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Kaikoura Coast Track

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## PROGRAMME - MARCH-JUNE 2023

**WEEKEND 11-12 MARCH - KAIMAI COMMUNITY PROJECT WORK DAY (Easy/Medium)** Leaders Nelson Young and Sophie Ye. The ABTC has successfully maintained a section of the Kaimai Ridgeway Track and you are invited to come and enjoy it on Saturday when we walk the lower level County Rd. Stay the weekend and dine at the Waihi Beach RSA or meet at the park entrance at 8.30am on Saturday. Sunday hike to a viewing place for a shared devotion. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue on Friday at 6.15pm or earlier by arrangement. Register with Sophie Ye 021 1601168 [xiaohuiye@gmail.com](mailto:xiaohuiye@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY 19 MARCH - FAMILY TRAMP - HOBSONVILLE POINT, WEST AUCKLAND (Easy)** Leaders Barbara Steel and Murray & Cathie Black. Follow the boardwalk round the coast to the Ferry Wharf. Bring snacks and drinks. Visit Harrier Point Park/Playground, the water park (bring togs?) and see fairy houses, then back to the start. Meet at the playground in Hobsonville Point Park at 2.00pm. Register with Barbara Steel Ph 027 2593663 email [barbarasteel11@gmail.com](mailto:barbarasteel11@gmail.com) by Saturday 18 March.

**SATURDAY 25 MARCH - CONICAL PEAK LOOP, MATAKANA (Medium/Hard)** Leader Murray Black 021 0724085. A 6 hour walk with two climbs. Subject to tracks reopening.

**WEEKEND 1-2 APRIL - ECHO GUIDED WALK, MT KARANGAHAKE (Easy/Medium)** Leaders Ann Vukojevich and Tina Chen. Walk Mt Karangahake Summit as the first walk organised by ECHO. Climb to summit (over 500 metres) from which the views are stunning (around 9km about 4hrs). After the walk come to Nelson Young's place at Waihi Beach. Sunday attend the service at Waihi Beach Church, then an easy walk to Orokawa Bay. After lunch head back to Auckland. Meet at 6.15pm Friday or earlier by arrangement. Register with Tina Chen 021 882778 [tinachen98@gmail.com](mailto:tinachen98@gmail.com) by Saturday 25 March.

**EASTER WEEKEND 7-10 APRIL BRIDGE TO NOWHERE (Medium/Hard)** Leader Murray Black. Pack carrying and tenting along a 40km section of the Te Araroa Trail and also part of Mountains to Sea - Nga Ara Tuhono Cycle Trail. **Friday:** Drive to Whakahoro Campsite. **Saturday:** (17km 6.30hrs) to Manapuru Trig Campsite. **Sunday:** (14.8km 4.30hrs) to Hellowell's Campsite. **Monday:** (8.4km 2.10hrs) to meet day walkers on the Bridge to Nowhere. Jetboat to Pipiriki for lunch and return to Auckland. Meet at 10 Bracken Ave 8.00am Friday. Register with Murray Black 021 0724085 by Sat. 18 March.

**EASTER WEEKEND 7-10 APRIL BRIDGE TO NOWHERE DAY WALKS (Easy/Medium)** Leader Cathie Black. The day walkers would travel with the trampers but stay in a holiday house at Horopito on Friday and could walk to the Hapuawhenua Viaduct and back (or complete the Old Coach Road to Ohakune) (approx. 4.30hrs easy walking) on Saturday. Tramp tracks at Ohakune (moderate) or other local walks on Sunday. Cost minimum \$365. Register with Murray Black 021 0724085 by Saturday 18 March.

**SATURDAY 15 APRIL - TAPORA TANTALISER - CENTRAL KAIPARA HARBOUR (Easy/Medium)** Leaders May Burke and John McCarthy. We will go out to a sand dune island at low tide from Tabora and explore the southern part of this island. Meet at Aspen Street, Avondale (very short street, park anywhere) at 8.00am. Register with John McCarthy 027 2893543 email [diddums@xtra.co.nz](mailto:diddums@xtra.co.nz) by Thursday 13 April.

**SATURDAY 22 APRIL - NAVIGATION TRAINING - WAITAWA REGIONAL PARK, KAWAKAWA BAY (Easy/Medium)** Leader Bryan Schroeder. Park track and cross country walking in Waitawa Regional Park after instruction on using the Topo GPS phone app for navigating, recording and sharing routes. Bring phones with Topo GPS app installed and NZ1.50k map loaded. Meet at 20 Peridot Place, Conifer Grove at 10.00am. Register with Bryan Schroeder 022 4543522 by Monday 27 April.

**WEEKEND 29-30 APRIL - KARIOI KALEIDOSCOPE (Medium / Medium-Hard)** Support AROCHA (Christian environmental group) and Raglan community in their pest eradication programme of Mt Karioi by assisting in checking pest traps as we climb the mountain. Two options: **Karioi Track** (Medium/Hard) from seaward side, a long steep climb to the summit. **Wairake Track:** (Medium) from the inland side, a shorter less arduous climb to the summit. Exchange car keys at summit. Deposit of \$50 required to confirm your place. Stay at Kawhia Beachside Scape in motel units Saturday night. Sunday: a coastal walk from Aotea Harbour to Ocean Beach where we can dig for hot water! Lunch in Kawhia before return home. Meet at 10 Bracken Ave. at 7.00am on Saturday. Register with Barbara Langridge 021 1606349 barbaralangridge1b@gmail.com by Sunday 26 March.

**SUNDAY 30 APRIL - EXPLORE LITTLE BROWNS BAY (Easy)** Leaders Wilma & Ian Wilson and Christine Yuan. Undulating walk. Pavement walking, reserves, beach and cliff walk. Meet at Northcross Church, 826a East Coast Road at 2.00pm. Register with Wilma Wilson 022 0284250 wilma.wilson@orcon.net.nz by Friday 28 April.

**SATURDAY 6 MAY - KOHUKOHUNUI TRACK, CLEVEDON SIDE OF THE HUNUAS (Medium/Hard)** Leaders Tina Voordouw and Sunny Sun. From Moumoukai Hill Road a formed track follows through rugged terrain rising to 651 metres **if** we get that far, passing through exotic and indigenous forest. Views across the Firth of Thames. We will **not** go all the way to Waharau(!) but turn back and retrace our steps to the carpark at an agreed time. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 8.00am or Moumoukai Hill Road carpark at 9.00am. Register with Tina Voordouw email tinav@orcon.net.nz by Thursday 4 May.

**WEEKEND 13-14 MAY - WHANGAREI HEADS (Easy/Medium)** Leaders Christine Marshall and Lynn Harris. Staying at Manaia Baptist Camp. Early Saturday morning walk across a causeway at low tide to Motukiore Island DOC reserve (2hrs). Afternoon short boat trip to Limestone Island for talk by ranger and explore the island and historic ruins. Sunday walks will provide stunning views before heading home. Friday transport to be arranged. Register with Christine Marshall ccmarsallnz@gmail.co.nz. This weekend is fully booked with a waiting list.

**FRIDAY 19 MAY - EXECUTIVE MEETING** 7.30pm at Paul Ungemuth's place, 36 Gerard Way, Remuera.

**SATURDAY 20 MAY - MAGIC CARPET EVENING** Paul Ungemuth and Barbara Langridge. Meet 7.00pm at Remuera Baptist Church, 641 Remuera Road. Come on a wild night of travel exploits and enjoy a social time with friends. Bookings not required. Koha only. Enquiries Paul Ungemuth 528-4401.

**SUNDAY 21 MAY - GREENHITHE URBAN RAMBLE (Easy)** Leaders Geoff & Rose Tremain. An undulating walk around the suburb of Greenhithe on bush track and road. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 1.30pm or 2.00pm at St Michaels Church, 12 Greenhithe Road, Greenhithe. Register with Rose Tremain email rose.tremain@xtra.co.nz by Saturday 20 May.

**SATURDAY 27 MAY - PUHOI (Medium)** Leaders Carl Yang and Tina Chen. Starting from the end of Remiger Road, we'll follow the Te Araroa Walkway to the junction of J Tolhopf Road and Ahuroa Road. Turn right to Ahuroa Road then enter into Dunn's Bush at the entrance of Valley Track which leads us back to Te Araroa Walkway, then walk back to Remiger Road. Beautiful views along the tracks. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 8.00am. Register with Carl Yang email xdyang01@hotmail.com by Saturday 20 May.

**KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 3-5 JUNE** Extended tramp to be announced - P Donnell pjdonnell@orcon.net.nz

**SATURDAY 10 JUNE - FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY TRAINING** Refresh your skills to be a track 'first-aider' - a vital skill for all Club members! Details about venue and times to be confirmed by the Training Team.

**SUNDAY 18 JUNE - BEAUTIFUL BEACHLANDS (Easy)** Leaders Jocelyn Brodie & Kim Jones. We will follow the Maraetai Loop Walk starting by the boat ramp on the western side of Maraetai Reserve and follow coastal track through to Omana Regional Park and on to the bridge at the edge of Te Puru Park before retracing our footsteps. Meet at 10 Bracken Ave. at 1.30pm. Register with Kim Jones kimjonesnz@gmail.com by Sat. 17 June.

**SATURDAY 24 JUNE - DISCOVER AUCKLAND SHORELINE CHANGE (Easy/Medium)** Leaders Carl Yang and Kim Jones. Start from Pt Erin Park following Auckland's original Shoreline Heritage Walk to Parnell Baths. Turn back to waterfront to Ferguson container terminal to view modern day operations then follow Red Fence Heritage Walk to Cloud on Queens Wharf and Viaduct Harbour. On to Wynyard Quarter and Westhaven Marina, crossing under Harbour Bridge back to Pt Erin Park (18-20km, 5-6hrs) Meet 10 Bracken Ave at 8.30am or Pt Erin Park near 94 Shelly Beach Rd at 9.00am. Register with Kim Jones kimjonesnz@gmail.com by Thurs. 22 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.