

Brief Trip Schedule

July

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|-------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1 | Rewanui | with SWTC | Denise Stagg |
| 4 | Club Night | | FMC Photo Comp. |
| 8 | Karori / Zealandia Ecosanctuary | | Sandra Burles |
| 13-15 | Ruapehu Weekend | | Jason Christensen |
| 22 | Masterton Reserves | | Janet Hayes |
| 29 | Mt Reeves from Walls Whare | | Barry Paget |

August

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| 1 | Club Night | Ruamahanga River | Gareth Winter |
| 5 | Pinnacle Ridge | | Paul Carson |
| 11-12 | Mitre Flats birthday | | Barry Paget |
| 19 | Remutaka Rail Trail, eastern side | | Sandra Burles |
| 25 | Pigeon Bush | with SWTC | John Rhodes |

September

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| 2 | Mt Bruce Crossing | with SWTC | Nigel Boniface |
| 5 | Club Night | FMC committee member | David Barnes |
| 9 | Cone Saddle Circuit | | Stan Wilton |
| 16 | Atiwhakatu Hut | | Jason Christensen |
| 22-23 | Broken Axe Pinnacles | | Ange Minto |
| 30 | North Range road MTB | | Nigel Boniface |



Masterton Tramping Club Inc.

Winter Trip Schedule 2018



Pinnacle Ridge signs

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Club Officers 2018-19

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***The Club meets at 7.30pm, on the first Wednesday of each month, except January.
Venue is the Masterton Community Centre, 41 Perry Street.***

Prospective members are welcome to come along on Club nights. For further information contact one of the above officers. We suggest you take part in at least two trips before joining, to make sure you enjoy yourself!

Those wishing to go on trip need to contact the leader on, or before, the Thursday prior. Trips leave from the car park opposite the Red Cross, Church St. Travel costs are approximate, it depends on how many are in a vehicle, and the price of petrol!
If a party is overdue, contact one of the above officers, or the Police.

Trip Gradings

Easy 3-6 hours, little climbing. Suitable for beginners.

Easy+ 3-6 hours, probably some short hills.

Average 5-8 hours, some experience required, almost certainly some hill work.

Fit 6+ hours, Good fitness required, may go off track. Stops for lunch and 'smoko'.

Gradings are a guide only, weather and track conditions may make trip harder.

All potential members are urged to start with an easy trip so as to judge their fitness, confidence and ability. If in doubt check with the trip leader.

The Club has some gear for members to borrow:

1 each 2 & 3 person Macpac Tent.

1- four person fly. 1- two person fly.

4 pairs of Crampons and & Ice Axes. Contact Nigel

Trip Leaders are reminded to collect the Locator Beacon from Ian & Lorraine Anstis, Ph. 377 0818, and arrange to return it to them. Leaders should also notify Carol McCabe, 377 5031, Graeme Lenihan, 378 0599, and Heather Pederson, 377 4396, of the numbers on the trip and any other useful information for RCC.

If you take your own beacon inform your contacts.

Mangahao No 1 dam, which was very low, and a welcome hot drink before a lift back to Tokomaru and on to Masterton.

Applied Tramping March 26

Applied Tramping is a term which has been given to exercise where enjoying the view, companionship, and native flora and fauna, is supplemented with a specific purpose.

The Masterton and South Wairarapa Tramping Clubs occasionally organise a joint trip to encourage fellowship and to increase numbers participating. One such recent trip was to the ridge line behind Featherston where a track leads from the end of Bucks Road, past the summit of Finis and the highest point, on this track, of Mt. Frith, and eventually to the Remutaka road summit. For some years South Wairarapa Club members have been instrumental in trying to keep the track “open”, and it was with this in mind that on a Monday morning 5 members of from the Clubs set off to do some track clearing. The main “culprit” needing to be cleared is gorse, gorse loves daylight, which is what you get when you clear an area of ground.



track, has some unique views over the Wairarapa, and gives a good route for a day walk near Featherston.

And what of our day of applied tramping? Well we cut a lot of gorse: cut it, throw it into the air, and the westerly wind carries it away! We also collected a few gorse prickles in our fingers no matter how good your gloves, and, most important of all, had TWO breaks for a cup of tea!

Why clear the track along the Finis-Frith ridge, well it is an official DOC

Those on the trip: John, Mark, Laura, Mike & Nigel.

[Don't forget to show your MTC membership card at Hunting & Fishing or King & Henry for a 10% discount.](#)

Trip Reports

An ANZAC day tramp

Our ANZAC day tramp started early for four of our party of nine, one went to the dawn service in Masterton, three had to milk cows!

Two vehicles arrived at the end of Kaiparoro Road about 8.30am, on a cool but sunny morning. For many years a walk up to Kaiparoro Trig involved getting wet feet crossing the Makakahi River, but not now, logging operations have commenced in the area and there is a heavy steel bridge across, so no wet cold feet.

One downside to the logging operation is an obstacle course of mud, branches and broken logs to be negotiated before reaching the formed track. Having reached the track it was a steady climb through a mix of pine tress and native bush before turning onto a minor track which took us out to the Kaiparoro clearing and the trig. The clearing is probably the lowest area of alpine tussock

in the Tararuas at just on 800m, you get a good view, on a clear day as we had to Mitre, Cattle Ridge and the northern Tararua peaks.

After a break and snack we back tracked a short distance and most of the party made their way down to the site of an aircraft wreck which crashed in July 1952. It was over a year before the wreckage of the Airspeed Oxford was found,

by some hunters. There is still a considerable amount of wreckage in the area, aluminium does not corrode!



Having paid our respects to the pilot at the memorial cross it was back up hill to the main track and down to the vehicles. In time to drive out to the memorial service at the ANZAC bridge.

Those on the trip, Mike & Laura, Stan, Jason, Nigel and the Pitney family.

Kaiparoro Trig

Burn hut weekend May 5-6

Possibly an odd name for a hut as it does not have a fire! Maybe the previous hut, located beside a nearby stream had the fire.

The Masterton contingent (Jason & Nigel) drove over to Tokomaru to meet Ben and son Bob. We were dropped off at Mangahao No. 2 dam and started by crossing the dam. It took about 1.5 hours to walk up to the bush edge where we had lunch in the shelter out of the wind, before heading onto the tops in a cool breeze. We had had a few glimpses down into the valley, but that all disappeared in the cloud as we walked along the track to the hut.

Initially the track was quite overgrown with tussock and leatherwood, as we neared the hut recent track cutting made travel much easier. Some, but not all, patches of leatherwood were showing signs of being affected by a mite eating the leaves, killing some plants.

We had been a bit concerned as to how many there may be in the hut as there were a number of fresh footprints to be seen in the muddy areas. A note in the

hut logbook had a party of 7 doing the same trip as us, but in one day, they were an hour ahead of us.

Arriving at the 6 person hut early afternoon it was time for a hot drink and a snack. It turned into a hut afternoon, low cloud making a sightseeing walk pointless. As darkness approached the cloud cleared giving us views of town lights in Shannon and further north.

Next morning the cloud had returned and it was a bit cooler. Our route out was to continue in a clockwise direction up onto another higher ridge, with occasional glimpses over to the northern Wairarapa, then down an easy ridge as far as College Creek, where multiple stream crossings finally led to us to

July

1 Rewanui

A variety of walks in this area of native bush and farmland

Leader. Denise Stagg Ph 06 377 7117 Grade Easy+ Cost \$8

4 CLUB NIGHT

FMC Photo Competition

Entries from the Club Members for the FMC categories. Voting to decide which entries are forwarded.

8 Karori Sanctuary / Zealandia

A variety of walks, suggest a loop to the upper dam, approx. 2 hours. Plus time to explore the visitor centre and café.

Leader. Sandra Burles. Ph 021 061 7054 Grade Easy + Cost \$20 +
entry fee \$19.50 Adults, \$10 children

13-15 Ruapehu Weekend

A two night trip, staying at an Ohakune bach. Options to ski / snow craft / tramp depending on snow and weather.

Leader. Jason Christensen. Ph 06 377 7360 Grade variable Cost \$TBC

22 Masterton Reserves

A good introduction walks with a local aspect. Come along and explore some great local treasures including Manuka, Millennium and Garland reserves.

Leader. Janet Hayes. Phone 06 377 1497. Grade easy. Cost \$5

29 Mount Reeves

From Walls Whare to Coal Stream. Follow the spur known as 'Gilberts track' onto the main ridge to Mt Reeves, and return.

16 Atiwhakatu Hut

A walk to one of the Club huts, install the new poster.

Leader. Jason Christensen. Phone 06 377 7360 Grade Ave. Cost \$8

22-23 Broken Axe Pinnacles

Stretch the legs on this climb and possible loop return track. Stay at McGregor Biv.

Leader. Ang Minto. Phone 06 377 1505. Grade Ave. Cost \$8

30 Manawatu wind turbine track

A mountain bike ride finishing with a visit to Balance Café.

Leader. Nigel Boniface. Phone 06 378 6556 Grade Easy. Cost \$10

FMC Photo Competition requirements: See July 4 Club Night

Photos must be emailed to the MTC email address BEFORE the 19th June 2018

Photos will be viewed at the 4th July Club Night with voting deciding which 2 entries per category will be passed on to FMC.

CATEGORIES;

- Above Bushline (no human element)
- Above Bushline (with human element)
- Below Bushline (no human element)
- Below Bushline (with human element)
- Historic
- Native Flora and Fauna

NOTES

- For the FMC competition, photos must be no smaller than 1MB, no larger than 3MB.
- For more info on the FMC rules (in case your MTC entry wins), refer to www.fmc.org.nz , Members Area, Photo Competition.
- Entries must have been photographed after 1 January 2016.