

Trip Programme

Bookings Open

January 30	Homunga Bay – Orokawa Bay – Waihi Beach	Wed 19 January
February 13	Wharepuhunga (King Country)	Mon 31 January <i>Note: 6.00 pm</i>
February 27	Mangorewa Gorge to Dudley Rd	Mon 14 February
March 13	Pirongia – Kaniwhaniwha, caves, giant kahikatea tree; Nikau Loop Walk	Mon 28 February
March 27	Awanui Falls to Waitawheta	Mon 14 March <i>Note: 6:00 pm</i>
April 2 [Thurs]	Social Evening: Antiques Road Show 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm	<i>Contact:</i> Margaret
April 10	Waiorongamai: Kauri Loop track, Pylons track, Old North-South track, Old Toatoa track	Mon 28 March <i>Note: 6:00 pm</i>
April 22-25	Easter in the back of Nowhere	Tues 1 February
May 8	Booms Flat to Wainora Camp to Kauaeranga Valley	Tues 26 April
May 22	Henderson Tramline Loop Track	Mon 9 May
June 5	Te Akatea Farm, Glen Massey	Monday 23 May
June 12	Mid-Winter Lunch	Tues 1 June
June 19	Mapara Wildlife Reserve, Omaru Falls	Tues 7 June
July 3	Summerhill Recreational Farm	Mon 20 June

Emergency Information

Wanderers' trips occasionally return up to an hour or more beyond the stated return time given in the Bulletin. This happens due to the variable nature of the tramp, the weather and the people on the tramp. However, in the event of a trip being seriously held up (possibly two hours after the time indicated), communication will be made through the Operations Room, Central Police Headquarters, Hamilton.

Trip Bookings

Remember that any default in notifying the leader of cancellation of bookings renders you liable for the cost of the trip.

Responsibility

"Whilst the committee will take all reasonable care to ensure the safety of participants on trips, the participants themselves undertake such trips entirely at their own risk and no responsibility will be accepted for accidents, injury, loss, delays or other misadventures which may occur or happen to members while on trips arranged by the Group."

[Constitution, Rule 29]

Booking Information

Bookings for trips open two weeks before the trip date NOT BEFORE 5.30pm. Please choose a suitable time to ring the number given. Avoid early morning weekday calls and alternative calls to place of employment. If, after booking, you are unable to go on a trip, please cancel promptly so that your place may be reallocated.

It is essential that at least 24 hours notice of cancellation be given.

Default in cancelling may render you liable for the cost of the trip.

Grade 1 Easy – suitable for all-comers.

Grade 2 Medium – not strenuous but including a mixture of terrain. Suitable for those of medium fitness.

Grade 3 For those with a good standard of fitness. Trips often average 6 hours tramping and include significant uphill climbs.

NOTE: All trips leave from **Caro Street** unless otherwise stated.



President's Report

Hi Everyone

Just a résumé of the some of the Club events of 2011:

The AGM in October was well supported; the business part of the meeting went well; the talk, on tramping gear was very informative; the silent auction made more than \$200 for club funds – and the supper was plentiful and delicious. Thanks go to all those who took an active role; and to all those members who turned up and made the evening a success.

The Labour weekend trip was a great event. The walks were amazing, the accommodation was more than satisfactory and the food was appetizing. However, the best part of the weekend seems to have been the social activities. I understand that there was some belly dancing tuition – and that some of the men were particularly good at this! Also there was some strange head gear sported by some of the members. The leaders of the Camp Tutira trip put in a great deal of effort which was appreciated by those who enjoyed the weekend.

Club trips continue every fortnight and there has been a good variety of tramps, catering for different levels of fitness. The strength of the Wanderers' tramping club is in its members, especially those who are willing to lead trips; it is important that all those who participate in club tramps, listen to their leaders and fit in with the group, so that all members can return safely.

This bulletin contains some interesting tramps; hopefully, there will be something for everyone.

Due to the lack of support from members, the current bulletin will not be sent out electronically.

Happy New Year for 2011 !

Margaret Standing



Coming Up

Sunday 30 January

Grade 2

Homunga Bay – Orokawa Bay – Waihi Beach

We start from the end of Ngatitangata Road, west of Waihi, and go down through farmland to Homunga Bay. From the beach there we head south, along a cliff-top track with great ocean views, until we reach the beach at Orokawa Bay. Here there will be a choice; either go inland for a one-hour return trip to William Wright Falls, or stay at the beach to await the return of those who have gone to the falls.

The beach at Orokawa Bay is delightful, but shelves fairly steeply (and the Department of Conservation states that “This beach is not considered safe for swimming”). There could be a third alternative here if a few people wanted it – to miss the side-trip to the falls and head straight for Waihi Beach to spend their extra hour there. When we leave Orokawa Bay the track goes up and down along the coast until we reach Waihi Beach, where our bus will be waiting.

We could provide a fourth (shorter) option if there is some interest in it. This would be to stay on the bus to Waihi Beach, then walk north to Orokawa Bay and back again.

Leaders: Hugh and Zoë Clifford and friends

Depart: 8.00 am

Return: 6.00 pm

Cost: \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non-members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm, Wednesday 19 January

855 3751 (Hugh and Zoë)

For Sale:

Day Pack: Kathmandu; includes rain cover.
\$50.

Phone Grant: 853 3434



Sunday 13 February Wharepuhunga (King Country) Grade 2+

This is a must-do summertime adventure, following a stream from a lowland entry point in farmland, upstream into a steep bush-clad valley and on to our eventual exit point, where the stream has emerged after flowing underground for some distance. The tramp borders a boundary of the Pureora Forest Park and has of necessity been scheduled for mid-summer due to the numerous crossings of the gravelly stream – wet boots and legs will be the feature of the day. Providing the weather is fine, this should be a memorable and varied trip up this beautiful remote river valley. Expect to walk about 6 ½ hours.

Leaders: Peter Scott and Colin Standing

Depart: 07:30 am **Return:** 5:30 pm **Cost:** \$25 (members)
\$30 (non-members)

Bookings: 6:00 pm, Monday 31 January 854 5478 (Peter or Audrey)

Sunday 27 February Mangorewa Gorge to Dudley Rd Grade 3



This trip was last tramped in 2007 and members are still laughing about it. We enter the Gorge from the Tauranga Direct Road and head downstream. The rock is very slippery in places, so make sure you bring several extra-large pairs of woollen socks to put over your boots (stops you from slipping - you may need a spare pair because the rock wears through the wool. The arms off an old woollen jumper can also do). The Gorge is very beautiful with many challenges ranging from staying upright to wading through deep pools. We exit via a side branch and climb through native bush onto farmland and walk out onto Dudley Road. Expect to walk about 6½ - 7 hours.

Leaders: Ron Crosby, John Younger, Colin Standing

Depart: 07:30 am **Return:** 7:00 pm **Cost:** \$25 (members)
\$30 (non-members)

Bookings: 6:00 pm, Monday 14 February 855 5684 (Ron or Lisa)

Sunday 13 March**Grades 1 and 2****Pirongia – Kaniwhaniwha, caves, giant kahikatea tree;
Nikau Loop Walk**

Our day starts on Limeworks Loop Road, near Te Pahu. Both Grades will walk the easy track alongside the Kaniwhaniwha Stream, and then continue into the bush until the caves are reached (bring a torch if you'd like a look inside). From there the Grade 2's will continue up the Bell Track for a close view of the reputedly tallest known kahikatea tree (66.5 m).

The Grade 1's will return from the caves via the Nikau Loop walk, which is all easy going, and perhaps have time to dunk themselves in the creek if they wish to when they get back to the bus.

Leaders: Grade 2: Grant Svendsen, Hugh Clifford
Grade 1: Zoë Clifford and friends

Depart: 8.00 am **Return** 5.00 pm

Cost: \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non-members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm, Monday 28 February

855 3751 (Hugh and Zoë)

Sunday 27 March**Awanui Falls to Waitawheta****Grade 3**

From Woodlands Road South we follow the Waitangaue stream to the site of the old Waitangaue Hut. From here we trek uphill to the Awanui Falls. Lunch will be at the top in order to take advantage of the view as the stream cascades down. Then we continue northwest over fairly easy terrain to join the Kauri Loop track. Two very large kauri remain here and we will have time to admire them. Then we make our way down to the Waitawheta River, which we need to cross (wet feet for some). From here it is a flat walk out to Franklin Road and the bus.

Expect to walk about 6½ -7 hours.

Leaders: Grant Svendsen and Peter Scott

Depart: 07:30 am **Return:** 6:30 pm

Cost: \$25 (members)
\$30 (non-members)

Bookings: 6:00 pm, Monday 14 March

853 3434 (Grant)



Social Evening: Antiques Road Show Thursday 2 April: 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm

Venue: Celebrating Age Centre in Victoria Street (car park opposite)

Bring along your antiques and curios for Roger McGirr to tell you their life histories

Supper will be provided: a gold coin donation please.

Contact person: Margaret Standing 855 1335



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Sunday 10 April Waiorongamai Grade 3 Kauri Loop track, Pylons track, Old North-South track, Old Toatoa track

From the Waiorongamai car park we walk along the Low Level Loop track to the tunnel and down to the old Bendigo Battery site where we cross the river. Then a steep climb in parts for about 1 hour brings us to the Kauri Grove and a short break. We continue following the Pylons track (some remnants of a line of 469 pylons built in 1913 to carry power to the Victoria Battery at Waikino can still be seen) through stunted bush and gorse to have lunch at the top (great views if fine). We then follow the Old North-South track a short distance before diverting down the Old Toatoa track (long disused) to pick up the Kauri Loop track near the old Waikato Tramping Club Hut ruins. The tramp completes back along the Low Level Loop to the car park.

Expect to walk about 6½ - 7 hours.

Leaders: Colin Standing and John Davies

Depart: 07:30 am **Return:** 6:00 pm

Cost: \$25 (members)

\$30 (non-members)

Bookings: 6:00 pm, Monday 28 March

8551335 (Colin or Margaret)

Easter in the back of Nowhere

Good Friday, 22nd April – Easter Monday, 25th April 2011

Come with us to Whio Lodge at Whakahoro on the junction of the Retaruke and Wanganui Rivers. It lies in the northern corner of the Wanganui National Park where we hope to see the elusive Blue Duck. We will take you on long and short walks in a tranquil part of the North Island, away in the valleys and hills out past Owhango.

Cars will be used for transport.



Stan's "home away from home" – a survivor of bygone days.

Cost: \$145 per person (covers accommodation and transport)

➤ \$70 payable on booking (non refundable)

➤ \$75 payable before 8th April

(Monies to be forwarded to the Treasurer)

Get your bookings in early as numbers are limited.

Great tramping, beautiful scenery, history galore as well as loads of fun in a place the Club hasn't visited before.

Further information will be given upon booking.

Bookings: Phone Morva, 827 7261

Bookings open: 1 February 2011

Leaders:

Bernie and Ann Cloke, Morva Blackie, Keith Wilkinson



Sunday 8 May Booms Flat to Wainora Camp Grades 1 & 2+ to Kauaeranga Valley

Grade 2+: This track is a circuit between two camping grounds. We climb steadily (2-2½ hrs) from Booms Flat, to reach Orange Peel Corner. The track then levels before dropping to the Wainora kauris and down to the camping ground. The walk is in very nice bush with good views of the Tabletop and of course the superb kauris. There are 2-3 small stream crossings. This should take approx 6 hrs including stops.

Grade 1: Can be assured of an interesting less strenuous walk in the same area.

Leaders: Grade 2+: Sharon Woodward, Marion, and friends
Grade 1: Keith Wilkinson

Depart: 7.30 am **Return:** Approx 6.00 pm **Cost:** \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm Tuesday 26 April 847 3080 (Sharon)

Sunday 22 May Henderson Tramline Loop Track Grade 2½

This tramp is detailed in a DoC booklet called “Kaimai to the Coast” and you can purchase it for \$2.50. It is a help sometimes to pinpoint where we are going when out with the club – saves following blindly!!

We start at the Tuakopae Stream bridge and onto the Tramline track which at one point follows the haul lines up to the ridge of the North-South track. Turning north we will come to the junction of the Northern branch of the Henderson Tramline, and from there will get to the Hurunui Hut for lunch. We will go back to the Northern branch and follow this section of the Tramline out to the Old Kaimai Road. Towards the end of our tramp we cross two large streams which could be slippery, before reaching the road and a possible short walk along the road to our transport.

[We may have 2 breaks for food on the way so be prepared.]



Leaders: Morva, Marion and friends

Depart: 7.30 am **Return:** 6.00 pm **Cost:** \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm, Monday 9 May 827 7261 (Morva)

Sunday 5 June**Te Akatea Farm, Glen Massey****Grade 2**

This walk is on the 1800 hectare organic drystock farm of John and Marcella Hodgson; it starts and finishes at the farm buildings. We start the day following farm tracks past some exotic tree plantings, with views over the neighbouring hills towards Huntly and Raglan. There is a scramble up the slippery grassy slopes of the highest local trig point Pongawhakatiki (309 m). If blessed with clear skies the expansive views are well worth the climb, including Raglan Harbour, Te Aroha and Maungatautari. After the trig we head into virgin native bush, following marked tracks, there is one scramble down a slip face. Then it is back onto farm land where we wander past a scenic stream, cattleyards and finish near the homestead. Walking time expected is about 5 hrs

Leaders: Kathy Old and Marie Van der Heuval (+ Lorna Gribble if in NZ)

Depart: 8 .00 am **Return:** 3.00 pm **Cost:** \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm, Monday 23 May 853 8015 (Kathy)

Mid-Winter Lunch : 12 June

Zealong Tea Plantation Café, on the Gordonton Road

[Check out Gorgeous with Attitude at www.zealong.co.nz]

- Sample some delicious teas and enjoy an interesting lunch. [Reasonable lunch prices]
- Patrons pay for their own lunch on the day
- Numbers are limited to 35: lunch from 12 to 2.00 pm

Bookings: Open on Tuesday, 1 June at 5.30 pm

with Ann Cloke: 847 2460



*Close on Thursday 9 June in order for numbers
to be confirmed with the Café*

Sunday 19 June**Grade 1+****Mapara Wildlife Reserve, Omaru Falls**

Today we are travelling to the King Country. Mapara lies 35 km southwest of Te Kuiti. Since 1989 the Mapara Wildlife Reserve (1400 ha) has been the focus of an intensive, and very successful, conversation management project. The Kokako Recovery Project has been the model for many other conservation projects around the country. After a low key tramp through the reserve we then head off to see the Omaru Falls, which at this time of the year should be quite spectacular.

Leaders: Grant Svendsen and Keith Wilkinson

Depart: 8.00 am **Return:** 4.00 pm approx **Cost:** \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm, Tuesday 7 June 853 3434 (Grant)

[Cell phone for contact on day of tramp only: 0210476518]

Sunday 3 July**Summerhill Recreational Farm****Grade 1+**

It has been 5 years since we visited this area. Summerhill covers over 130 ha and we can assure you of panoramic views from Waihi beach in the north and across to Tauranga and Mount Maunganui (on a good day!). Being a non-profit organisation we would ask that all members give a gold coin (over and above the bus fare) which will go towards developing the facility.

Leaders: Morva Blackie and Marion France

Depart: 8.00 am **Return:** 5.30 pm **Cost:** \$25.00 (members)
\$30.00 (non members)

Bookings: 5.30 pm, Monday 20 June 834 3979 (Joan)



Obituary: Clive Millar

It is with real sorrow that we mourn the sudden death of Clive Millar on 30th November 2010. Clive was liked by all who knew him, an ardent member of the Wanderers Tramping Club (lead many a trip and organised many away events), who had a passion for life and making sure he got as much of it as possible. Many of us will have talked with him about his many trips with Lyn and their great plans for the future and are greatly saddened that those plans will not now be fulfilled. The committee and all his tramping friends will miss his sense of fun and adventure and his outstanding organisational skills.

Our thoughts are with Lyn, her extended family and Clive's family.

Colin Standing

Where we Went

Franklin Road to Dickey's Flat: 12 September

Rain, constant and heavy meant the trip through to Dickey's Flat was definitely not happening. Every little stream was a gushing a torrent. We walked up to Daly's hut, had a short break and continued to the Mangakino Pack track, stopping at the junction of Deans track for lunch. Fortunately the rain had eased, although was really muddy underfoot. Some returned to the bus at this point, but the main group continued to the first river crossing, barely ankle deep on the survey but now impassable. A very muddy group it was that arrived back at the bus around 4 pm. Although it was wet and muddy, everyone had a good time and yet again - the trip right through to Dickeys Flat will remain for another day. *"Muddy but happy" tramper*

Appletree Road: 26 September

The Grade 1's were dropped off at Waitomo while the Grade 3's were taken to the end of Appletree Road. Everyone was waiting in anticipation to the journey up Appletree Road as we heard of the trips the leaders had taken back to the road to trim the gorse, branches, a small slip etc away from the road so the bus could make a safe journey. The leaders are to be commended as they had undertaken a huge job in order for the trip to take place. The bush was beautiful and after we negotiated the steep descent to the twin falls we lunched in a gorge complete with a river, dripping mosses and even tiny fish in rock pools. The going up and down was slippery and muddy in parts and a few skids and spills created a few laughs. Some very muddy people arrived back at the bus! A great day out, thanks everybody.

A tramper who enjoyed the day

Patons Dam: 10 October

Talk about small in number but strong in spirit!! Add "and body" to that as six intrepid trampers tackled the track to Patons Dam in the Hikuai area of the Coromandel. It was a constant uphill climb and we were rewarded with great views from the lookouts on the way, and with our arrival at the dam which is one of the best examples of kauri log dams on the Coromandel with weathered beams and rusted wire ropes aplenty. The dam is situated on a stream in a very narrow bush-clad gut and one can easily imagine the huge wall of water being released and sweeping huge logs to the Tairua River

several hundred metres below. We returned through the Collins Drive tunnel (glow worms and all), along the historic water race, to the car park. A good bush tramp well worth the effort.

John Davies

Broken Hills [Grade 1]

Our exploration of the Broken Hills area was led by Keith who provided a wealth of information on the mining activities in this history-rich area. We made our way up to the main ridge, stopping at intervals to study delicate insect-catching plants and fragile native orchids which are so easy to miss unless you have David Bellamy (alias Keith Wilkinson) to point out what is underfoot. We even managed to increase our numbers and ended up with more Grade 1's than we had started out with!

A welcome lunch break before entering the very long Collins Drive tunnel. Another tunnel showed amazing excavations high above our heads on one side and down to the bowels of the earth on the other. Luckily these passages were boarded up to prevent our numbers reducing. Keith then took us on a side-trip to a working gold mine unknown to the general public and a "jail" concealed in the bush with its very own skeleton. Scary stuff. Thanks to our leaders and drivers for a most interesting and enjoyable day out.

Joan Pavreal

Camp Tutira (Labour Weekend)

A pot luck dinner Friday night at the Lodge set the theme for a great weekend (the remaining meals being catered for). The weather was perfect and on Saturday we started off at the predator-proofed fenced Lake Opouahi (a creche for young kiwi), followed by a 3 hr loop walk through bush and across farmland to a rocky cliff top where Bell Rock is located. Wonderful views from this point. Reluctantly we retraced our steps) back to the cars. It was then onto the Holt Reserve, where we inspected magnificent stands of trees. On Sunday one group (the remainder opting for an easier walk) made their way through the reserve which contained a mixture of tawa, matai, rewarewa The highlight here was the Shine Falls. Magnificent. There was certainly an abundance of birds to be seen and heard during the weekend. Our thanks to the organisers for a superb weekend.



Shine Falls

"One of the happy campers"

The Kaimais and Wairere Falls: 7 November 2010

About 40 Wanderers enjoyed a splendid day in the Kaimais. Travel to and from our track was not quite what we expected for we went via Matamata, instead of Morrinsville, and Peter Scott set the route for our driver for the first part of the return via Morrinsville!

The tramping was great. We enjoyed beautiful views of Ruapehu and Tongariro whenever we paused on the climb up to the bushline. Then for much of the day we followed the easy North South track along the top, sheltered by bush looking at its best, fresh green and luxuriant. During the day we saw something of the network of tracks passing over and through the ranges.

We lunched not at the Wairere Falls but in the bush for it took us longer than expected to get to the falls and we were too hungry to wait! But eventually, in the early afternoon we arrived. The falls were not carrying much water and it would have been easy for any who so wanted to cross the wide, flat stream bed at the top. But the site is spectacular and the descent extremely steep by staircase and rocky path. Just a glimpse of two of the falls on the way down and then a narrow path at times overhung by the cliff face beside the huge boulder strewn stream until we finally reached the flat. Out in the open by the bus we looked back up to the top where the falls fanned out from their lip and gave us our best view of them.

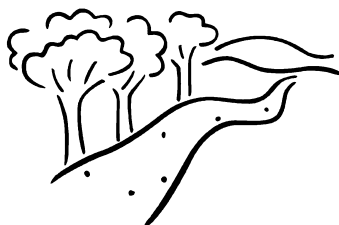
We arrived back in Hamilton a little later than planned, but no matter. It had been a wonderful trip. Many thanks to Morva and her team.

Jill Tucker

Kopu-Hikuai to Kauaerenga Valley: 21 November

Grade 3: *The Billy goat's tale...*

7.00 am at Caro St – Wow – 2 vans full of happy trampers - looks like a WET walk - soggy sammies - what a Sunday! Climbing up to the peak was like in a wind storm – lunch stop at the top was great, couldn't see a thing. Going down was really down, it didn't know when to stop. All went well other than a lot of slip overs, then into the river at the end and up to our tricky bits in the deep water. A long but lovely 9 hr walk. Thanks to Peter and Sharon.



Bernie the pain

Grade 2

We headed for the top of the Kopu Hikuai Road on a rather miserable looking day and certainly the ranges on the way over looked very foreboding. We arrived at the car park with rain lashing the windows and everyone wondered, who's idea was this!!! However the rain eased and we donned rain coats, had some morning tea and headed into the bush. Was very slippery in parts and of course, muddy. We got to the Devcich kauri turnoff where it was decided to turn back as it was very windy, wet and we soon cooled down if we stopped. We lunched in a sheltered spot and once back at the vans, took them to the Kauarenga Valley where we stopped to look at the big map at the DOC centre before dropping the two vans off for the Grade 3's. We did a short walk through the Nature Walk to Hoffmans Pool by which time everyone felt like a cuppa so we drove to the garden centre on the main road which has a great café. Everyone loved it and was a great way to finish the day.



Congratulations and best wishes to Lisa and Ron.

It is with regret the committee has accepted the resignations of:

Pixie Scott, Mary-Ellen McGarry, Sam Fulcher, Janet Ryan, Barbara Dromgool, Sue McArthur, Joan Cuff, Brian and Beverley Prestidge.

Christmas Trip: 5 December

The annual Christmas tramp and dinner was a raging success, once again. Thirty-three headed off to the car park at Waiorongomai where we had morning tea and shared the Christmas cake made by the children of Lyn's preschool. Delicious. The group split into two with the 1's taking the low level pack track and viewing the relics before going to Te Aroha where they disappeared in all directions – swimming pool, coffee and antique shops. The 2's ventured up Butlers incline – up up up it went. They lunched at the top and Colin had to admit he took a wrong turn as it wasn't intended we trudge up the 284 or so railway sleepers! Everyone forgave him and looked forward to going up the May Queen incline and along to Hardys Hut before returning via the high level pack track. On returning to Te Aroha a swim was in order for many with hijinx in the pool while others changed and relaxed in the shade. The meal was lovely and plenty of it. The venue being once a pub in the Waiorongomai township having been shifted to Te Aroha, quite apt seeing we had been in the valley that day. Well done to Colin and Margaret for organising a great day out.

*The committee wish you all a happy and safe
Christmas and good tramping in the coming year.*



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