How about a trip to Egmont National Park? Plenty of opportunity for a variety of easy-medium trips, check with Dave to see what he has in store.

Leader: Dave Newstead ph. 79-080  
Grade: Easy/Medium  
Departs: Friday 6pm?

### **18<sup>th</sup> February - Ohau River**

This trip is an annual pilgrimage to the Ohau River via Ohau Shelter and then back by the river. Great in summer as in many years there are pools in the river which can be swum. Don't forget your togs or at least dry clothes for the finish.

Leader: Terry Crippen ph. 63-588  
Grade: Easy and wet  
Departs: Sunday 8am

### **17-21<sup>st</sup> February - Tararua Traverse**

John plans a five day Tararua traverse for the fit. You will need to arrange a couple of days off work but, knowing John's tendency for finding more obscure and less frequented areas to visit, it will be worth it.

Leader: John Thomson ph. 74-320  
Grade: Fit  
Departs: To be arranged

### **22<sup>nd</sup> February - Club Night**

What did you get up to over the holiday break? Tonight we will hear from Club members who were wandering in the hills. A selection of 10 slides from each speaker. Please contact Tricia ph. 70-122 if you would like to take part in the evenings entertainment.

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

### **24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> February - Ruahine Ramblings**

Up the Oroua River to Iron Gate and Triangle Huts, stopping at Triangle for the night. On Sunday up onto the range behind Rangī Hut then down to the transport via the Rangī Track. Have a look at your map there's a variety of river and ridge travel.

Leader: Chris Morton ph. 77-497  
Grade: Medium  
Departs: Saturday 6am

### **25<sup>th</sup> February - Rangī Direct**

Gavin's trip is suitable for families (9 years and older). There is a well formed track up to Rangī complete with a high arch bridge over the creek. You'll be at the hut for lunch and a look around.

Leader: Gavin Rogerson ph. 34-702  
Grade: Easy/Family  
Departs: Sunday 8am (check with Gavin)

### **1<sup>st</sup> March - Committee Meeting**

At Brad's Place. Open to Committee members and interested club members.

Venue: 436 College St  
Time: 7:45pm

### **2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> March - PHAB Family Camp at Punawaitai**

Manawatu PHAB Club invites everyone to join them with a fun sunny weekend at Pourerere Beach, near Waipawa. Punawaitai is a beautiful warm sunny spot in the Hawkes Bay region. The beach has lovely firm sand, there are easy bush walks, fishing and eeling nearby. At the homestead we have the use of the swimming pool, croquet lawn and tennis court. Accommodation is in the shearing quarters which are clean and homely. There are 20 bunks and ample space for pitching tents. A gas fired BBQ is available for Saturday night's tea. Cost \$50 approx. which includes 2 night accommodation, all meals from Friday supper to Sunday lunch and transport.

The Manawatu PHAB Club is a social club which promotes integration socially between people with disabilities and the non-disabled. Please come and join us. For further information please contact Sheena Taylor at home ph. 76-665 or work ph. 62-311.

Leader: Sheena Taylor ph. 76-665  
Grade: Relaxing and fun  
Departs: Friday evening

### **4<sup>th</sup> March - Ruahines Day**

Chris is ready to stretch the legs after a month back at work. A day trip in the Ruahines - east or west?? Check with Chris for details.

Leader: Chris Saunders ph. 84-899  
Grade: Medium  
Departs: Sunday early

**5<sup>th</sup> March** - Check at the Club Night in February for details on tonight's meeting and invited guest. Venue to be announced.

### **11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March - Dundas Ridge**

Well the winter trips to Dundas Ridge in the Tararua were eventful due to the strong winds and white out conditions. But Mary figures on a nice sunny day along the tops. Should be great.

Leader: Mary Crow ph. 297-868  
Grade: Fit  
Departs: Friday 6pm ?

### **10<sup>th</sup> March - Eastern Ruahine**

A medium-fit trip into the eastern Ruahines from the Tukituki River, up Roswells Track to Black Ridge and then down to Daphne Hut. From this well equipped hut (light switches and toaster) amble back to the car down the Tukituki River. A super trip covering a variety of country.

Leader: Jeremy Cole ph. 83-640  
Grade: Medium/Fit  
Departs: Saturday 6am

### **15<sup>th</sup> March - Club Night**

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

### **17<sup>th</sup> March - Ruahine Crossing**

Join Brad for a fit crossing in from the Oroua River across to Pohangina Saddle and out on the east.

Leader: Brad Owen ph. 83-467

Grade: Fit  
Departs: Saturday early

**18<sup>th</sup> March - Stanfield Hut and Cattle Creek**

Leader: Dave Hunt ph. 63-853  
Grade: Medium  
Departs: Sunday am

**24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> March - Iron Gate Hut via Tunipo**

Terry is set to take the long way to Iron Gate Hut in the Oroua. Going in via the ridge and tops to the west of the hut and dropping back down to the river for the night. A more leisurely day out on Sunday.

Leader: Terry Coburn ph. 86-391  
Grade: Medium  
Departs: Saturday morning

**25<sup>th</sup> March - Day Trip to Kapiti Island**

Be in quick to get your names down for this trip. Kapiti Island is a DOC reserve for native birds - forest and shore dwellers. Take the boat across to the island (landing on the island is not permitted so be prepared to wade in) and spend the day checking out the wildlife. Two tracks to choose from - a low level track or track straight up the ridge.

Leader: Ann Young ph. 70-153  
Grade: Easy/Family  
Departs: Sunday early

**29<sup>th</sup> March - Club Night - AGM**

Please come along and support your Club as decisions are made for the next year. A new committee will be selected to steer the activities.

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

**31<sup>st</sup> March-1<sup>st</sup> April - Tararuas**

John's back into the Tararuas again! Up the Ohau River and headed over and out down to Otaki Forks. Which route John?

Leader: John Thomson ph. 74-320  
Grade: Medium/Fit  
Departs: Saturday 7am

**1<sup>st</sup> April – Day Trip in the Tararuas**

Otaki Forks to Te Waitawaiwai.

Leader: Tony Cameron ph. 65-461  
Grade: Easy/Medium  
Departs: Sunday 8am

**7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March - Baring Head**

Rock climbing, bouldering, fishing or relaxing. The weekend trip is to Baring Head near Wellington.

Leader: Jenni Madgwick ph. 590-536  
Grade: Mixed  
Departs: Saturday 8am

**7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> April -Simply Tramping**

In the Tararuas.

Leader: Graham Peters ph. 65-581  
Grade: Medium  
Departs: Saturday 7am

**NOTICES**

**\* Wanted ideas and a Leader** for an Easter trip. A four day weekend provides an opportunity to go a bit further a field.

**\* Congratulations to Ruth and Urs -**

Ulrich Thomas Schupbach was born on December 30 1989 in Switzerland. All the family are well.

### **\* PNTMC T-Shirts For Sale**

Summer or winter – it's time to buy a t-shirt with the Club's emblem on it. Help promote the Club by wearing one in the hills and about town.

Contact:	Terry Crippen	ph. 63-588.
Sizes:	SM & M	
Colours:	fawn, blue, red	
Price:	\$15 each	

### **\* Thoughts for the New Year (Thank you Monica)**

"Accomplishment is when you use your extra strength to help someone else rather than get to the to first."

"The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher."

### **\* ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM!)**

PNTMC's AGM is held on the last Thursday in the month of March. The Committee is the driving force behind the Club's activities and as such requires the assistance of people who are keen to get out in the hills and, better still, keen that others join them in the hills. If you can make time available and are prepared to help out please consider joining the committee.

### **TRIP REPORTS**

So ...you enjoyed your trips away in the hills over the Christmas New Year break. Well... how about sharing your trip with the rest of us in the form of a brief trip report. Where did you go? How was the weather? Any special hints or tips for trips in the area in the future.

### **THE ANGLO-ITALIAN INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITION TO DUNDAS RIDGE HUT :**

2, 3, 4<sup>th</sup> Dec.

I've been on a couple of in complete Dundas Ridge club trips over the years, being hailed and blown off on one occasion and generally miseried off on the other. Earlier this year a PNTMC group retreated off the ridge due to wind and rain and exited over Herepai. It was therefore with some apprehension that I waited for the Dundas Ridge weekend to arrive and didn't know whether to feel happy or sorry when no one had filled in the trip sheet left at the club night. There had been no phone calls by midweek so the dilemma of having to go on my own or call it off seemed probable. Then Giorgio rang - he was in NZ for 6 months, had been up Toka the weekend before and was full of enthusiasm. Over the phone he didn't sound the sort of joker who wouldn't be put off by a bit of wind or rain or even a full blooded hurricane for that matter.

When we got to the dam it was windy in the forest and the tops were in cloud so we decided to sneak up on the Dundas Ridge via Ham's Creek and West Peak. The start of the track up West Peak was not obvious and we spent some time fossicking around in the boggy bits at the bottom, then we were off following the blazes. Hours later we arrived on top in thick cloud that was whizzing by at about 100kph.

When we got to the small tarns that are shown on the map to be above Dundas Ridge Hut we could not see any natural physical features to follow and were fortunate to find an arrow set out in stones on the ground. There seemed only one sensible reason for the arrow. We reached the hut after 10 hours of tramping. I was glad this was only a medium trip.

We both overslept on Sunday morning and did not get away until 0915 hours. We were to regret this at the end of the day.

We slithered up the slippery slope to the ridge only to find the wind was worse than the day before and that visibility was still 10 to 20 meters. It took 3 and a half hours for 2 kms, traversing through the tussock on the leeward side and then when that got too bluffy, we had an exciting stagger along the ridge. We made a couple of short but energy sapping errors down wrong spurs off Dundas and Triangle before picking up the start of the bush track down to Avalanche Flats. At 2030 we arrived at Harris Ck Hut. Should we stop for a comfortable night or risk an uncomfortable night trying to get out on time? The next morning at the dam as we were tossing soggy gear into the car I asked Giorgio what he thought of the trip - "Oh, I thought it was a lovely tour" he replied. A positive attitude like that is a delight to behold – it wasn't the phrase I had in mind.

Giorgio Costa and Brad Owen.

### **FAMILY DAY TRAMP TO BLUE RANGE HUT - SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Our enthusiastic group of 17 left the Foodtown carpark at 8:01 am on a gloriously fine morning. At 9:30am we headed off from the Kiriwhakapapa Road end - the junior front runners maintaining a good pace, through the bush speckled in sunlight. The leader suggested a rest at 10:30 and everyone enjoyed a 10 minute scroggin stop.

We reached the hut about midday, spending some time at the Rocky Lookout to take in the outstanding view - Peggy Peak, Mitre, Brockett, Table Ridge, Pukematawai, Bannister, Cattle Ridge and Cattle Ridge Hut - binoculars were very useful. A leisurely lunch was enjoyed and we departed at 1:00pm, reaching the carpark about 3 o'clock which allowed some (brave??) people test the temperature of the stream. A great day for beginners and everyone else thanks to the fitness of the party and the brilliant weather.

Those participating were:- Chris and Glenice Saunders with Roderick, Fiona and Alasdair; Gavin Rogerson with Matthew and Scot; Cynthia Byrce?, with Sarah, Amy and Melissa, Catherine Simmsen, Alison McColl, Tony Cameron, Monica Cantwell and Maureen Woodruff.