

Golden Bay Alpine and Tramping Club

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P R O G R A M M E

Tramps are graded 1 to 5. Details on page 2.

Contact trip co-ordinator *two days* before a day tramp or *a week* before an overnight tramp. If the weather forecast looks bad, contact the co-ordinator anyway as sometimes tramps are rescheduled.

As soon as availability & conditions suit Campbell Creek Canyoning Grade 5

Campbell Creek canyon, which starts at the bridge at the intake of the Pupu Hydro scheme, is described in the canyoning guide as: "Easy access to a mellow, but fun and very beautiful stream. Lots of medium to small jumps". The highest drop is 10 metres which is climbed down. Takes 3 to 4 hours. Wet suit a must, helmet recommended (John has spares) and a buoyancy aid recommended if not a confident swimmer. Maximum party size 8. Running this safely requires a low river flow and fine weather.

Petrol \$3

Phone John Brockway 525 7288 to book a place or with any

questions

Saturday 15 December Johnston's United Gold Mine Stamper, Aorere Goldfields Grade 2/3

This historical stamper in the Aorere Goldfields was constructed in the 1870's and restored during 2012. Come and marvel at the endeavours of those early miners, and get a feel for their ingenuity in such a harsh place. Will focus on reaching the stamper initially and then if time, energy, and enthusiasm allow, we could explore some more interesting places during the return walk - Druggans Dam, Ballroom Cave, Slate/Aorere River confluence, Moonlight Flat lookout. 4 to 6 hours easy walking.

Petrol \$8

Phone Paul 525 7383

Sunday 16 December Parapara Gorge – beginner's canyoning Grade 4

This excellent trip features Richmond Dam headwall, deep pools, beautifully sculpted bedrock, waterfalls, and virgin forest. Wetsuits required as there are compulsory swims and the water is chilly. Much fun to be had! This trip is great for confident rock scramblers. Round trip takes about 5 hours.

Petrol \$4

Phone John Brockway 525 7288

Saturday 22 December Ligar Hills Circuit (via Wainui and Cream Cart Track) Grade 2/3

A familiarisation tour of some of the newly created walking opportunities on both sides of the Ligar Bay Hills. Start and finish at the Kingstons' place (1204 Abel Tasman Drive). About 5 hours at a leisurely pace. Steep sections requiring a moderate fitness level. There is a 'morning only' shorter option possible.

Petrol \$3

Phone Derry 525 9576

Sunday 30 December KaitunaTrack Crossover Grade 3/4

This is one of Golden Bay's most rewarding one-day tramps, crossing the Wakamarama Range between the Naked Possum and Westhaven Inlet, through amazing country, with varied views and maybe a side-trip up Knuckle Hill. Can we get 2 parties and do a crossover? About 8 hours of varied tramping.

Petrol \$14

Phone Kerry 525 7571 or 027 2314566

Sat 5 January (or Sun 6th if weather forecast looks better) Parapara Peak Grade 4

Start the year with the traditional pilgrimage up Golden Bay's most prominent mountain. We expect to take 5 hours ascending and 4 hours descending.

Petrol \$3

Phone Derry 525 9576

Saturday 12 January Whanganui Inlet Kayaking

Many possibilities in this awesome area. Maybe a chance for fishing on the incoming tide, then paddle up the Wairoa or Muddy Creek. You decide!

Petrol \$12

Contact CJ phone or text 027 426 8050

Sun 20 - Tues 22 January **Kahurangi Lighthouse** **Grade 1**

A delightful coastal walk on our wild west side. Beach the whole way, with a number of river crossings. Relax and explore on middle day. Gourmet dinners. Proposed November trip was cancelled due to high rivers, so let's hope for better weather.

Petrol \$20 - \$24

Contact Gaylene 022 1707398 or beachgums@gmail.com

Saturday 2 February **Wharariki to Farewell Spit** **Grade 1/2**

Another try at this trip, previously cancelled due to bad weather. It's a beautiful walk from Puponga to Wharariki up and down via Pillar Point Lighthouse and Cape Farewell along the cliff tops and through farmland with stunning views. Hopefully a crossover if there are enough of us.

Petrol \$12

Phone Albie or Fill 525 9138

Fri 8 - Sun 10 February **Lockett Range - Fenella** **Grade 5**

We hope to leave mid afternoon on Friday 8th and camp at Iron Lake the first night (an alternative is to leave later and stay at Sylvester Hut Friday night but this does make for a very long Saturday). Saturday is climbing Iron Hill, then along the tops following the ridgeline and the occasional cairn, and popping up over Mt Benson until eventually coming to a group of tarns just above the bush line where we will camp. From there it's only a couple of hours down to Fenella on Sunday, and then a walk out to Trilobite.

Petrol \$17

Phone Jocelyn/John 525 9125

Fri 15 - Sun 17 February **Asbestos Cottage - Balloon Hut - Cobb Circuit** **Grade 3**

(Dependent on Cobb Road being open) Leave Takaka late Friday, and after locating a car at Trilobite, walk from Asbestos carpark to stay the night at Asbestos Cottage. Next day follow the pretty track up through the bush to the Flora track junction, then on up past Salisbury Hut to Balloon Hut. Overnight there, then walk around Lake Peel, onto Peel Ridge, then down into the Cobb Valley near Trilobite Hut, and home on Sunday. Bush, history, alpine flowers, park-like open tablelands. With enough takers, this would work well as a cross-over.

Some tents may be necessary given the time of year.

Petrol \$17

Phone/text Julie 0277799999

Saturday 23 February **Project Rameka Trapline** **Grade 2**

We visit this area monthly and invite you for a wander, checking the line of stoat traps at Project Rameka. Up the Great Expectations track, lunch at the Lorax Lair, and return down the Odyssey track. Mostly on tracks through regenerating bush and pine forest, some steep slippery slopes off track. About 4 hours.

Petrol \$3

Phone Albie or Fill 525 9138

Tuesday 26 February **Club Night**

Two of our most famous glaciers will be on display, when Bruce Telford takes us on an alpine tramping journey up the Fox Glacier to the Main Divide at Pioneer Saddle, before crossing onto the Franz Josef neve for a challenging descent. Expect great scenery followed by a fun Quiz and supper. Time and venue to be confirmed.

Fri 1 - Mon 4 March (flexible) **Hopeless Hut** **Grade 4/5**

Alpine trip into the Nelson Lakes NP. Probably travelling up the Travers Valley, staying at one of the huts or camping. Up Hopeless Track, staying at the hut, then over Sunset Saddle. Maybe a side trip up Mt Angelus - it would be rude not to really! Because the weather is going to continue to be wonderful when we do this trip, we will then come down Robert Ridge :) Probably 4 days as it would really be nice not to hurry. Experienced trampers only please. A bit of info re Hopeless Hut: "Cute ply-lined hut, built by the Alpine Club and opened by Edmund Hillary in 1967. It's sure got the view of the sheer cliffs opposite and a view down to the St Arnaud Range at the end of the valley."

Petrol \$ share

Contact Cathy 021 999 015

TRAMP GRADING

- 1 - Easy** Maximum of 3 hours walking per day, with graded inclines and descents, on well-marked, benched track. Hut accommodation. e.g. Abel Tasman Track and other Great Walks, or Sylvester Hut.
- 2 - Easy/Moderate** Maximum of 5 hours walking per day on marked tracks, with graded ascents/descents. Hut accommodation or camping in established campsites. e.g. Fenella Hut
- 3 - Moderate** Maximum of 6 hours walking per day on tracks or marked route. May involve some rough terrain and ascent of up to 900m per day. Hut accommodation or camping. e.g. Waingaro Forks Hut
- 4 - Moderate/Hard** About 8 hours tramping per day, using tracks, routes and sometimes navigating on untracked, rough terrain through bush/scrub. Ascents of up to 1500m per day. Fitness for multi-day trips essential. Often camping. e.g. Haupiri Range
- 5 - Hard** 8+ hours of tramping per day, regularly navigating on untracked, rough terrain, either in bush or at high altitude. Multiple ascents/descents per day, sometimes steep. Fitness and strength for multi-day trips essential. Usually camping. e.g. Quartz Range Farm to Adelaide Tarn via Lead Hills