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## PROGRAMME - DECEMBER 2019 - MARCH 2020

**27 DECEMBER TO 12 JANUARY - SUMMER TRAMPS 'TOP OF THE SOUTH'**  
Bookings now closed.

**ANNIVERSARY DAY - MONDAY 27 JANUARY - ROTOROA RENDEZVOUS (Easy)**  
Leader Barbara Langridge. Ferry trip takes 75 minutes (via Waiheke). Follow the tracks around the island. Walk to north and south towers for amazing views. Visit the new visitor centre and museum of fascinating island history. Rotoroa is a predator free haven - home to a number of endangered birds including takahe, saddleback, kiwi and pateke ducks. Meet at the Ferry Buildings at 8.15am - ferry departs 8.45am and leaves the island 3.45pm. Return by 5.00pm. Register with Barbara Langridge 021 1606-349 or email [barbaralangridge1b@gmail.com](mailto:barbaralangridge1b@gmail.com). Buy tickets: <https://www.fullers.co.nz/destinations/rotoroa-island/> Closing date for bookings Thursday 23 January.

**SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY - BEACHLANDS-MARAETAI WALKWAY. (Easy)** Leaders Jocelyn Brodie, Barbara Steel and Sunny Sun. 8km each way, mostly paved walk from Second View Avenue. The path takes in extensive sea views as we walk alongside Kelly's Beach and Omana Beach before arriving at Maraetai where there is the option of a swim (high tide is 2.00pm) and an early fish and chip dinner. On our return along the walkway we will explore the loop track that circuits the Omana Regional Park, including the site of an old Maori pa. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 1.30pm or at the start of the walkway 162 Second View Avenue, Beachlands by 2.00pm. Register with Barbara Steel 027 259-3363 by Friday 31 January.

**WAITANGI WEEKEND - 6-9 FEBRUARY - POUAKAI CIRCUIT, MT TARANAKI (Medium)** Leaders David Moore and Carl Yang. The Pouakai Circuit is a tramping track in good condition with excellent views. Day one Thursday: Auckland to New Plymouth. Day 2 Friday 7th: North Egmont Carpark to Holly Hut Track 3-4 hours (32 bunks). Day 3 Saturday 8th: Bell Falls, Ahukawakawa Track to Pouakai Hut 2 hours (16 bunks). Day 4 Sunday 9th: Mangorei Track to road end. Shuttle from New Plymouth (Egmont Eco Leisure Park) to North Egmont Carpark. Pickup from Mangorei Track road end. **Please note:** There is a limit of six persons for this tramp. There will also be two planning and preparation meetings. This tramp is only related to club members. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 10.00am Thursday 6th. Register with David Moore 027 481-9996 or Carl Yang 021 1473068 by 20th January.

**FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY - EXECUTIVE MEETING** 7.30pm at the home of Tina Chen, 8b Rangitata Place, Lynfield.

**SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY - MT PIRONGIA (Medium/Hard)** Leaders Paul Campbell and Shane Kennedy. Tirohanga Track. The track starts from Corcoran Road, climbs to Ruapane then traverses an undulating ridge on uneven ground before passing Tirohanga Bluff, a pinnacle of hard lava signifying its volcanic origins. The track then descends and climbs before reaching the Pirongia summit. On a clear day look for Mt Taranaki and Mt Ruapehu in the distance. 5-7 hours return. **Option:** go to Wharauroa Lookout or on another 30 minutes to Mahaukura Lookout for about 4-5hr easier return trip. Meet at 10 Bracken Ave at 7.00am. Register with Paul Campbell Ph 634-2880 or 021 167-2933 email [pa.prcambell@gmail.com](mailto:pa.prcambell@gmail.com) by Thurs 20th February.

**SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY Summer Tramps Reunion** 5pm shared BBQ meal followed by sharing and presentations of summer tramp experiences. Venue: Carey Baptist College, 473 Gt South Road, Penrose. Book with Jill Walker Ph 630-0094 email [alinejillwalker@gmail.com](mailto:alinejillwalker@gmail.com).

**WEEKEND 6-8 MARCH - WAIHEKE WANDERINGS (Medium)** Leaders Max & Judy Woodcock and May Bourke. Bush track, road and paddocks. Bring togs, towels, light shoes to wear around the yard. Meet at Queens Wharf to catch the 5.30 ferry to Waiheke Friday 6th March. Return Sunday pm. Register with May Bourke email [hmbourke@gmail.com](mailto:hmbourke@gmail.com) by Thursday 27 February.

**SUNDAY 15 MARCH - WAITAKERES - COMANS TRACK TO MERCER BAY (Easy)** Leaders David & Jill Walker and Christine Yuan. From Karekare to Mercer Bay, undulating and some sections stepped - Approx. 2.5 hours, followed by a cup of tea at Karekare. Register with Jill Walker email [alinejillwalker@gmail.com](mailto:alinejillwalker@gmail.com) by Thursday 12 March.

**SATURDAY 21 MARCH - MAGNIFICENT MAHURANGI - MAHURANGI WEST (Easy/Medium)** Leaders Alan & Joy Milne. Walk Sullivan's Bay to Mita Bay Loop Tracks via rocks (Tungutu Point) at low tide around the rocky foreshore. Walk back over the hill to Sullivan's Bay via Tungutu Point - Down to Cudlip Point on the coast and walk around at low tide to Te Muri Beach - Te Muri Beach to Te Muri Point - back to Cudlip Point Loop Track - Cudlip Point Lookout - Cudlip Point Loop Track and return back to car park. Swim if weather and time permits. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 8.00am. Alternative 8.00am departure from Albany bus station may be possible by prior arrangement. Distance from Bracken Avenue Approx. 50km and expected travel time 45 minutes to one hour. Register with Alan Milne email [alan@milne-pm.co.nz](mailto:alan@milne-pm.co.nz) by 14 March.

**WEEKEND 28-29 MARCH - KAIMAI COMMUNITY PROJECT WORK DAY** You are invited to make your contribution to the Kaimai Ridgeway Track project on 28 March and enjoy a fun weekend at Waihi Beach. Depart 10 Bracken Avenue on Friday 27 March at 6-15pm for Waihi Beach or meet at the Karangahake entrance to the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park at 8-30am on Saturday 28 March. Book with David Walker Ph 6300094 by Thursday 19 March.

### ***'EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST'***

A second ABTC Lake Summer Backcountry Project is being planned in conjunction with DOC during the first week of April 2020. It is hoped another two Huts can be renovated over a 3/4-day period by two different groups of volunteers from the club. Working under the direction and protocol of DOC means this backcountry volunteer experience is all about 'Giving Back' and having a lot of fun doing it. Renovating two more Huts would bring the total number to 4 that would have been upgraded by volunteers from ABTC during our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (one for each ten-year period). As numbers are limited, those who are keen to know more please contact: David Moore at [janddmoore@xtra.co.nz](mailto:janddmoore@xtra.co.nz) or Phone: 0274819996.

### **28 MARCH TO 19 APRIL 2020 - 40TH ANNIVERSARY TRIP - HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

For information email Phillip Donnell [pjdonnell@orcon.net.nz](mailto:pjdonnell@orcon.net.nz).

***We take the opportunity of wishing all our club members a joyous and blessed Christmas and a safe New Year***

**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 the last Sunday of every month leaving 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.