



West Auckland District Tramping Club
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The Presidents Report

Apologies for the error in last month's magazine where the date for the 2nd Monday was stated as being the August club night when of course it should have been the 3rd Monday the 21st of August. Sorry for any inconvenience.

What a fascinating talk we had from Geoff Glover (Manukau Tramping Club) last month on his latest adventure deep into bear country of Alaska. While most people like to kick back and relax with a few beers (bears) while on holiday, Geoff take's that to a whole new level! Our guest speaker for August should also be interesting as we catch up with all that is going on with the Ark in the Park right here on our back door step.

There has been much discussion over the inability to slow the rate of kauri dieback in our main stomping ground of the Waitakere's with treats of closing all the tracks in an effort to help preserve these national treasures. With a good percentage of tramps on the 256km of tracks within the Waitakere Regional Park any such closure would sure make our trip planning a challenge!

Despite over 30 years in this club, I am surprised that I can still be taken to places I have not visited before, such is the benefit of having a variety of leaders with different ideas. A couple of weeks ago, I enjoyed going on Lynne's tramp in one of Auckland's lesser visited Regional Parks, Waharau on the Firth of Thames coast. While a long day, the views were spectacular. I also enjoyed a soak in the hot pools of the immaculate Miranda Holiday Park, another place I have never visited.

Don't forget to let Masterchef Louis Allerby know if you would like to put your name down for our annual roast dinner in a hut night on the 9th of Sept. Always an enjoyable night.

A big welcome back to Angela Williams having been travelling for 6 months solid. I have been following her progress on facebook and think I would need a holiday just to get over the holiday! Looking forward to hearing all about it Angela. There must be at least 2 club night's worth of tales to tell! It can't be all a case of what goes on tour stays on tour!

Riding on the back of the success of our recent club trip to Australia, a FCM Travel trip to Tasmania has caught the eye of Jill Dingle. Lead by Rob Brown the 23 day tramping and travel trip is scheduled for 24th of March 2018. A number of our club visited Tasmania a few years ago and saw for ourselves the tremendous range of tramping options on this island state that is largely national park. Go on, be a devil, check it out with Jill (or John Dobb's from FMC Travel c/- Travelsmart in Napier).

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Peter

Activities

20 August

8.30am

Arataki/Kiwiana

Grade: Easy/Moderate

Fare members \$4 non-members \$9

Timing: 3 hours

Combining several Waikatore tracks to give us a bit of everything! Meet as usual at Glen Eden then a short drive along Scenic Drive. Aiming to joining the tracks around the Scenic Dr area.

After tramping we will meet again at Arataki to view the Kiwiana exhibition. This exhibition finishes on Sept 1 and features props from film 'Hunt for the Wilderpeople'.

For those who haven't been to the visitors centre for a while, Arataki always has some good displays, information & maps.



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21 August

Club Night - Ark in the Park & Matuku

7.30pm Kelston Community Centre Cnr Great North Road & Awaroa Road

John Sumich, Ark Management committee representative will be giving us an update on Ark in the Park and Matuku, which is situated in the hills behind Bethell's beach, this forest and wetlands sanctuary is Forest & Bird's second-largest reserve occupying a total of 120 hectares. The larger part of the reserve is native forest which is best described as coastally influenced lowland broadleaf forest, with emergent tanekaha and kauri on ridges. Dense with fruiting and flowering species such as puriri, karaka, nikau, rewarewa, kowhai, pigeonwood and mahoe, the forest is a good source for the thriving tui and kereru populations. In all over 250 plant species have been recorded in the forest, from perching lilies and orchids to the luxuriant carpets of ferns and sedges that cover the forest floor.

27 August

8.30am

Explore Devonport

Grade: Moderate

Fare members \$5 non members \$10

Timing: 4-5 hours

Meet at Glen Eden and proceed to Devonport Ferry Terminal.

We will climb Mt Victoria and explore the tunnels (bring a torch) at North Head. Then we will walk along Cheltenham Beach, Narrow Neck Beach and return via Ngataranga Park

and the Naval Sports Grounds and Naval Base. (Anyone wanting to meet at Devonport Ferry Terminal please contact the leader.) Approximate time: four to five hours including breaks. Moderate tramp, mostly flat walking with one steep road climb up Mt Victoria and another easier climb up North Head.



Leader: Pam Goldie P: 021 2146457

03 September Muriwai- Woodhill

8.30am

Grade: Easy/Moderate

Members \$6 Non members \$11

Timing: 4 hours

We will start at the horse truck park, Muriwai(go past the golf links) and be there by 9.30am. The route will take us up to the radio mast and along towards Muriwai and onto Oaia Road then down the bush tracks to the gannet colony. We will return via the beach and surf club. A shorter easy walk with no mud.

Contact leader if interested in meeting us at Muriwai or if you want to get a lift from Westgate at 9am .

Leader: Jill Dingle P: 021 294 5700 E: jill.dingle@gmail.com



09-10 September Anawhata Roast Dinner & Overnighter

Accommodation \$20 per night per person

Meal \$12 per person

Midwinter roast besides an open fire in the Alpine Sports Club Hut.

WADTC Master Chef Louis Allerby has offered his services for another club dinner.

This will be the third year that Louis has offered his services. Bookings are essential and formal dinner attire (tramping gear) is required. Alcohol is not compulsory but recommended. BYO Sunday breakfast.

There will be a moderate tramp on Sunday morning, to keep up appearances of a diligent tramping club.

The Alpine Sports Club Hut is only a short walk off Anawhata Rd & sleeps 22.

Please contact leader with interest as numbers required for catering.

Leader: Louis Allerby P: 827 9047 021 190 6472 E: louall@xtra.co.nz



17 September East Tunnel/Andersons/Tramline/Peripatus

8.30am

Fare: \$3 members \$8 non members

Grade: Two options to decide on the day Easy/Moderate or Moderate/Hard

Timing: 2.5 hrs or 5.5 hrs

I have given two options here because of the time of year. We need to get out in the bush but who wants to tramp for 5 hours in the rain?

Option 1-Leave Glen Eden at 8.30am and drive to the end of Christian Road. If the weather is not on our side we can restrict the tramp to 2.5hr tramp and just do East Tunnel & Peripatus so we get a good work out but home to a hot shower nice and early.

Option 2- Head up East Tunnel, cross Scenic Dr to Anderson Track. Follow Anderson to Fenceline, Tramline, up West Tunnel back onto Anderson return to Scenic Drive. Here we can choose to finish on Peripatus or go back down East Tunnel which will take an hour off our time.

So plenty of choices to make the day suitable for everyone who wants to go tramping but able to change routes along the way.

Leader: Trish Hopkins P: 83544056 E: waitakereforever@gmail.com



18 September Club Night -

7.30pm Kelston Community Centre Cnr Great North Road & Awaroa Road

Lorraine Williams from Yakity Yak Kayak Club (ex WADTC member) will be joining us to tell us all about her recent travels to Norway, tramping and kayaking. This should be a very interesting evening and hope to see many of you here.



24 September Coast to Coast Variation

8.30am

Grade: Moderate

Fare members \$4 non-members \$9

Timing: 4-5 hours

An interesting variation. Take the 8.54am train from Glen Eden (or elsewhere) and meet at Grafton Station at 9.30am. We will then follow the route of the Coast To Coast trail over Mt Eden and through Cornwall Park. At Cornwall Park, we will deviate up Mt Albert Rd and into Monte Cecilia Park, then rejoin the Coast To Coast down Trafalgar St and Norman Hill Rd to the coast and along to Onehunga Station. There is bound to be a café somewhere along the way.



Leader: Bruce Fletcher P: 522-6982 012-135-3022 E: fletchermb@xtra.co.nz

Labour Weekend 20-23 October Leader Bruce Fletcher

We are thinking of organising a trip to take in the recently completed Twin Coast Cycle Trail. This would take the form of 3 day-return trips which would be done as follows.

1: Opuā – Kawakawa – Otiria return

2: Otiria – Kaikohe return

3: Kaikohe – Okaihau return

Accommodation: This would be at the Beachside Holiday Park near Paihia. They have Tourist Flats available at \$100/night with 1 double bed and 2 singles. Tenting option is also available if you wish.

The trip would also be suitable for those who would like to go tramping.

We have obtained 2 cabins at the Waitangi Holiday Park. They hold a total of 10 people, so if you are interested, please contact us. There are already 5 reservations.

We will now hopefully include the Horeke end of the trail on Saturday or Sunday as it is very different. This will depend on the weather, of course.

If you are interested, please contact Bruce on 522-6982 or fletchermb@xtra.co.nz



Items of Interest

THE BAY OF ISLANDS WALKING WEEKEND 29 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER 2017



Based in Russell, the walking weekend has a choice of 18 walks – from a Cultural History tour around the Russell Village to an Island Ramble – heading out on the famous R. Tucker Thompson to Otehei Bay.

Accommodation is available at Russell- Orongo Bay Holiday Park, surrounded by 14 acres of native bush and bird life.

Your whole group can kick back in our spacious Lodge Kitchen and Lounge in front of a roaring log fire, discuss the days adventuring and meet other like minded people.

And why not spoil yourself (or your tired feet) with a massage with our expert therapist, who will come to your very cabin! - booking essential.

We are now offering a 10% discount for 3 night stays over the Walking Weekend - call us on 09 403 7704 to book!

Check out the websites below to learn more:

From: Russell - Orongo Bay Holiday Park <stay@russellaccommodation.co.nz>

Daytime Contact Number: 094037704 <http://russellaccommodation.co.nz/http://boiwalkingweekend.co.nz/>

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Tasmania

24th March to 15th April 2018, 23 days ex Hobart
\$4995 Leader : Rob Brown

Based on 7 to 11 participants and subject to currency fluctuations
Any payments by visa or mastercard adds \$150 to the final price

A comprehensive tramping and travel programme ex Hobart. Experience a tremendous range of landscapes across national parks, coasts and wilderness regions
Encounter the wildlife, discover the convict past and enjoy Tassie's relaxed style! This is a beautiful holiday.....

PRICE INCLUDES :

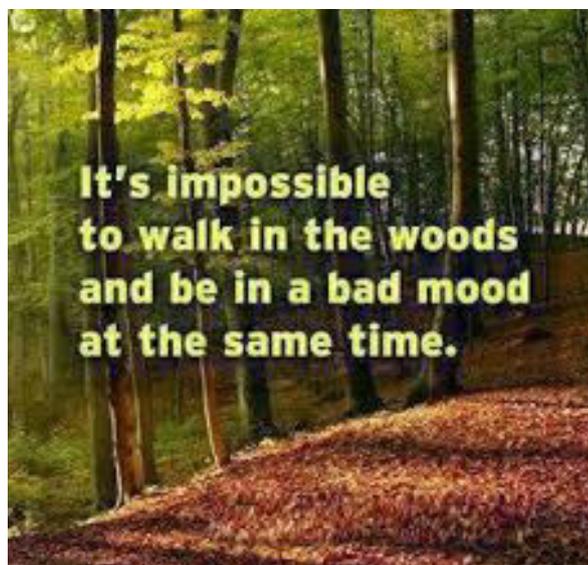
- Accommodation – small characterful hotel, holiday park cabins, hostels, national park huts and tent camping
- Transport in a hired minibus with luggage trailer, other transfers as are needed to access tracks, etc
- Most meals as shown in the itinerary by B.L.D (the schedule is subject to revision)
- Experienced Kiwi trip leader throughout
- National Park entry fees, all Overland Track fees, entry to a wildlife park, return Hobart airport transfers and payment to FMC

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE :

- Flights to / from Tasmania
- Some meals and personal incidentals
- Travel insurance

Trip Leader:

Rob has also led groups overseas too, such as a wonderful photo tour of Iceland in 2016. Despite his busy schedule, Rob has made time available to lead this trip to Tassie, a destination he enjoys very much.
Rob welcomes your interest in his trip and may be contacted at robbrownnz@yahoo.com



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