



Quarterly Publication of the Auckland Baptist Tramping Club



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PROGRAMME - DECEMBER 2023 - MARCH 2024

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER - LONG BAY HEADLAND (Easy) Leaders Geoff & Rose Tremain. A lovely undulating walk with beautiful views of the Hauraki Gulf. This walk is not at the beach but near the Long Bay Village. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 1.30pm or 2.00pm at Streamview Way, Long Bay (off Te Oneroa Way which is off Glenvar Ridge Road). Register with Rose Tremain by text 027 7791563 by Saturday 9 December.

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER - MATAKANA VALLEY TO PAKIRI (Medium/Hard) Leaders Mark Gibson and Paul Campbell. Requires high fitness and stamina. Please bring boots (sandals, sandals unsuitable), day pack, lunch, drink, wet weather gear, survival kit and personal first aid kit. Track is quite muddy so please bring an extra pair of clean shoes (no muddy boots in cars). Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 8.00am. Register with Mark Gibson 021 0574181 by Thursday 14 December leaving a mobile number.

DECEMBER 28-JANUARY 14 - SUMMER TRAMPS - TASMAN TRAILS Day walks and overnight tramps in the Motueka and Takaka region. **Bookings closed.**

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND 27-29 JANUARY - COROMANDEL DAY TRAMPS Leaders Paul & Ruth Ungemuth. **This trip is now fully booked.**

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY - UNA AND KARAKA TRACKS, THAMES (Medium) Leaders Cath Herbert, Ann Vukojevich and David Walker. The track winds its way up the hill with steepish sections and undulating. Tramping track conditions, a bit rough in places, later coming out on Karaka Track then downhill back to the town. One creek crossing. (4-5 hours). Register with David Walker Ph 027 2726020 By Thursday 1 February.

WEEKEND 10-11 FEBRUARY - KAIMAI COMMUNITY PROJECT The Club has responsibility for maintaining tracks in the Northern Kaimais including Mt Karangahake. Come and enjoy the tracks and help to maintain them for all to enjoy. Contact Nelson Young Ph 09 4276131 or David Walker 027 2726020 for more information.

FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY - EXECUTIVE MEETING 7.30pm at the home of Barbara Langridge, 1B Greenhill Crescent, Pakuranga.

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY - PAREREKAU PROMENADE, PAREREKAU ISLAND, KARAKA (Easy) Leaders John McCarthy and Sonia Dryden. A walk around the new development on Parerekau Island including a nature reserve. This is a small island on the south Manukau Harbour coastline that is accessed by a causeway from Karaka. We will do the new walkway around the island which has been subdivided for residential development. As the walkway will only be open from 1.00 to 3.00pm, departure times are earlier than usual. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 12.15pm or 12.45pm at the end of Capriana Drive, Karaka. Register with John McCarthy Ph 027 2893543 email diddums@xtra.co.nz by Saturday 17 February.

SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY - SUMMER TRAMPS REUNION 5.00pm at Carey College, 473 Great South Road, Penrose. We will have a mix n mingle then aim to eat dinner at 5.30pm. **Meat will be provided.** Please bring a large salad, drink and a dessert. This will be followed by an amazing slideshow and report of each of the tramps held over summer. Even if you didn't participate in them, it will be a very worthwhile event to attend so mark it on your calendar now. Cathie Black and Jill Walker, Social Coordinators.

WEEKEND 1-3 MARCH - BAYLEY'S BEACH BONANZA! (Easy/Medium) Leaders Gary & Margaret Thompson. **Friday:** Travel to Bayley's Beach Motor Camp. **Saturday:** Day walks led by Gary Thompson - Bayley's to Omamari (Medium) **Sunday:** Kai Iwi Lakes (Easy). Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 6.00pm on Friday 1 March. Please advise if able to offer transport. Register with Margaret Thompson text to 027 820506 by Sunday 10 December.

SATURDAY 9 MARCH - MOTUTAPU MEANDERINGS (Easy/Medium) Leaders Christine Marshall and Barbara Langridge. A day to explore Motutapu Island, its history, views and many tracks. Starting from Islington Bay we walk a circuit track to the northernmost point, Billy Goat Point, for lunch. Returning on the other side we pass bays, WW11 Military sites, Wetland Track to Home Bay with time for a swim before being picked up at 4.00pm. Departure locations and times to be advised. Register with Christine Marshall email cemarshallnz@gmail.com by Friday 9 February for strong expressions of interest as we need to confirm numbers for the boat booking.

SUNDAY 17 MARCH - GREEN BAY-TITIRANGI (Easy/Medium). Leaders May Bourke and Jane Zheng. Uphill walking in this area. Meet at 1.45pm at Crum Park, Hilling Street, Green Bay. Register with May Bourke email hmbourke@gmail.com by Saturday 16 March.

SUNDAY 24 MARCH - FAMILY TRAMP - ARATAKI NATURE TRAIL (Easy) Leaders Murray Black and Paul Ungemuth. A lovely 45 minute walk near Auckland that is suitable for all the family. From the Arataki Visitor Centre car park the track takes you under the road for safe access to Te Wao Nui a Tiriwa (the Great Forest of Tiriwa) and the magnificent Kauri Cathedral. Meet at 2.00pm at the Arataki Visitor Centre, 300 Scenic Drive (access via Titirangi) or ask Paul about car pooling from 10 Bracken Avenue. Register with Paul Ungemuth Ph 5284401 by Saturday 13 March.

EASTER WEEKEND FRIDAY 29 MARCH-MONDAY 1 APRIL - OPOTIKI OVERNIGHT (Medium) Leader Murray Black. A two-day tramp on the Pakihi Track (shared path cycle trail currently only open to trampers). Travel to Opotiki on Friday. Saturday tramp 10km from Motu Road to the Pakhi Hut (6 bunk/tenting). Sunday tramp 9km to the Pakahi Road end and return to Opotiki. Monday return trip to Auckland. Early registration required (for cabin bookings) with Murray Black Ph 021 0724085 email murray.george.black@gmail.com by Thursday 29 February.

EASTER WEEKEND FRIDAY 29 MARCH-MONDAY 1 APRIL - OPOTIKI OUTINGS (Easy) 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 the overnight trampers. Saturday and Sunday explore the coast and forest walks. Monday return to Auckland. Limited number - early registration is required (for cabin bookings) with Murray Black Ph 021 0724085 email murray.george.black@gmail.com by Thursday 29 February.



Wishing all our members a very happy and blessed Christmas

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.