

# Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club Inc.

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## Newsletter - November 2007

## **Club Nights**

Club nights are held at 7:45pm on the second and last Thursday of each month at the Society of Friends Hall, 227 College Street. All welcome! Please sign the visitor's book at the door.

#### 8 November Rock Climbing

Matt Natti, current President of Massey University Alpine Club, will give us a slide and video presentation on some new rock climbing areas he and other enthusiastic rock climbers have been developing in the Manawatu Gorge and elsewhere.

Hopefully this may get you enthused to try some rock climbing later in the month.

#### 22 November

**Committee Meeting** 

Anne & Martin's place.

## 29 November

BYO slides and images.

An opportunity to show us highlights of your recent tramping and climbing trips. Bring your pics on CD or drop them off to Warren a few days beforehand to avoid a rush on the night. Contact Warren 356-1998.

#### 13 December. End of year BBQ.

#### Ashhurst Domain from 6.30pm.

Pot luck and BYO food and drink, plus \$2 gift for random distribution by Santa to all the good trampers present.

If you need a lift or have any queries contact Warren 356-1998.

## Upcoming Trips

#### **Trip Grading**

Trip grades depend on many factors, especially weather and terrain. A reasonably proficient tramper should be expected to do the trips in the following times: Easy (E): 3-4 hrs Medium (M): 5-6 hrs Fit (F): about 8 hrs Fitness Essential (FE): over 8 hrs Other grades: Technical skills required (T) & Instructional (I)

#### **Trip participants**

Contact the leader at least 3 days in advance. Trips leave from Countdown car park. A charge for transport will be collected on the day. Leaders will give an estimate in advance.

#### **Trip leaders**

Please advise a trip coordinator, as soon as possible, if you will be unable to run your trip as scheduled. This is so that alternatives can be arranged, put in the newsletter, or passed on at club night.

## **Overdue Trips**

#### Note to partners, parents or friends of members:

If a club trip is late returning, please do not worry unduly as there is probably a good reason for the delay. If you are in any doubt, please phone one of the Overdue Trip Contacts or Trip Coordinators:

| Mick Leyland | 358-3183 | Terry Crippen  | 356-3588 |
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| Janet Wilson | 329-4722 | Warren Wheeler | 356-1998 |

#### 3 November (Saturday)

Sunrise Hut

M or F 354-2940

M/F

John Feeney 354-2940 Leaving 7.30 AM, this trip will go to the popular Sunrise Hut, and hopefully up and over Te Atua O Parapara, then Waipawa Saddle if weather and trip members allow.

#### 3-4 November Te Matawai Hut Janet Wilson

Janet Wilson329 4722The plan is to leave PN at 7.30am for the Poads Rdend near Levin. We will either go in via the river andYeates Track if conditions allow, or up the hill via theGable End Ridge Track and Butcher Saddle. Once atthe hut, there is the option of carrying on up toPukematawai for some really good views, beforeheading back down to the hut for the night. Come outSunday via the same route options.

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oll near Woodville, with the option of climbing Wharite Peak if trampers wish to. There is a café for the end.

#### **11 November** Mountain biking **Richard Lockett**

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(changed from 25 November).

Depart 9.00am for a 20km round trip in northern Manawatu hill country.

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Depart PN 8.00am for the Kumeti Roadend (Dannevirke side), and try for a crossing of the range over Maharahara peak if people wish- otherwise a good ridge, then stream route to follow. Good tracks and views.

| 17-18 November |              |
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| Cattle Ridge   | Μ            |
| Anja Scholz    | 356 6454     |
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Depart 8am from Countdown, bound for Cattle Ridge Hut, a cosy 6 bunk overlooking the Ruamahanga valley. Lunch in style by the new Roaring Stag Hut before tackling the steep climb. Hopefully Tawhirimatea (God of Winds) will let us go past the hut this time for views.

#### 24 November (Saturday) **Rangi Hut Malcolm Parker**

E or M

Depart 8.00am. A classic trip up in the western Ruahine Ranges. The Easy option is up the track through mixed beech-podocarp forest, mountain cedar, leatherwood and tussock to the hut with great across views to Ruapehu. The Medium option loops around to the hut via Deadmans Track, with more time on the tussock tops.

## **1 December**

#### Kaiparoro **Dave Grant**

Е 357 8269

Join me on this visit to Kaiparoro, in the NE Tararuas, west of Mt Bruce. Kaiparoro is interesting in that the 40ha red tussock clearing occurs at the unusually low altitude of 800 m. It is thought to have been originally induced by fire several thousand years ago. Kaiparoro also marks the northern limit of beech in the Tararuas. We leave Countdown carpark at 8.00am.

## 1 December (Sat)

#### Indoor climbing, City Rock YMCA Park Road I **Terry Crippen** 356 3588

Your chance to get to grips with the basics of rock climbing in a comfortable indoor setting. This will be either a morning session or an afternoon session or if Saturday's weather looks better than Sunday's for Titahi Bay, we will head along to City Rock on Friday night perhaps. Contact Terry for details. (This was originally scheduled for the 10th Nov).

## 2 December

## Titahi Bay rock

**Terry Crippen** 

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Your chance to learn/practice climbing skills following on from the City Rock session. Located on the coastal greywacke cliffs behind Porirua, there are climbs of various difficulties; top roping and/or leading. Start time will depend on making full use of low tide, and we may go on Saturday if Saturdays wx if better (see comment above). (This was originally scheduled for 11 Nov).

## 2 December **Roaring Stag Lodge**

Peter Wiles

358 6894 Depart 7am. This should enable us to reach the hut for a well deserved lunch. Some minor route variations are possible according to conditions and interest.

#### 8-9 December Cow Creek Hut Warren Wheeler

Depart 8.00am. A good steep climb brings us onto Blue Range in the eastern Tararua Ranges and a stroll through the goblin forest before dropping down to the new swingbridge and this classic little hut beside a superb swimming hole on the Waingawa River.

#### 8-9 December Mangatepopo Rock **Terry Crippen**

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A weekend of rock climbing on the warm sunny bluffs of Pukekaikiore, in the Mangatepopo Valley, Tongariro National Park. A wide range of climbs of various difficulties to suit all. Note; this is not an instructional weekend so you will need some basic knowledge/experience in rock climbing. We will either camp nearby or stay in cabins. (This was originally scheduled for 17-18 Nov).

## 9 December

Blue Range Hut **Richard Lockett**  Е 323 0948

Depart 7.30am. This trip into the eastern Tararua Ranges starts at the Kaiparoro Roadend. We will follow an old logging tramway along Coal Creek then up onto a ridge leading to the quirky Blue Range Hut. Return back down the steep track.

## 15-16 December

#### Tongariro National Park Pre-Xmas Trip E/M Warren Wheeler 356 1998

Depart Friday 6.00pm (preferably). Plan A is to stay at Eivins Lodge on the west side of Tongariro. Saturday and Sunday we will explore this volcanic wonderland, with its moonscape, lakes and springs. Give Warren a call to discuss the options.

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## Notices

#### Temporary change of editor

This newsletter was edited by Tony Gates with assistance from Warren Wheeler. Anne will be back to edit next month's newsletter.

### Articles for the newsletter

Send by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to Anne at <u>dahlia44@xtra.co.nz</u> or to 44 Dahlia St, Palmerston North.

## **New Member**

Welcome to Nicolas Braud from France - here on a 5 month engineering design internship at Massey – we hope you enjoy your time with us.

## Te Araroa Walkway \$200 x 200

The Committee recently decided to contribute \$200 of Club funds towards the campaign to fund on-going management of the Te Araroa Walkway. Check out our virtual plank in the walkway at <u>www.teararoa.org.nz</u>. Your individual donation would also be most welcome.

## **Events Card for January-June 2008**

The next programme of trips and club nights will be included in the December newsletter. Janet Wilson and Terry Crippen are busy looking for leaders and trip ideas. If you have any suggestions, or a trip you want to lead, then get in early and give them a call.

## **Interclub Quiz Results**

The annual competition for the Trevor Bissell Memorial Billie was held this year on 16 October at the MTSC Clubrooms. Club teams were formed from all those present, although with only two MUAC

## **Trip Reports**

Barlow Hut by Richard Lockett 8-9 September

A fit and keen crew consisting of Janet Wilson, Graham Peters, Craig Allerby, Warren Wheeler and scribbler Richard Lockett assembled at the Wakarara Road end for this trip with a forecast of a fine Saturday, NW winds and an overcast Sunday. Discussion beforehand hatched a plan to extend the trip by going up to sparrowhawk biv and along the tops and down the Colenso spur to Barlow hut.

So its into the river, the Makaroro which was crossable mid thigh deep cold and swift with slippery

members it was necessary to form a combined team with two spare MTSC members. Ironically this MUAC/MTSC team came first (43 points), with PNTMC second (40 points) and MTSC last (36 points). Peter Rawlins of MTSC was the quiz master, presenting a fascinating array of tramping and outdoor questions with a possible total of 64 points. PNTMC had a five-man team of all-stars but some very easy answers were completely missed, although getting the highest 8000m peaks in order was a tall ask for 3 points!

Thanks to MTSC for a fun night out. We look forward to hosting it next year.

## SUMMER EXTENDED TRIPS

#### 6 days Northern Ruahine Trip 1-6 January Colenso Circuit M/F Warren Wheeler 356 1998 This will be a but and/or fly camping trip with river

This will be a hut and/or fly camping trip with river travel, tops travel, and bush tracks. Starting at Wakarara Road End we make a clockwise loop taking in Colenso Spur, Maropea Forks Hut, Ironbark Hut, Lake Colenso, Ruahine Corner, Upper Makaroro Hut and Barlow Hut. The route involves lots of scenic variety and scope for adventure.

#### 2 weeks climbing Mt Cook Area 2 -16 February

# Aoraki/Mt Cook National ParkFit, TechnicalTerry Crippen356 3588

Two weeks of climbing based initially in the Tasman Saddle area where there are a wide range of objectives - other areas also if conditions not suitable on the Tasman. This is for those who are currently climbing or who have suitable climbing experience. Prerequisites are at least Snowcraft 3. Glacier travel and crevasse extraction skills are essential. Numbers are limited and will be finalised early December when a deposit is required.

stones so linking up and crossing together would be the norm for the many crossings to come. The riverbed had a South Island look and feel to it on the 3 km stretch up to Gold Creek, having big wide, flat gravel beds with the wet bit meandering through it with the wind blowing in your face. With a few more river crossings under our belts and the resulting boots full of cold water (snow melt) and a closer look at the dark grey clouds hanging on to the tops, the wind doing its best to dislodge it, thoughts of the extended trip vanished. Arrival at Gold Creek and morning tea in the sun and out of the wind; maps out to check the next bit of river up to Colenso Spur and to look at the track to Gold Creek Hut, another trip for another day.

The river now your more typical Ruahine style, narrow channel with very steep slopes leading right

down to the waters edge, but still with nice gravel beds to walk along, keeping where possible to the sunny bits.



Makaroro River crossing

photo by W Wheeler

The 2 km up to the river fork/Colenso Spur took no time at all it seemed to me, more nibbles and discussion on the travel options to the hut from here, continue up river or up Colenso Spur and down the Barlow track to the Hut, ie up 400 metres then down 400 metres. "Why?" was the reply. Ok- the river it is.

We climbed up the bank and the 25 metres of track to check the commemorative cairn re William Colenso's first crossing of the Ruahines on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 1845. We were expecting some grand structure, not the little stone and plaster block positioned beside the track. Back into the river, about 2.5 km up stream to the hut, less flow but you still had to pick your spot to cross. A massive slip on the true left 750 metres up from the forks, a good 400 metres in height and getting bigger by the year.

A few more crossings saw us at Barlow Hut in time for a late lunch, and what a lovely little hut it was, built in 1983 for the forest service of a Lockwood style of construction. Not too many visitors to this spot during the winter months according to hutbook entries, the trip up a cold river not to everyone's liking. It seems that a few years back one could drive your 4wd right up to the hut, but no longer.

The map shows a lake about 250metres from the hut so seeing that we had some spare time we went for a look. A walk along and then up the steep Barlow track soon had us looking down into the lake so retracing our steps down to a terrace and then a bush bash to a point where one could see across it, about 50 metres in diameter the only sign of life two Paradise ducks having a paddle.

More time and excess energy was used up restocking the firewood bin, there being a sharp saw and axe available for the job. With a nice grassed area beside the hut, Warren got stones from the river in hand decided that a game of Petanque was called for.

This game entertained us for the rest of the afternoon with Warren having more than his fair share of wins and soon developed an air of superiority about him. As the games progressed it became obvious that Warren had an advantage, which as the games rolled by I concluded must be to do with his choice of stone being the size of a softball and sort of round in shape where as ours were the size of a cricket ball and angular in shape. I could feel a degree of pressure being applied on me as trip leader to restore equilibrium to the delicate group dynamics, and as the games rolled on, I pondered on the options open to me without causing offence, Warren of course being our President. With another round win going Warren's way action had to be taken, so I picked up Warrens stone and threw it back into the river. "Authoritative" is the style for those who haven't done the Course. More games followed with Warren winning his fair share, and with it getting cooler we moved indoors with fire lit to think about dinner. With fine food and conversation centred on Graham's, Janet's and Warren's recent overseas trips the evening soon disappeared.

Sunday, and what are we going to do, Up and down the track and down the river or straight down the river. Straight down the river it was, with 24 crossings back to the track which took us up onto the Makaroro Road, and the pines of Gwavas forest, nice to be able to give the legs a good stretch out on a flat gravel road 3 km back to our last crossing of the Makaroro River and our transport home. In this case, a neat café in Norsewood for a late lunch and read of the Sunday papers. Thanks to the crew for an enjoyable weekend.

#### Atiwhakatu Hut by Fiona Donald

#### 9 September

It was nearly but not quite the last minute when Malcolm telephoned me, the previous night, to say he was ill and could I be the leader for the Atiwhakatu trip. That was fine. Duncan and I collected Trevor from his place and then we drove over to Masterton. Along the bypass there were lots of bouncy lambs. The sky promised warmth even though the car's outside temperature was reading a chilly 7 degrees.

The day was superb: calm and warm; the range of flora was just waiting to be photographed by Trevor and the conversations were great. Duncan and I learnt a lot about growing vegetables from Trevor. All in all, we had an enjoyable day out and our only wish was it would have been great to have more people on the trip.

We were Fiona Donald, (leader) Duncan Hedderley and Trevor King.

#### "Living the High Life" Syme Hut, Mt Egmont by Warren Wheeler

#### 15-16 September

Perhaps it was the "high winds from the northwest" that put people off, but this trip ended up being just for the two birthday boys – Peter Darragh and me. Actually the south side of Egmont / Taranaki was largely free of the cloud being blown against the north side and peeling off down the East Ridge. The snow started well up above the staircase but we were quite sheltered for the 200m or so of cramponing in the hard snow up the last section of the ridge to Fanthoms Peak. It was rather breezy on the plateau and we arrived at the half buried hut just as a flurry of rain swooped down off the slopes above.

We opened the top half of the door and stepped down into the foyer area, the snow outside at windowsill level, although on the westerly side the ice was about 2m thick and extended over the roof. It had only taken us a leisurely 4 hours to get there so we set about house keeping. Inside it was a balmy 3 degrees (no heating in the hut) so the internal water tank wasn't frozen. Outside was a wind chilled amount nippier and after some digging we found that the steel toilet door was jammed solid with ice so we retreated and settled in to partake of the special birthday menu.



Syme Hut

photo by Warren Wheeler

Four hours later we agreed that you can't really beat a nice hot stew. Oh yes, one can enjoy nibbling on crackers with marinated Swedish herring and Swedish kaviar, prawns, stuffed peppers, stuffed vineleaves, Cajun nuts, cashews, Kinder Surprise and so on - especially when accompanied by Swedish rosehip "soup" and blueberry toddy, and all washed down with Ginger Wine, a bottle of French wine (150ml) and a bottle of cognac (30ml) - but one can have too much of a good thing. Oh, for the simple life.

Next morning we caught the sunrise over porridge mixed with a packet of instant blueberry soup (yummm), decided against braving the high winds and clag on a summit attempt and headed back down after a windy circuit of the Fanthoms summits.

We backclimbed down off the south side of Fanthoms to prove we weren't past it and carried on down a bit

before cutting across the slope under the ice covered bluffs – big mistake in the above freezing conditions as a large chunk of ice went bouncing past Peter...about where I would have been if I had been keeping up.

My progress across the slope was suitably brisk until we reached the safety of the route we had come up. The gradient soon eased off and the snow softened for a good bum-slide....another big mistake when still in crampons (doh!) as they tend to dig in even you are r-e-a-l-l-y careful. No harm done, but the crampons came off for the last couple of hundred metres.

We met a few other small groups of people enjoying the mountain (nose bleeds, lost children...) and arrived back at the Visitor Centre before noon; had a chat with the ranger about the rugby before heading off to find a beach for lunch (as you do). Patea is recommended for a refreshing cuppa and a quick dip (almost as cold as my last "swim" of summer on the west coast of Sweden) - the fishing at the breakwater is good, from all accounts; watch out for the seal and beware of sharks.

So, what did you do for *your* birthday?

# Roaring Stag Hut,23 Septemberby Warren Wheeler

With a fine forecast there was no excuse to say no when Duncan phoned on Friday to ask if I was keen to come – and solve his transport problem by bringing my car. Then he phoned on Saturday night to say sorry he couldn't really afford the time to go – but Nicole was still keen so the two of us decided to go anyway.

As this was my third trip there this year the car almost knows its own way now. As usual we left the main highway at Ekatahuna by turning right and heading towards the hills and the headwaters of the Mangatainoka River. We parked at the end of Putara Road with another couple of cars, put our boots on and set off at 9.30am.

At the first swingbridge we could see that the Mangatainoka River was very low, almost at summer levels - this also meant that the track was pretty dry with few muddy bits. After the second swingbridge the track climbs steadily for about 40 minutes through the mixed forest with its impressive rimu and matai trees, and the odd pigeon and tui in residence. At about 11.00am we reached the track junction on the ridge where the forest changes to gnarly beech and kamahi – amazingly there was not even a breath of wind to hint at the forces that shape the trees on this exposed ridge.

We carried on down the long ridge track towards Roaring Stag but turned off to the right at the first stream and headed on a compass bearing westwards – our destination the tiny "hidden lake" marked on the map between the Ruamahanga River and Ruapai Stream. This was pretty easy going once we found deer tracks to follow through the open beech and tall rimu forest on the terrace flats at Ruamahanga Forks.

We came right on to the lake and after lunch out of the breeze coming down the Ruamahanga valley we circled around the lake and spotted a couple of Canadian geese hiding in the reeds - maybe they were waiting for a good wind to give them enough lift for the short take-off required to clear the trees. Nearby on the western side is the old campsite, complete with deer antlers.

Up on the terrace again on the eastern side we headed around to the river and rock hopped downstream to the hut, where we met the source of the footprints we had seen on the main track - a father and son and another bloke. They were a little surprised when we said we were not staying the night, and set off again at 2.30pm.

It was a bit slow going out as Nicole had suffered a bit of a strain coming downriver, but we were out just before 6.00pm after a good days outing, celebrated nicely at Ekatahuna Café – the Sunday roast is recommended.

We were Nicole Andrews and Warren Wheeler (ringin leader and scribe).

#### Sayers Hut, Totara Flats 30 September by Graham Peters

Janet and I had unfinished business with Sayers Hut and the track to the Mangatarere road end. During the night in the 24hr NZ Rogaining Champs Janet, Yvette Cottam and I had failed to find a checkpoint on the ridge down to the Mangatere, costing us time and points. A year later in the Tararua Hutbagging competition, again during the night, the indistinct track leading from Sayers back to the Mangatarere led us to choose to return to the Holdsworth roadend costing us time penalties.

Having been to a triple 50th birthday party in Pahiatua on the Saturday night before this trip, Janet and I slept in the Avenger at the roadend. We were still finishing our breakfast when the others; Craig Allerby, El Presidente Warren, Nicolas Braud, and Peter van Essen arrived bright eyed and bushy tailed.

The route starts on a 4WD track then heads up 500m to the top of the ridge before dropping down 500m to Sayers Hut beside the Waiohine River. Although it was quite windy, the rain held off and the time to the top of the ridge passed quickly as Peter, Craig, and Janet had botanical discussions, Warren contributed with his own unique world view, and we located the position of the unfound checkpoint. Obvious when you know and it's daylight.

As we dropped towards the river we could smell smoke. Tony had said he would be at Sayers and would have the coffee pot on for us and was as good as his word.



Lunch inside the historic and character filled (and smokey) Sayers Hut.

Although it was a bit breezy, the sun was out as we had a relaxed lunch. During the morning, Tony had the good fortune to see a Sparrowhawk deal to a Spur-wing Plover on the river, although Tony didn't deal to any deer.

After lunch Warren, Tony, Nicolas and Peter headed to Totara Creek via 'la rive gauche' while the rest of us crossed the river and went via Totara Flats hut to join them. From there the plan was to make our way back up to the ridge top then travel along it to join up with the track from this morning. As it turned out there is a nicely permalat-marked route to follow, so we did.

On the way back down, Tony discovered that Nicolas is French so started talking Spanish to him. Fortunately (for whom I'm not sure), Nicolas had just spent some time living in Spain so could converse with him.

To nicely finish off the day, it started raining as we reached the cars. Thanks to the team.

# Sledge Track7 Octoberby Barry Scott7

Ten people from both PNTMC and MTSC wandered around the Toitoi Loop at the head of the Sledge Track under the leadership of Barry Scott. The one platinum mine investigated boasted one dead possum and little else. Lunch break at Toitoi Flats was sheltered from the strong westerly and was only spoiled by the arrival of Tony Gates announcing that the All Blacks had lost to the French in the World Cup.

A second lunch break was held at the junction when Warren and Terry re-joined the group after escorting one of the group back to the beginning of the track. They were Owen Rogers, Glen White, Duncan Hedderley, Richard Sun, Yin, Nicolas Braud, Terry Crippen, Tony Gates, Warren Wheeler and Barry Scott



On the Sledge Track.

#### Roasting at Herepai Hut by Craig Allerby

13-14 October

As the weather forecast for Sunday wasn't looking the best I decided to change the trip planned to Leon Kinvig to a more easier grade which would still give Nicolas who is from France a night out in a nice Backcountry hut.

We departed around 8am and with it not being a long arduous walk into Herepai Hut we stopped at Eketahuna at the local cafe for a hot drink to kickstart the day. It was fairly windy at the Putara Roadend carpark, so it was quickly on with the pack and boots and into the more sheltered forest.

As we travelled alongside the Mangatainoka River, Nicolas snapped lots of photos of the riverside streams and the swing bridges draining the batteries in his camera in no time. Luckily he had some spares! The track eventually left the river and we had a good steep climb for about three-quarters of an hour up to the ridgeline. It was then a gentle walk along the ridgeline for a while avoiding boggy patches with a short final climb to Herepai Hut arriving at lunchtime.

We unpacked, had a hot cuppa and some lunch and then headed for the high point of Herepai. On leaving the leatherwood and entering the tussock-grass zone we started to get knocked around by a strong Northwesterly.

Eventually we reached the top of Herepai and dropped down the other side travelling along the ridge towards Ruapae. But after a while, having enough of being battered by the wind we decided to return to Herapai Hut. We got back and collected up some firewood as Nicolas was looking forward to having a nice warm fire going! I got dinner started then we proceeded to get a fire going in the little cast-iron stove. It wasn't long before we had a nicely stoked up fire warming up the hut. With dinner ready, we sat down and ate up washing it down with a small bottle of French red wine! Thinking about buying some chocolate macaroons for desert I had changed my mine and got Toffee Pops not knowing whether Nicolas would like coconut. To my surprise at lunchtime he had produced a packet of Chocolate Macaroons being a fan of coconut like myself.

With the cast-iron stove rapidly consuming our firewood and pumping out the heat I was roasting while Nicolas was feeling warm and content. I had to go outside several times to cool down. Time for bed and I was lying on top of my sleeping bag! During the night woke up to strong winds and rain lashing the hut.

By morning the rain had stopped and the day was looking good apart from a blustery south-wester. We had breakfast, packed up and headed out to Putara Road-end, being cautious going downhill with a more slippery wet track to contend with.

A good weekend out with someone from another part of world who enjoys the great outdoors.

We were Craig Allerby and Nicolas Braud



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