



Waikato Cycleway

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PROGRAMME - SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2018

SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER - TIRITIRI MATANGI ISLAND Leaders Barbara Langridge and Lucy Zheng. Optional guided walk (adults \$10, child \$2.50) - **must be booked before going to the island**. Ferry from Gulf Harbour adult \$60, child \$10. Leaves Gulf Harbour 9.50am returning 3.30pm. **Each person responsible for own ferry booking** - book online with Fuller's ferries.co.nz. Car pool 10 Bracken Ave at 8.30am. Register with Barbara Langridge Ph 576-1144 email barbaralangridge1b@gmail.com.

WEEKEND 29-30 SEPTEMBER - WAITEWHETA HUT TRAINING Leader Murray Black. Check off your next 'Training Track' Module 4 Practical or increase your fitness and check your equipment for Summer Tramps. Tramp to hut approx. 3.5 hours. It crosses farmland, follows Waitawheta River then climbs gently through bush following tramline to hut. Register with Murray Black (021) 072-4085 email murray.george.black@gmail.com with your name and preferred contact details.

6-7 OCTOBER - KAIMAI RIDGEWAY TRACK PROJECT Leader Nelson Young. Members invited to hike tracks in the KRT Project and make another valuable contribution to maintenance. Depart Friday 5 Oct. at 6-15pm for Waihi Beach or meet at the Karangahake entrance to the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park at 8-30am on 6 October. Sat. afternoon may end at Athenree spa pool before an evening of fun and fellowship. Sunday en route home visit Black Hill at Waihi to view surface activities of the Oceania Gold and Silver Mine. Make your contribution to this notable project by booking with Joy Whitehead Ph 636 0144 or (021) 152-4060 by 28 September.

SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER - MT EDEN ROUNDABOUT (Easy) Leaders Lucy Zheng and Mark Paynter. We will climb the mountain first then follow the surround tracks. Meet at 250 Mt Eden Road, Tahaki Reserve Car Park at 2.00pm. Register with Lucy Zheng Ph. (021) 858-699 or email huiqin209@hotmail.com by Saturday 13 October.

LABOUR WEEKEND 20-22 OCTOBER - TE PAKI COASTAL TRACK (Medium) Leader Tim Taylor. Saturday: Drive 6-7 hours and take shuttle to start. Walk from Pandora campsite (5.5 hrs) to Tapotupotu campsite. Sunday: Tapotupotu campsite to Twilight campsite via Cape Reinga (7 hrs) with possible 90 minute side trip to Cape Maria van Diemen. Monday: Twilight campsite to Te Paki Stream carpark via Ninety Mile Beach (4.5 hrs) shuttle to Waitiki Landing, drive home. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue 5.30am Saturday for 6.00am departure. Register with Tim Taylor (027) 256-8948 email family@nztaylors.com by Wed. 3 October.

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER - TE RAU PURIRI REGIONAL PARK, SOUTH HEAD (Easy/Medium) Leaders Carl Yang & Kim Jones. A new Auckland Regional Park with beautiful farmland. Walk downhill to a serene beach reserve with magnificent coastal views of the Kaipara Harbour. Meet at 10 Bracken Ave. at 9.00am. Register with Carl Yang (021)147-3068 or xdyang01@hotmail.com by Thurs 25 Oct.

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER - WAHARAU WALKABOUT (Easy/Medium) Leaders Barbara Langridge, Tina Voordouw & Lesley Li. From Waharau Park entry on coast 5 mins north of Kaiaua (on Firth of Thames) following a circular route, Puriri Ridge Track climbing to Jews Clearing and Waharau Ridge Track. Return and descend by Waharau Ridge Track. May be slippery and wet. Meet at 10 Bracken Ave at 8.00am or Waharau Regional Park by facilities 2 mins from entrance at 9.30am. Register with Tina Voordouw Ph. 262-6620 email tinav@orcon.net.nz by Thursday 1 November.

WEEKEND 10-11 NOVEMBER - MARATOTO MEANDER (Medium/Hard) Leaders Roger & Heather Donnell. Wentworth Valley to Maratoto (5 hrs). Maratoto to Golden Cross (1.5 - 2 hrs). Tenting overnight so need overnight gear for tent. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 7.00am Saturday. Return 2.30 - 3.00pm Sunday. Register with Roger (027) 242-7390 or Heather (027) 6304437 by Tuesday 30 October.

FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER - EXECUTIVE MEETING 7.30pm at Barbara Langridge's home, 1B Greenhill Crescent, Pakuranga.

SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER - SHAKESPEAR REGIONAL PARK (Easy) Leaders Sonia Dryden, June Sinclair and Sunny Sun. Walks around this beautiful nature park (route to be advised). Meet at 1.30pm at 10 Bracken Avenue or 2.00pm at the reserve carpark near the toilets. Register with Sonia Dryden Ph. 489-4212 or email soniadry@xtra.co.nz giving a contact phone number by Saturday 17 November.

SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER - SOCIAL NIGHT - GAMES EVENING at 36 Gerard Way, Remuera, beginning at 7.30 pm. Run by Jill Walker and Cathie Black. Come along for a night of fun. Bring any board game or cards that you want to play. A plate of food for supper would be appreciated. No need to book.

SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER - UPPER HUIA RESERVOIR (Easy) Leaders Mark Gibson and Nova Gibson. Starting at the Lower Huia Dam carpark we follow the sealed road up to the Lower Huia Reservoir where there will be time to view the spillway. We then connect to the Huia Dam Road for the 1.5 hour trip to the Upper Dam, returning by the same route. **(This option allows us to travel in the Waitakeres without the concerns of Kauri dieback)**. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 12.30pm or carpark at Huia Dam gate at 1.30pm. Register with Mark by email markgib.mg@gmail.com by Friday 30 November.

SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS BARBECUE at the home of Murray & Cathie Black, 82 Konini Road, Titirangi. Please bring meat, salad, dessert and juice. The function will start at 5.00pm with a mix and mingle. Register with Cathie Black Ph. 817-2577 email black.candm@gmail.com by Sunday 25 November.

SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER - OAKLEY CREEK (Easy) Leaders May Bourke & Hua Dai. A circular walk beginning at Unitec (parking inside) in Carrington Road to trace the creek back to its origin in Mt Roskill and back. Place and time of departure yet to be decided. Register with May Bourke email hmbourke@gmail.com by Saturday 8 December.

SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER - MT PIRONGIA - NIKAU LOOP, CAVES AND TALL TREES (Medium) Leader Shane Kennedy. Nikau Loop to Bell Track, visiting the Kaniwhaniwha Caves and New Zealand's tallest Kahikatea tree. The round trip is about 4-4.5 hours. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 7.00am. Register with Shane Kennedy Ph. (021) 147-4378 by Saturday 8 December.

DECEMBER 27 - JANUARY 15 - CENTRAL SOUTH SERENADE (Hokitika & Arthur's Pass area). Summer tramping in Oxford Forest Conservation Park, Korowai-Torlesse Tussocklands Park, Arthur's Pass National Park, Craigieburn Forest Park, Lake Brunner and Lake Kaniere Scenic Reserve. Day walks and multi-day expeditions. Bookings now closed.

MARCH 1-10 2019 - ABTC LAKE SUMNER WORK AND TRAMP OPPORTUNITY

An ABTC 40th Anniversary Project

Volunteer work with DOC (transport provided from Hamner Springs) and tramping in the area, based in and around Hope Kiwi Lodge, Lake Sumner. A great start to our 40th Anniversary celebrations as we give back, serving in the back country. Fly to Christchurch Mar. 1 and return 10th working 3-4 days and tramping to follow. Places still available. Inquires to David Moore: janddmoore@xtra.co.nz or Ph. (027) 481-9996.

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 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.