

PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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TRIPS OFTEN LEAVE FROM THE FOODTOWN CAR PARK IN FERGUSSON STREET UNLESS THE LEADER ARRANGES OTHERWISE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING 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.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A DAY TRIP MID-WEEK SEE DETAILS BELOW, OR RING Lawson and Sue Pither (357-3033), or Monica (354-3834), Nancy (358-8241), John (358-3513).

Trip Grades

Grade of trips can depend on many factors, most especially the weather and state of the track. As a guide, a reasonably proficient trumper would be expected to cover the graded trips in about the following times: Easy (E) 3 – 4 hours, Medium (M) 5 – 6 hrs, Fit (F) about 8 hrs, Fitness Essential (FE) >8 hrs. (Tech) refers to trips graded technical requiring either special skills and / or gear.

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.

THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAMME

Please sign your name in the visitors book. There is a door fee of 30c which includes supper.

Club meetings are held for all club (and intending) members on the last Thursday of each month and the Thursday two weeks prior to that evening. The venue is the Society of Friends Hall, 227 College Street, Palmerston North, at 7:45 pm unless otherwise notified in the newsletter.

The PNTMC committee meets on the first Thursday of each month.

SCHEDULED EVENT LIST

NOVEMBER

Committee meeting: 3rd. Club Nights: 10th and 24th.

NOVEMBER 10 FMC President, Hugh Barr and Murray Presland, will be coming up from Wellington to speak about issues that are confronting all of us who enjoy our mountains and bush environments. They will address matters

relating to pastoral leases, Treaty of Waitangi claims and access. Any local issues can be discussed and a question and answer time will be available. Club members are asked to extend an invitation to anyone who may be interested in this subject.

Members should be at the hall at 7.30 so that we can get our business out of the road without too much delay. There will be \$1/head door charge to assist with expenses.

NOVEMBER 24 Tony Banks will be sharing the experiences he had while on a cycling tour through Malaysia and his mountain climbing excursions during a nine-month stay in the Philippines.

Date	Trip	Grade	Leader	Phone
NOVEMBER 12-13	Purity-Hawkes Bay-Waterfall	F	Terry Crippen	356-3588

DEPT Friday night 6-30 pm staying at Purity Hut. It will be an- early start on Saturday morning to traverse the Hawkes Bay Ridge from Iron Peg to Ohuinga Trig. Superb views from this vantage point. From here, we will go down to a great hut called Waterfall Hut to spend the night. On Sunday the route out, will be chosen from various possibilities and will depend upon the group.

NOVEMBER 13	Roaring Stag	E/M	Peter Stockdale	355-5277
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DEPT 8:00 am A popular tramp, if you haven't been on it, then this is your opportunity. If you are wanting to do independently a fitter day trip, you can always dump your gear at Roaring Stag Hut and head up to Cattle Ridge, this option will add approximately another 2-3 hours.

NOVEMBER 19-20	Holly Hut Taranaki	E/M	Malcolm Parker	357-5203
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DEPT 7 am: Saturday. We will be going in from the Puniho Rd end on the Okato side. It is a gentle, high grade track into a beautiful spot, Holly Flat, on Egmont. A chance to view the spectacular Bells Falls & perhaps check out the Ahukawakawa Swamp. Hut pass or 2 tickets required. A good overnight trip for first time weekend trampers.

NOVEMBER 19-20	Snow Caving Ruapehu	F/T	Tony Gates	357-7439
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This trip is postponed until next weekend.

NOVEMBER 20	Diggers-Forks loop	E/M	Mick Leyland	358-3183
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DEPT 7:30 am Sunday. Last year, this was a very popular trip. There was such positive feedback that Mick has decided to revisit the area. This time, however, he is doing the trip in the reverse direction. Starting from Frank Arbends road end, we will be going up stream then across country to Forks Hut. From there we will go down the stream, climb up on to Centre Ridge, go down to Diggers and back across the farm land.

NOVEMBER 26	Otaki Forks	Family/E/M	Linda Rowan	356-4655
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This trip is postponed until next weekend December 3-4. The day trip for this weekend will be organised at club night. Please consult with the person who is fronting the meeting, 24th Nov.

NOVEMBER 26-27	Snow Caving Ruapehu	F/T	Tony Gates	357-7439
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The snow caving trip has been rescheduled to this weekend.

NOVEMBER 27	SAR ORIENTEERING		Mick Leyland	358-3183
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Mick is the club's SAR contact and he is organising the club's teams for this event. If you have any queries please contact him.

DECEMBER

Committee meeting: 1st Club Night: 8th. As is usual there will be no 2nd club night scheduled for 22nd.

DECEMBER 8 CLUB NIGHT BBQ VENUE: Brian Lawrence's Penny Road 324-8552
This is the last club night for 1994. We will be holding the Annual Christmas dinner. The venue is Brian Lawrence's place at Mt Stewart. From here great views can be had of the Manawatu while enjoying a delicious meal amongst friendly company. The meal is semi-potluck with BYO drinks and bring salad and dessert to share. We will supply chicken and a few other goodies – cover charge \$5/head. Also club awards will be presented to 'deserving' members, so start thinking of all those memorable / humorous incidents, and get your nominations into the committee. Pauline Coy will be coordinating, so get your name and cash to her ASAP. Ph 354-9126. Re directions to Brian's place – see map below and his house (about 1 km down Penny Road) is the second on the right, past some pines on the left. Name is on the gate.

Date	Trip	Grade	Leader	Phone
DECEMBER 3				
DECEMBER 3	Otaki Forks	Family/E/M	Linda Rowan	356-4655

The day trip that was going to be led by Malcolm to Harris Creek has been cancelled. An alternative trip will be organised at club night on 24th Nov. Please consult with the person who is fronting the meeting.

Daryl and Linda will be going down to Otaki Forks on Saturday and will , be camping over night there, with their family. They will be tramping in the area on Saturday and having a BBQ on Saturday evening.

DECEMBER 3-4 Mangahao-Avalanche Flats M Andrew Carvell 359-0935
DEPT 7 am: If you missed out on Richard's trip to this area, here is another opportunity for you to go to the almost new hut at Mangahao Flats. DOC has recently done some work installing a new bridge over Harris creek, so you will be able to check that out too. Tramping time to the hut is approximately 5hrs. Hut pass or 2 tickets required.

DECEMBER 10-11 No Mans-Dead Dog 4WD/Mtn Bike Tony Gates 357-7439

DECEMBER 10-11 Te Hekenga Crossing M/F Llew Prichard 358-2217
DEPT 5:00am Saturday morning from P.Nth. Llew is going to lead this trip in place of Peter. With the early start there will be plenty of daylight hours to cross the Range from Rangī to Howletts Hut. An excellent trip on a nice day, a challenging trip if it's not.

DECEMBER 11 Daphne Hut M Richard Lockett 323-6489
DEPT 7:30am Sunday morning. Driving to the Moorcock Road end, from there we will tramp over the farm land, and up the Tukituki River to Daphne Hut. The intention is to meet up with the group that is doing the Te Hekenga Crossing.

DECEMBER 17-18 Whangaehu Hut/Ruapehu F/T Peter Wiles 358-6894
Leaving about 6 pm on Friday evening.

DECEMBER 18 To Be Arranged E/M Tricia Eder 357-0122
Please consult with the people at the BBQ.

Xmas trips ideas

DECEMBER 27-04 Kahurangi Nat Park M Tony Gates 357-7439

Followed by:

JANUARY 07-15 Arthurs Pass 3-Pass M Terry Crippen 356-3588

January trips local contact Tricia -357-0122
BBQ 26th January 1995. Venue to be advised in the next newsletter.

EDITORIAL

Colin Hancock of MACPAC gave us an interesting talk on the merits and advances in the packs, tents and sleeping bag segments of their gear range. Certainly MACPAC do not let the grass grow under their feet. If they see a segment in the market they are into it in no time at all. They are constantly innovating, modifying and improving. Just where some of these developments are going to eventually end up is hard to guess. (Some ideas, in my view, are getting into the bells and whistles phase of a product's development cycle.) The customers are paying for some of these fancy features whether they really want them or not.

Don't forget that MACPAC offers a comprehensive repair service on their take your item into Mountain Equipment and they will send it on.

Also perhaps not so widely known is that MACPAC will sell separate items that are part of an assembly such as tent pegs, poles or flies.

We will be interested in what next year's developments bring.

NOTICES

NEW MEMBERS

Please extend a warm welcome to:

Phillip Brown
14B Milson Line
PN., Ph. 355-1389

Alan Bee
124 Tremaine Avenue
PN., Ph. 354-9180

and Warren Wheeler
41 Alfred Street
PN., Ph. 356-3804

Good tramping guys!

THURSDAY TRAMPING GROUP

Actual location of the trips will depend on factors closer to the date, but the following schedule of events is listed below -so contact the leaders.

NOVEMBER 10	PHIL PEARCE	354-6687
NOVEMBER 17	JUDY STOCKDALE	355-5277
NOVEMBER 24	DUG WAKELING	323-4127
DECEMBER 1	MONICA CANTWELL	354-3834

After 1st December, we will have a break until late January. Anyone wishing to go out during December or January, please ring through the list.
Monica & Sue.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

If you are unable to make it or expect to be late, please ensure that your apology is forwarded to the secretary in advance. Next meeting at place Tricia's place 57 Fiars Road.

Hut passes continue to be available \$40 each.

TRIP REPORTS

Don't forget (leaders) please get your trip reports in or use your short lived powers to delegate to an unsuspecting team member. How about a letter to the editor, perhaps, or some good gossip, or a poem or what ever.

SAREX '94

Instead of a SAREX in the Manawatu District this year, the Police have offered to sponsor SAR personnel from local clubs to attend the "Smedley Medley", an orientation event in Hawkes Bay to be held on Sunday November 27. The intent is that by participating., club members will test their navigation skills and fitness. Sponsorship will comprise the Police covering the \$20 entry fee and supplying bus transport to and from Smedley Station in southern Hawkes Bay.

Teams may be made up of between 2&4 persons. Teams from this area will participate in the "B" course. Certain equipment must be carried. In addition to race clothes, equipment must include:

1. Small pack or bumbag,
2. Woollen/Polypro top (not too tight!),
3. Woollen/polypro longjohns,
4. Waterproof coat,
5. Food and drink, and
6. Snow gaiters.

The bus will leave P.N .at 5: 45 am sharp. Interested people should be prepared to serve in future SAR teams and give their names, to Howard Nicholson, phone 357-6325.

QUIZ RESULTS

Sorry I will have to pass on the quiz outcome - details next month. (ed.)

A TRAMPERS GUIDE TO THE OTAKI CATCHMENT by Tony Gates

(Part three) The Northern (Waitewaewae) Half

The Waitewaewae River, more passionately known simply as "YTTY", is the major tributary of the Otaki River above the upper Otaki gorge. It drains the heavily forested "YTTY" Basin, a vast area that has few tracks and no huts. Similarly, the upper Otaki River has no huts or tracks above "YTTY" Hut. It is the largest part of the Tararua Ranges that can be called a wilderness area. Some would claim it is the most beautiful.

The track to the popular, near new Waitewaewae Hut dives off from the Penn Creek track on the large grassy terrace above Otaki Forks. It is benched and metalled for the first hour or so, to the bush. It drops down to probably the longest swing bridge in the Tararuas, from where you gain a good view of the valley. Then it winds up onto the edge of the large terrace in between the Otaki and Waitatapia Rivers. Rough farmland slowly blends into scrub and overgrown bush, and the ubiquitous mud begins on the old tram track. This track follows a pleasant gradient and displays the occasional railway iron and sleeper. Further testament to the pioneers early this century is seen in the old steam engine at Saddle Creek. There is one much cursed washout before the steam engine that forces trampers up for about five sweat filled minutes on a rough, slippery track, bypassing tangles of supplejack and kiekie. Forks to steam engine (Saddle Creek) one and a half hours. The "official" track fades away at the large cairn in Saddle Creek, as generations of trampers have beaten numerous good trails up the creek to "The Plateau" at the head of Plateau Stream. The creek at least washes off the mud! The gradient slowly steepens up to the last short grunt, then the track sort of pops over a knob and down to an idyllic camp sight next to Plateau Stream, about an hour up from the steam engine. It's pretty flat from there, so pretty muddy most of the time. Then the track descends beside Arapito

Creek, once again steeply at the top, and easing the gradient lower down. It follows the Creek for only a short stretch, then cairns and markers lead you up the north bank and above a prominent slip before descending to Waitewaewae Hut. Alternatively, and somewhat more, wisely, when the river is not in flood, one can follow Arapito Creek down to its confluence with the Otaki River, then splash on up to the hut. Much easier. And Waitewaewae Hut is very pleasant. It is a large, comfortable hut on a wide, forested river terrace. Forks to Hut 4 hours.

From the hut, the track to the tops and Mt Crawford, follows the north bank for ten minutes around to the swing bridge. Over the river, the track hits one of the most sustained uphill sections of the Tararuas, and one soon realises what one needs to combat the hill. Fitness, and a none too heavy pack! After 300 vertical steep metres, the track finds a natural "step" then a further 200 metres of steep climbing before another "step" 200 more metres, and finally the bushline, and the views! Two hours from the hut. Tall tussock can be found on the easy slopes of Shoulder Knob, followed by some pleasant tramping through the saddle and then up a little to the main range at Junction Knob, and a very worn out wooden sign, an hour from the bushline. The track is unmarked, being more of a beaten path in the tussock. No problems in the clear, but when misty, route finding can be difficult. And under snow and ice, travel up there can be diabolical. A few undulations on the top ridge, a short sharp uphill bit, and you are on the summit of the dominant Mt Crawford. Brilliant views from here if you are lucky. A short distance down to Nicholls Hut turnoff, takes about half an hour, seems like a long way in reverse with false summits. Nicholls Hut is actually located in a basin a couple of minutes down into the Waiohine Valley, in a sheltered but commanding location. The peak of Nicholls is not much to speak of, just a blip on the ridge just above the bushline. The track, from Nicholls northwards, is predominantly under open beech forest till Butcher Knob, approximately three hours if the going is good. It's reasonable travel to the uphill bit just before Kelleher, which is actually not on the main range, so the track bypasses the highest point there. The old track to upper Otaki Hut, now very overgrown, pops over Kelleher, and follows the prominent ridge to the Otaki River Flats far below. However, from the rocky crags and tussock knobs near Kelleher and Puketoro, good views are rewarded to the fine weather trumper. More easy open beech forest to Dracophyllum Knob, with its small tussock clearing, and ex NZFS bivvy with water tank and log book. An hour or so over a few gentle ups and downs north of Drac Biv, and the leatherwood is reached as altitude is slowly gained. You are probably used to it by then, so are mildly prepared (or utterly stuffed) for the grunt up onto Pukematawai. Nicholls to Pukematawai 4- 5 hours. The Otaki headwaters, the Park, and the Mangahoa are all laid out below you from the top of Pukematawai. The Otaki watershed boundaries the Mangahao to the north, then the Ohau as far as Waiopehu trig, and the track thankfully follows the ridge all the way. And it's a long, convoluted way too, with several direction changes and numerous hills and saddles. Firstly, from Pukematawai, the track descends steeply to the west, and to the leatherwood. The gradient slowly eases down to the turnoff to Girdlestone Saddle, then Te Hatawai Hut (one hour from Pukematawai). A rather muddy part of the world. The ridge along here is fairly flat, and from the occasional open patch, provides a view. Better views are gained from the open patches of Richards Knob and Twin Peak/ Waiopehu, one and a half hours, and two hours respectively from Te Hatawai Hut, along Dora Track. 20 minutes along the track, Yeates Track dives off to the north, down to South Ohau Hut. A steep descent to Butcher Saddle, which is difficult to determine due to several ups and downs there, then the usual grind up to Richards Knob. The track from there, down Gable End is well cleared, however it is not so over to Waiopehu, as of winter 1994. The long pampas grass tends to grow over, and makes for difficult travel when wet and cold. A short distance to Twin Peaks, with its trig, Ralph Wood memorial grave, and once again, cleared tracks (still muddy however). Tight leatherwood around the area does not bode well for off track tramping, however there are some tussock clearings, and it is not too far to the shelter of the wide open beech forest. The track sidles to the immediate north of Waiopehu peak curling around on yet another dogleg to descend the ridge to the north, into the Ohau Catchment. Waiopehu Hut is located on the ridge in the forest, approximately 30 minutes from the summit.

To follow the Otaki catchment from Waiopehu peak south, follow the ridges. Oriwa Ridge, smack bang between the Waitewaewae and Otaki valleys, curls away south from Waiopehu, and affords reasonable travel for those lucky with the weather and capable with map and compass. The small patch of tussock on Waiopehu abruptly stops at the leatherwood belt, which is mercifully short, then open montane beech forest all along the ridge to the little gem that is Oriwa clearing and Biv (one hour from Waiopehu). Strictly off track travel from there, through forest in part devastated by the storm of 1938. However, some easy open beech forest, and, if you are lucky enough to hit the main upper Otaki River, pleasant grassy flats and no route finding problems.

Access to the Upper Waitewaewae Basin is perhaps quickest from Manakau Road and Waikawa Shelter. The track is as yet untramped by the author. There is also a well marked track south of there, off Waiotohu Road and stream, and up to "Mick" (peak, not person!), and the aircraft wreck. There is similarly a marked track untramped by the author dropping down to the Waitewaewae River near Chaney Creek, and super- delightful river flats.

TRIP REPORTS

HEREPAI TRIP - 24 September 1994

The phone woke me up at quarter past seven. "Lawson here, Warren. Look it's likely to be a bit damp - are you still keen on going?" Trust in the forecast methinks: "fine with afternoon showers"...it was drizzling at the time, so it serves me right when I clearly said that I was still a starter - just call back if you're still going.

The phone rang at five past eight. "Lawson here again Warren. Are you still coming? We're all waiting for you." "I thought you were going to...I'll be there in five minutes."

By the time we caught up with Monica and Co. at Eketahuna, the sun was shining and rainbows draped themselves over the foothills farmed on the fringe of the Tararuas.

Introductions at the road end revealed a rookie trumper fresh out of New Brunswick (of sardine fame). Sue was soon to be initiated into what 'hiking' is not (mud, slush, rain, hail, cold wet, and wet cold). She found herself immersed in ponga's, kidney fern, broadleaf, marbleleaf, lancewood, ladderfern, hen and chicken fern, five finger, Bushmans friend, supplejack, rain forest (where do they get these names from?), beech, rimu, totara ...mostly thanks to Warren down-loading his sum-total of botanical data in a full-frontal saturation assault...are we having fun yet?

Climbing steadily we passed through light hail showers broken by a friendly meeting with four locals out taking their rifle for a drink. The relative warmth preceding the hail turned cold ("sub-Arctic rainforest" perhaps?...) and woolly hats and gloves and a cheery tramping song came out to warm us up. Needless to say we were all pretty happy to get to the hut and into some lunch (even if my keep-sandwich-fresh technique meant crunchy still-frozen lettuce).

Herepai seems like a nice place to stay but two Massey trampers decided to drop down to Roaring Stag to make it "HUT 100", a modest milestone worth celebrating, Guy. Lawson and Sue's mini-billy served up a lovely cup of tea as the showers pelted down with more hail.

We headed back down as the clag eased off and lifted to reveal little waterfalls running like tears down the face of the forest god himself ... and so on down ... slip, slosh, splosh, slide, splash, swing, spring, squash, step to the valley below. We were thankful for the two swing bridges as the clear streams were now nasty-looking torrents but please DOC, put some chicken mesh on the slick boardwalks...we shouldn't really have to crawl across in case we fall again should we Margaret?

Thanks to our hosts, Sue and Lawson, for an easy trip made adventurous by the weather, and fun by the company - "Excellent hike!" and high five, dude.

DORSET RIDGE (almost) by Dave Hodges

We left town bright and early at 5 am, so that we got to Holdsworth road end by 7 am. We could see there was still a fair bit of snow around so we took our ice axes and followed the super-highway up the Atiwhakatu Valley to the hut. Upstream from the hut, the track reverted to an ordinary tramping track, which followed the stream for another half an hour or so before climbing up to Baldy. The weather was perfect: few clouds, warm sunshine and no wind. We had good views of Jumbo, Angle Knob and Mitre. At Baldy, I drank the last of Alistair's water (I drank mine a bit further down) after reassuring him that there'd be plenty of water on the tops – the map showed a tarn at the top of the spur and several more along the way. None of the expected tarns materialised and after an abortive attempt by Alistair to start to melt some snow we resorted to drinking from a puddle formed by snow melting in the sun. We could see all the main peaks as far north as Pukematawai and within a two hour period we saw four huts: McGregor Biv, Nichols, Carkeek Ridge and Dorset Ridge. Alistair wasn't pleased when we got to Mid King and saw Girdlestone looking extremely distant.

Just before the climb up to Girdlestone, we finally found water – the two tarns shown on the map. The one in the shade was frozen and the one in the sun was not. Invigorated after a decent drink, we climbed over Girdlestone - my iceaxe was useful as a grappling hook in a spot with few footholds here - and plodded through the snow to the turn off to Dorset Ridge, which was free of snow. Dorset Ridge Hut looked attractive in the near distance - about an hour away, I estimated, but maybe less. After a brief discussion, it was resolved to continue along the main range to Tarn Ridge Hut since it was only 15 minutes away and Alistair and I were fairly tired. The new hut is slightly below the top of the ridge but there is a signpost on the ridge so you can't miss the hut in thick cloud. From the hut veranda, we had fine views of Arete, Bannister, Waingawa and Table Ridge. No-one else, had written in the log book since the August holidays.

I woke up before 7 am the next morning but we didn't get going until an hour and a half later, by which time the sky was completely overcast and the wind was blowing. We headed off over Girdlestone and Mitre to Mitre Flats, accompanied by occasional brief light showers. I was beginning to wonder if the ridge we were following down off Brockett was the right one - it just seemed to go down and down - when the cloud blew away and we saw Mitre ahead. I was walking in front and my trusty puttees weren't as much protection against the abrasive knee-deep snow as Adrian's gaiters so at this stage I started leaving a trail of bloody snow behind from the cuts the snow made on my legs.

At the top of Mitre was an enormous cairn (with a slightly smaller one just below the summit on the northeast side) which wasn't there last time I was there, but there were still no cairns indicating the correct route down off Peggy's Peak. I confidently dived down what appeared to be the correct ridge (only about 20 degrees out and a few metres away from the correct ridge at the top) but when we reached a snow free area with no visible track, I decided we'd gone wrong so we climbed back up to the top and became completely confused in the clouds. Eventually, the clouds cleared and we saw the correct route and headed down it for lunch at Mitre Flats Hut.

Someone in the hut told us that for fit trampers like us, it would take five hours to get out to Holdsworth road end, but I was very sceptical of this - I expected it to take us four. It turned out they were right – what looked like a quick one-hour jaunt back to the saddle below Baldy took two hours so it took us 5½ hours from the hut to the road end. Cotton thread - presumably the tread used to mark the track when it was created - ran along the track all the way from Mitre Flats to Atiwhakatu hut and then it was an unexciting journey back home.

Dave Hodges, Adrian Evans and Alistair Millward.

KAIPARORO CLEARING - LOST AIRCRAFT October 16

We left P.N. at 7.30 am and met Brenton and Gerald at Eketahuna at 8.45 am. This was the third time Brenton and group had tried to get to the aircraft. The first time the river could not be crossed. The second time we went up the wrong ridge. But the third time was lucky!

Gerald and Brenton went in the week before so they were able to take us straight to it. We walked for an hour up the river - very pretty. We stopped for a break before climbing. I would estimate an hour to the crash site. There was a nice white cross with the pilot's name and date - 1952. Another ½ hour to the top/ over the top and into the clearing and the trig, and then onto Brenton's favourite lunch spot. Fresh running stream for a billy to boil (and feeding the small fresh water crayfish). A lovely time in the sun, before heading down another route onto the bulldozed track. Thanks Brenton - take us there again.

(Note that the aircraft is impossible to find from the top. Tony Camerori and myself have had two goes at locating it without success.)

We were Ann Spring and friend, Judy Calleson, Warren Wheeler, Liz Morrison, Gerald White, Brenton Sheppard and Monica Cantwell.

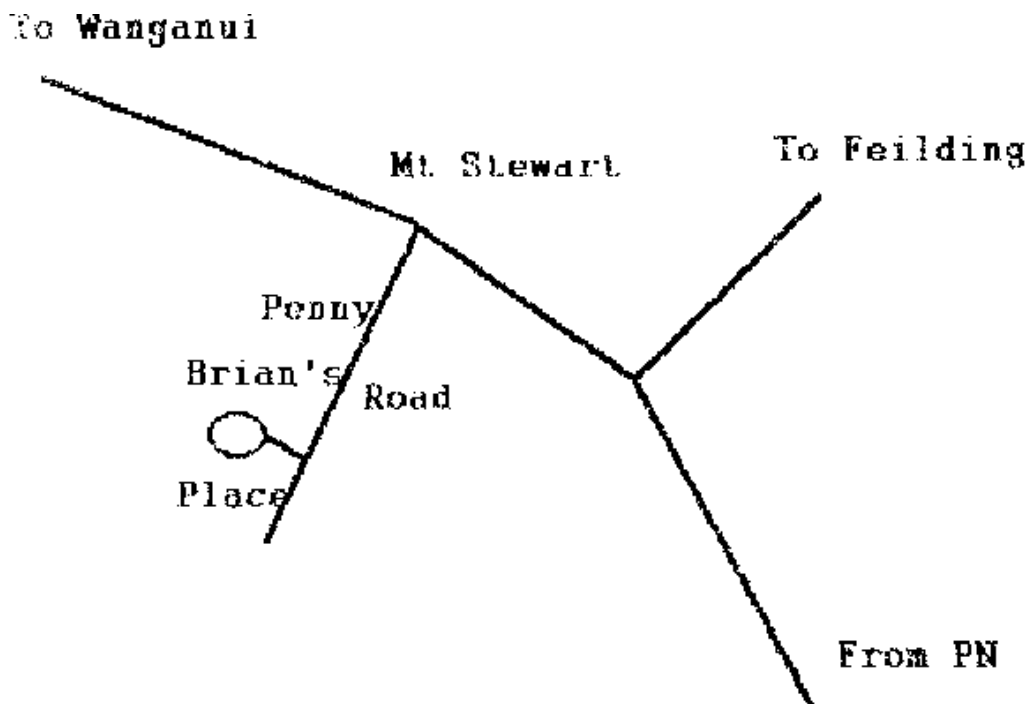
You must remember this trip...

We drove	-	We arrived
We packed	-	We tracked
We talked	-	We walked
We stopped	-	We dropped
We tripped	-	We sipped
We cooked	-	We looked
We lunched	-	We munched
We fooled	-	We cooled
We headed	-	We treaded
We bashed	-	We crashed
We hashed	-	We slashed
We searched	-	We hollowed
We found	-	We followed
We tried	-	We sighed

We arrived, We survived, We dried!

Then We drove - We arrove
We Devonshire tea'd and we all agreed
That now it's time to go home for a feed!
We, we,we.

DIRECTIONS TO BRIAN LAWRENCE'S PLACE



GEAR HIRE

Yes! PNTMC has gear for hire. ...

13	Ice Axes	8	Snow stakes
7 pairs	Rawlings Crampons	4 pairs	Salewa Crampons
	Tent Flys	5	Ropes
1	Abseiling Rope	1	Climbing Rope 11 mmx50 m
4	Fuel Bottles	5	Primus
1	Tool Kit		
	Assorted Climbing Gear - Karabiners etc.		
1	Pressure Cooker	5	Billies
1	Bivy Bag	8	Tent-flys
1	Tent	2	First Aid Kits

Reasonable prices.

Contact Mick Leyland Ph 358-3183 and he can advise as to your requirements.

PLEASE RETURN THE GEAR PROMPTLY

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