



Quarterly Publication of the Auckland Baptist Tramping Club



All kitted up for the rain outside Waitawheta Hut

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PROGRAMME - DECEMBER 2017 - MARCH 2018

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER - HARKER RESERVE - VIVIAN FALLS - ONEWHERE (Easy) Leaders Carl Yang and May Bourke. Discover a hidden gem in Harker Reserve following a track through native bush to Vivian Falls. On return detour through a short loop track (2.5km 1.45 hrs). Meet at 10 Bracken Ave at 1.30pm. Register with Carl email xdyang01@hotmail.com or Ph (021)1473068 by Fri. 8 Dec.

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER - UP AND GO WAITAKERES (Medium/Hard) Leaders Laurie King and Hua Dai. Tracks: Karamatura, Tom Thumb, Twin Peaks, Huia Bay coaster. Easy track to start, then becomes steep and muddy in places. Stream crossings and beach walk. Meet at 10 Bracken Ave 8.30am or Karamatura Car Park 9.30am. Register with Laurie email lauriekn@xtra.co.nz by Thursday 14 December.

SUMMER TRAMPS: 27 December-14 January - Stewart Is. and Fiordland including Routeburn and Kepler (Pack carrying) - fully booked. 14-25 January - East Cape (Day walks): Whakatane, Hicks Bay and Gisborne, including East Cape - fully booked.

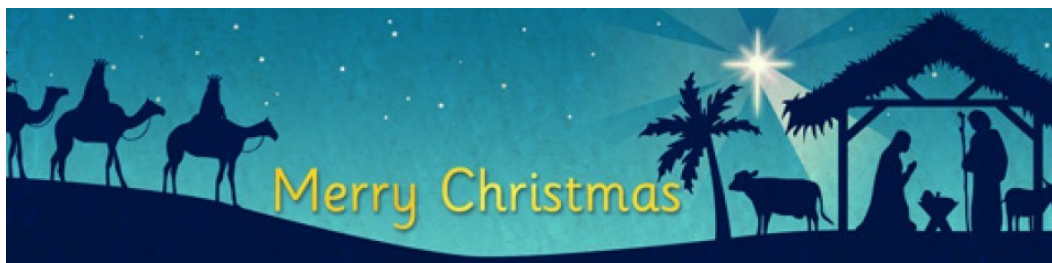
ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND 26-29 JANUARY 2018 - TANTALISING TUTUKAKA (Easy) Leaders Christine Marshall and Carl Yang. Staying at the Tutukaka Holiday Park, we will enjoy a range of coastal walks including Sandy Bay to Whananaki North, Matapouri and Whale Bay. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 6.30pm Friday. Register with Christine Marshall Ph (021) 045-1317 or email cemarshall.nz@gmail.com by Friday 15 December. \$100 deposit required by 15 December for accommodation.

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY - A LEISURELY STROLL DOWN EXHIBITION DRIVE - WAITAKERES NEAR ARATAKI CENTRE (Easy) Leaders Jenny Paynter, Carole Thornton and Lesley Li. Starting at the Arataki Information Centre, taking the Beveridge Track which then joins onto Exhibition Drive and walk half way to Shaw Road and return back to the Arataki Centre. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 1.30pm or at the Arataki Centre at 2.00pm. Register with Jenny Paynter Ph 813-6075 or (021) 122-8533 email jennyannpaynter@gmail.com by Saturday 3 February.

WEEKEND 10-11 FEBRUARY - TENTING IN THE HUNUAS (Medium) Leaders David Moore and Paul Campbell. Starting at Waharau Regional Park Carpark, following Waharau Ridge Track, Mangatangi Track, Upper Mangatawhiri Ridge Track, Kohukohuni Track and Waharau Ridge Track. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 8.00am. Register with David Moore Ph (027) 481-9996 Work 527-1777 by Thursday 1 Feb.

SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY - TWIN PEAKS, HUIA RIDGE END TO END (Medium but all day) Leader Mark Gibson. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 8.30am then at 5 Takapu St. to divide up and swap cars at 9.00am. Group A will start at Lone Kauri Rd and tramp to Huia via Huia Ridge track and Twin Peaks. Group B will start at the opposite at Huia Twin Peaks and the Huia Ridge. I am proposing we meet back at my place for a BBQ on the deck. As Pac'n'save is just down the road provision can be obtained there for a shared dinner or left when we meet to organise the vehicles in the morning. Register with Mark on email markgib.mg@gmail.com by Thurs. 15 February.

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY - EXECUTIVE MEETING 7.30pm at Tina Chen's place, 8A Rangitata Place. Lynfield.



SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY - SUMMER TRAMPS REUNION: 5pm shared BBQ meal followed by sharing and presentations of summer tramp experiences. Venue: Eden Community Church, 72 View Road, Mt Eden. Bookings please to Esther email welldiary@gmail.com or phone (022) 342-4156.

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY - LAKE AND BEACH SPECTACULAR - LAKE PUPUKE AND MILFORD TO TAKAPUNA COAST TRACK (Easy but involves some rock hopping) Leaders Geoff & Rose Tremain and Tina Chen. Assemble at beach end of Milford Road and head south down coastal track to Brett Avenue, Takapuna. Go via Hurstmere Road to Henderson Park on Lake Pupuke. Return to Milford via Lake Pupuke shoreline track. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 1.30pm or beach end of Milford Road at 2.00pm. Register with Geoff & Rose Ph 416-2323 by Saturday 24 February.

SATURDAY 3 MARCH - MANGAWHAI MAGNIFICANT - CLIFFS AND BEACH WALK (Easy/Medium) Leaders Colin & Monique Elven. Dependent on tides, along cliff and back along the beach (low tide 3.25pm). Park at the Mangawhai Surf Life Saving Club car park. The track heads along the beach for 20-30 minutes until you see the signs for the start of the cliff track. Track climbs steeply up steps to the lookout and then follows the cliff top for about an hour until the sign points you down to the beach where you return to the Surf Club car park. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 8.00am or the Mangawhai Surf Life Saving Club car park at 9.30am. Register with Monique Elven Ph 638-6605 by Thursday 1 March.

SUNDAY 11 MARCH - WAIATARUA WANDERER (Easy) Leaders Paul & Ruth Ungemuth and Lucy Zheng. Walk to picnic spot in Waiatarua Reserve and continue to Michael's Avenue Reserve, then return. Option of afternoon tea at Ungemuths. Meet at 1.00pm at Waiatarua Reserve entrance, Towle Pl. Remuera. Register with Lucy Zheng Ph (021) 858-699 or email huiqin209@hotmail.com by Saturday 10 March.

WEEKEND 17-18 MARCH Leaders Roger & Heather Donnell. Details to follow.

SATURDAY 24 MARCH - MAGIC CARPET NIGHT Details to follow.

SUNDAY 25 MARCH - PUHINUI RESERVE & McLAUGHLINS MOUNTAIN (Medium) Leaders Carl Yang, Shane Kennedy and Sam Sun. Explore Puhinui Reserve and ascend McLaughlins Mountain (Matukutureia). Highlights include views of the Manukau Harbour, lovely rural countryside with roaming farm animals, Matukutureia and 3 other small volcanic sites. (Approx 3 hrs - 5km). Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 1.30pm or Puhinui Reserve car park at the end of Price Road at 1.55pm. Register with Carl Yang (021) 147-3068 or email xdyang01@hotmail.com by Saturday 24 March.

EASTER 30 MARCH-2 APRIL - TONGARIRO TEMPTATION - TONGARIRO NORTHERN CIRCUIT (Medium/Hard) Leaders Paul & Ruth Ungemuth. Friday 6am travel from Auckland and walk 5 hrs to Waihohuna Hut. Saturday day walk option from Waihohuna Hut. Sunday 8 hrs to Mangatapopo ascending to Emerald Lakes, Red Crater then descending southwest to hut. Monday 4hrs to Chateau (Whakapapa) then drive back to Auckland. **Fully booked.** Enquiries to Paul & Ruth Ph 528-4401 or (022) 153-7327.

ABTC TRIP INFORMATION: Sunday afternoon trips are offered monthly in and around Auckland. Saturday Day Trips are organised monthly to places such as Waitakeres, Hunua, Coromandel & Waikato. Weekend Multi Day Parks trips are organised to National and other North Is locations (mostly pack carrying) Leadership Training Events (2-3 per year), a monthly Fellowship Group and Social Events are also offered.
TRAMP DEPARTURE TIMES: At 10 Bracken Ave, Epsom. Please support leaders by registering for all tramps.
Sunday afternoon: 1.30pm Bookings to leader by preceding Saturday.
Saturday Trips: 8.00am (can vary) Bookings to leader by preceding Thursday evening.
Weekend Trips: 6.15pm Friday. Bookings by two Thursdays beforehand or date specified in newsletter.
(Cancellation may incur a charge for your part in expenses where costs have been incurred for transport or provisions)
Visitors welcome
First day tramp with the club is free. **Non-member fee** of \$5.00 applies per day trip or \$10.00 per weekend trip.

ENVIRONMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES:

AROCHA : www.arocha.org/nz has opportunities to participate or support their work.

Motuora Restoration Society: Tree planting, weeding and other work on the island Trips go the last Sunday of every month leaving Sandspit at 8am. Contact Robin, ph 09 378 9548.

Ark in the Park: Every second Saturday. Help keep the Waitakeres bush pristine. Work day with Forest and Bird. Bring work gloves, snacks, drinks sunscreen etc. Contact Phillip Norton ph 021 02629569 or Laurence, ph 09 810-7014.