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## PROGRAMME - MARCH-JUNE 2024

**SUNDAY 17 MARCH - GREEN BAY-TITIRANGI (Easy).** Leaders May Bourke and Barbara Steel. Some uphill walking. Meet at 1.45pm at Crum Park, Hilling Street, Green Bay. Register with May Bourke email [hmbourke@gmail.com](mailto:hmbourke@gmail.com) by Saturday 16 March.

**SUNDAY 24 MARCH - FAMILY TIME IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS - ARATAKI NATURE TRAIL (Easy)** Leaders Murray Black and Paul Ungemuth. A lovely 45 minute walk near Auckland on a well-formed track with plenty to explore, suitable for all the family. From the Arataki Visitor Centre carpark the track takes you under the road to Te Wao Nui a Tiriwa (the Great Forest of Tiriwa) and the magnificent Kauri Cathedral. Meet at 2.30pm at the Arataki Visitor Centre, 300 Scenic Drive (follow detour from Titirangi to Woodlands Park Rd) or carpool from 10 Bracken Ave at 1.30pm. Register with Paul Ungemuth email [ungemuth@gmail.com](mailto:ungemuth@gmail.com) by Sat. 21 March.

**EASTER WEEKEND FRIDAY 29 MARCH - MONDAY 1 APRIL - OPOTIKI OVERNIGHT (Medium)** Leader Murray. A two-day tramp on the Pakihi Track (shared path cycle trail currently only open to trampers). Travel to Opotiki on Friday. **Saturday:** 10km from Motu Road to Pakihi Hut (6 bunk/tenting). **Sunday:** 9km to Pakihi Road end and return to Opotiki. **Monday:** return to Auckland. Early registration required (for cabin bookings) with Murray Black Ph 021 072-4085 email [black.candm@gmail.com](mailto:black.candm@gmail.com).

**EASTER WEEKEND FRIDAY 29 MARCH - MONDAY 1 APRIL - OPOTIKI OUTINGS (Easy)** Leader Cathie Black. Day walks on the Sand Dunes Trail, Tautarangi Coastal Walk, Te Waiti Valley Track and Tauranga Bridge Track on the Waioeka River. Travel to Opotiki on Friday with overnight trampers. Saturday and Sunday explore the coast and forest walks. Monday return to Auckland. Limited number - early registration required (for cabin bookings) with Murray Black Ph 021 072-4085 email [black.candm@gmail.com](mailto:black.candm@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY 7 APRIL - WHITFORD BRIDLE TRAILS (Easy)** Leaders Kim Jones and Lucy Zheng. Discover this 10km loop trail near Howick. Generally considered a moderate route, it takes an average of 2hr14m to complete. A popular trail for birdwatching, hiking and walking but you can still enjoy some solitude during quieter times of day. Two main trails, you may opt for one. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 1.15pm or at 2.00pm at the carpark on Porterfield Road (off Clifton Road). Register with Lucy Zheng email [huiqin209@hotmail.com](mailto:huiqin209@hotmail.com) by Friday 5 April.

**WEEKEND 13-14 APRIL - HUNUA TRAVERSE / ERNIES TRACK / PUKAPUKA TRACK (Medium/Hard)** Leaders Bryan Schroeder & Justin Coleman. Hunua Traverse is a newly opened track from Clevedon to Kaiaua. We will combine the traverse with a couple of hiking trails in the Hunuas. Starting at the Ness Valley entrance off Moumoukai Road, follow cycle trail on forestry roads to Upper Mangatawhiri Reservoir where we enter Ernies Track. Tent at Piggots Campsite overnight (15.4km). The second day's hike will take us via Lilburne Rd to the start of Pukapuka Track which we will follow to rejoin the traverse at Ara Drive, hiking through to the Mangatangi Dam, ending at Workman Road (14.3km) Meet at 20 Peridot Place, Conifer Grove, Takanini at 8.00am Saturday. Register with Bryan Schroeder Ph 022 454-3522 email [schroederbryan4@gmail.com](mailto:schroederbryan4@gmail.com). Immediate notification needed to book campsite - limited to 12 people and will close by March 18.

**SATURDAY 20 APRIL - MANGAWHAI CLIFFS WALKWAY (Easy/Medium)** Leaders Sonia Dryden and Barbara Langridge. Along the shoreline, up the cliffs for good views and tide permitting and return along the beach. A 9km walk expected to take 3-4 hours with breaks. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 7.45am or 9.30am at the carpark near the Mangawhai Surf Life Saving Club. Please advise if you are taking a car and how many you can take. Numbers will be restricted to 20. Register with Sonia Dryden Ph 027 450-4509 by Thursday 18 April.

**SATURDAY 27 APRIL - TRAINING KALEIDOSCOPE** Leader Barbara Langridge. A special event for all trampers to know how to tramp safely, use equipment correctly and be knowledgeable about map reading, navigation, track grades, conditions and terrain. Please make this a priority to attend. In response to your Training Survey choices, we will plan to share information on key topics of interest. To be held on the back lawn at 10 Bracken Avenue, Epsom 2.00-5.00pm. Register with barbaralangridge1b@gmail.com by Sunday 21 April.

**SUNDAY 5 MAY - LAKE PUPUKE / MILFORD COASTAL TRAILS (Easy)** Leaders Geoff & Rose Tremain. A short easy walk around a section of Lake Pupuke and Milford Coast - includes some road walking. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 1.30pm. Register with Rose Tremain email rose.tremain01@gmail.com. By Saturday 4 May.

**WEEKEND 11-12 MAY - TE REREATUKAHIA HUT, KAIMAI RANGES (Easy/Medium).** Leaders Carl Yang and Lucy Zheng. We will walk to the Te Rereatukahia Hut from Wharawhara Road (11km 4.5hrs). We will be climbing 700m and getting wet feet crossing the stream. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 7.00am Saturday (drive 170km 2.5 hours) to Wharawhara Road. Register with Lucy Zheng email huiqin209@hotmail.com by Thursday 2 May.  
**Book your own hut on the DOC website first.**

**SATURDAY 18 MAY - WAIHEKE ISLAND COASTAL WALK (Medium)** Leaders Colin Bourke and David Walker. Walk from Matiatia Ferry Terminal to Palm Beach via bush, beaches and some road. Lunch en route, possible coffee at Palm Beach, and return by bus to Matiatia. Meet at Ferry Building, Downtown at 8.30am for the 9.00am ferry as this sailing is often popular on a Saturday. Cost approximately \$60 being return ferry and one bus fare. Register with David Walker 027 272-6020 by Thursday 16 May.

**FRIDAY 24 MAY - EXECUTIVE MEETING 7.30pm** at the home of Murray Black, 82 Konini Road, Titirangi.

**SATURDAY 25 MAY - MAGIC CARPET EVENING** Meet 7.00pm at Remuera Baptist Church, 641 Remuera Road. Great travel to hear about. Details to be advised later. A \$2.00 gold coin Koha on the night would be appreciated. Please bring a small plate to share for supper. Any queries email Cathie on black.candm@gmail.com.

**KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 31 MAY-3 JUNE - PUREORA CROSSING (Medium)** Leader Phillip Donnell. A traverse from west to east through impressive podocarp forest. **Friday:** Travel Auckland to Te Kuiti. **Saturday:** Mangakahu Valley Road to Hauhungaroa Hut (3-4 hours - 6 bunks) **Sunday:** Hauhungaroa Hut to Waihaha Hut (5-6 hours - 10 bunks) **Monday:** Waihaha Hut to SH32 (3 hours). Register with Phillip Donnell Ph 021 172-3244 email phillipjohnndonnell@gmail.com by Wednesday 15 May.

**SUNDAY 9 JUNE - WATERCARE COASTAL WALKWAY (Easy)** Leaders Tina Chen and Linda Zhang. Meet at Ambury Farm Park and walk south to Otutata Stonefields. The walkway is mostly flat and provides access to the Mangere Ihumatao foreshore, a stretch of coastline rich in cultural history. We'll also find the traits of eruption from ancient volcanoes of Mangere Mountain and Puketutu Island. We may see some migratory wading birds that haven't headed to the northern hemisphere. After a break and devotion we'll return the same way. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 1.30pm. Register with linda\_zhangxl@hotmail.com Ph 021 821-998 by Thursday 6 June.

**SATURDAY 15 JUNE - WENDERHOLM REGIONAL PARK (Easy/Medium)** Leaders Alan & Joy Milne. A circuit of Wenderholm with a short hill climb - about 6km. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 8.00am or 9.00am at Wenderholm Reserve boat ramp. Register with Alan Milne email alan@milne-pm.co.nz by Friday 7 June.

**MATARIKI WEEKEND 28-30 JUNE - ROTORUA RENDEZVOUS (Easy/Medium)** Leaders John McCarthy and Andrew Lethbridge. This is a day walks trip. **Friday (Matariki Day):** Travel to Rotorua, settle into holiday park cabins, short local walk. **Saturday:** Day walk to Waitapu to include Lady Knox Geyser, Thermal Park, Mud Pool, Alum Lakes, Champagne Pool. **Sunday:** Pack up and vacate accommodation, do a local walk and travel home. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 8.00am Friday or by arrangement. Register with John McCarthy Ph 027 289-3543 email diddums@xtra.co.nz by Thursday 13 June.

**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 expenses for costs 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: NCNZ (New Creation New Zealand). This is a ministry headed up by Phillip Donnell.**  
**Motuora Restoration Society:** Tree planting, weeding and other work on the island. Trips go when work is scheduled. Meet at Sandspit at 8am. Contact Liz Norquay phone (09) 424-7444.  
**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.