

Waimea Tramping Club Programme – December 2022-March 2023

When planning to go on any trips please contact the leader by **Monday night** for an overnight trip and by **Thursday night** for a day trip. Make phone calls before **9pm** please. If you are staying in a hut, remember your hut tickets! You, NOT THE CLUB, are responsible for your safety and well-being on trips.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Trip</u>	<u>Map</u>	<u>Grade & Cost</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Wednesday evening walks will resume mid-January until the end of March. Check our website or Facebook page for the meeting places. Be ready for a 5.30pm start. Walks are about one and half hours. No registration needed, visitors are welcome.				
Saturday 10 December	Rabbit Island BBQ & Cricket Match with NTC	No booking required Esther 027 656 8228		
Enjoy a BBQ and cricket game at Rabbit Island between Waimea Tramping Club and Nelson Tramping Club. Meet from 12pm onwards at the Manuka picnic area, or the nearest available site, if occupied.				
Sunday 11 December	Maitland Ridge Circuit Mount Richmond Forest Park	N29 BR25	Moderate \$21	Tony 021 460 458
An excellent circuit taking in Red Hills Hut, Maitland Ridge, Beebys 4WD track and Wots Up Doc Track back to the Red Hills carpark. This is a long trip and at a good pace and will take 7½ to 8 hours.				
Sunday 18 December	Hacket Gorge Mount Richmond Forest Park	N28 BQ26	Moderate \$4	Liz 027 434 2099 (text preferred)
From the Hacket Picnic area walk up to Hacket Hut and then return by walking in the Hacket riverbed. Numerous river crossings.				
Sat 31 Dec- Tue 3 Jan	Mangarakau Lodge Golden Bay	M25 BN23	All grades \$54	Rob and Maria 541 8598
Accommodation cost \$20 per person, per night. Fully equipped kitchen, warm showers in a lovely peaceful setting. A variety of walks in the area like Knuckle Hill, Lake Otuhie and old gold fields to explore. Also a variety of short walks near the lodge.				
Saturday 7 January	Loop Lake Rotoiti Nelson Lakes National Park	N29 BR24 BS24	Moderate \$26	Ian H. 027 949 3671
Starts at Mt Robert Road lower car park then to Coldwater Hut. Cross Travers River to Lakehead Hut then down to Kerr Bay via Lakehead Track. About 6 to 7 hours walking. About 22km.				
Sat-Sun 14-15 January	Lees Creek Raglan Range	N30 BS25	Easy/moderate \$35	Sue 021 267 1298
Walk from the Rainbow Road up to Lees Creek Hut taking about 3½ hours. One option is to return the same day. The other option is to stay overnight to allow exploring further up the valley. Tents may be required as the hut only sleeps four (\$5 hut ticket).				
Sunday 22 January	Wainui Hut Circuit Abel Tasman National Park	N26 BP25	Moderate \$23	Tony 021 460 458
From Canaan walk up to Evans Ridge and along to Wainui Hut turnoff. Go down to the hut and back up to Wainui Saddle and out. A 7 hour circuit.				
Fri 27-Sun 29 January	Anakiwa-Mistletoe Bay plus Waikakaho-Cullen Creek	P27 P28 BQ28	Moderate \$40	Alison 545 8399
Camping at Smiths Holiday Park in Linkwater \$22 per night. Saturday walk the Queen Charlotte Track for 3 hours from Anakiwa to Mistletoe Bay. Have lunch and a swim at the bay (high tide 3:25pm) then either walk back or take a boat ride. Sunday walk the Waikakaho Track for 5 hours between Linkwater and Wairau Valley as a crossover. Afterwards return to Nelson. Option to camp one or both nights and tramp one or both days.				
28-30 January Anniv. w/end	Kiwi Saddle-Stone Hut Circuit Kahurangi National Park	M28 BQ24 BQ23	Moderate/hard \$28	Robert 544 0142 (before 1pm)
From Rolling Junction walk up to Kiwi Saddle Hut (6 bunks, \$5 hut ticket). Stay the night and next day walk up the ridge, past Mt Luna and on to Stone Hut (10 bunks, \$5 hut ticket). Day 3 walk out. Tents may be required.				

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4-6 February Waitangi w/end	Watson Creek-Mole Tops Circuit Ella Range	M30 BS23 BS24	Moderate/hard \$51	Esther 027 656 8228
From the end of the Matakita Road walk up the valley and the Watson Creek route, camp at the bush line. Day 2 walk to the tarns, explore and camp. Day 3 over the ridge, down to Mole Saddle and out via the Jamieson Ridge Track. Tents will be needed.				
Saturday 11 February	Dun Mountain Bryant Range	O27 BQ26	Moderate \$6	Jeanne 545 0480 or 027 280 2281
From Maitai Dam climb to the 1129m summit of Dun Mountain via the Dun Mountain Trail and Dun Saddle. Return same way, taking about 8 hours. This is a shared walking/mountain biking trail. Trip weather dependent.				
Saturday 18 February	Bike Trip on the new Baton Cycle Trail	N27 BQ24	Easy \$13	David W. 545 8399
From Tapawera follow the 15km stretch on mostly gravel road to the Baton Saddle, then it is a decent to the Baton River swingbridge. If time permits we can ride further and it will be back the same way. The trail is rated Grade 3. Afterwards refreshments at Tapawera – café or tavern.				
Fri-Sun 24-26 February	Mt Owen Kahurangi National Park	M28 BQ23 BR23	Moderate/hard \$31	Di 021 144 4371
Friday - from Courthouse Flat ascend to Granity Pass Hut (12 bunks, \$5) via Blue Creek. Saturday - climb Mt Owen (1875m) via a cairned route, and return to the hut. Sunday - backtrack to the cars.				
Saturday 4 March	Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Nelson	O27 BQ26	Easy/moderate \$2	Terri 021 248 1338
From the Brook Dam follow a circuit amongst beautiful bush in Nelson's wildlife sanctuary taking 5-6 hours. Admission cost: adults \$10, Gold Card \$6 (with ID).				
Sat-Sun 4-5 March	Mt Riley & Mt Sunday Mount Richmond Forest Park	O28 BQ27	Moderate/hard \$42	David W. 545 8399
Camp Saturday night at a nearby campground. On Sunday walk this 12km loop track, climbing steep bush ridges over the summits of Mt Riley (1,311m) and Mt Sunday (1,310m). Once on the small open tops there are wonderful views over the Kaituna Valley and Wairau Plains. 8 hours return.				
Saturday 11 March	Champion Mine Circuit Mount Richmond Forest Park	O27 BQ26	Moderate \$9	Liz 027 434 2099 (text preferred)
From the Roding carpark, follow a 4WD track to the Champion Smelter site. Ascend United Creek to United Mine then climb a ridge for lunch. Descend to the Champion Mine and return via an old tramway track.				
Sat-Sun 18-19 March	Ellis Hut Kahurangi National Park	M27 BQ24	Moderate/hard \$21	Di 021 144 4371
From Flora carpark head up the Mt Arthur Track, hanging a left 500m below the summit and detouring down to Ellis Basin Hut (6 bunks, \$5). On Sunday retrace the route, with an optional side trip to summit Mt Arthur. Tents may be required.				
Sunday 19 March	Speargrass Hut Nelson Lakes National Park	N29 M29 BS24	Moderate \$29	Robert W. 544 0142 (before 1pm)
A day trip from Mt Robert carpark to Speargrass Hut taking about 2½ hours, then return the same way.				
Fri-Sat 24-25 March	Asbestos Cottage plus Birds Clearing to Wainui Hut	N26 BP25 M26 BP24	Moderate \$40	Alison 545 8399
Drive up to Cobb Valley on Friday. Walk to Asbestos Cottage and back, 6km each way. Stay in Takaka. On Saturday walk from Birds Clearing to Wainui hut and back, 7km each way. Either drive home or stay another night and have Sunday free in the area. Enquire early re accommodation options.				
Sunday 2 April	Captain Creek Mount Richmond Forest Park	O27 BQ27	Moderate \$21	Maria or Rob 541 8598
Drive up Pelorus Road and walk past Emerald Pools to Captain Creek Hut and return. Expect a 7 to 8 hour day.				
Saturday 29 April 2023 – Waimea Tramping Club 50th Anniversary				
The club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with a day trip and a celebratory dinner. More details to come.				