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PROGRAMME - MARCH 2019 - JUNE 2019

SUNDAY 31 MARCH - TE ATATU NORTH WALKWAY (Easy) Leaders May Bourke, Mary Little and Tina Chen. Parking will be in the park opposite Gloria Avenue. Meet at Gloria Avenue, Te Atatu at 1.45pm. Register with May Bourke email hmbourke@gmail.com by Saturday 30 March.

SUNDAY 7 APRIL - ST HELIERS TO KARAKA BAY (Easy) Leaders Mark Gibson and Christine Yuan. A coastal walk starting at Vellenweth Green on Goldie Street at 2.30pm. Then leaves Vellenweth Green following Tamaki Drive to Cliff Road. We then descent down some stairs to the beach and travel round the coast to Karaka Bay, Peacock Street. Travel through Churchill Park back via some streets to the cars parked on Goldie Street (7km). Meet at start at 2.00pm. Register with Mark Gibson Ph 836-3032 email markgib.mg@gmail.com by Saturday 6 April.

SATURDAY 13 APRIL - MT KARIORI, RAGLAN (Hard) Leaders Paul Campbell and Shane Kennedy. Starting from Te Toto Gorge (13km from Raglan) the Mt Kariori Track is steep and in parts very muddy but offers spectacular views. Chains and ladders have been installed to help negotiate the occasional rocky outcrop. The approx. 6hrs return hike requires a good level of fitness. Hike is followed by a stop at Ngarunui Beach and then takeaways at Raglan, returning to Auckland approx. 9.00pm. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 7.00am. Register with Paul Campbell Ph (021) 167-2933 or 634-2880 email pa.prcampbell@gmail.com by Thursday 11 April.

EASTER 18-22 APRIL - KINETIC KAIMANAWAS - SOUTHERN KAIMANAWAS (Medium/Hard) Leaders Paul & Ruth Ungemuth. **Friday:** Leave cars at Turangi and get dropped off to start 4 hr tramp across Mt Urchin, camping overnight alongside the Waipakihi River. **Saturday:** 6 hr tramp up Waipakihi River to Waipakihi Hut (standard 12 bunk). **Sunday:** Tramp 6-7 hours out via Umukarikari Ridge. 4pm pick up, collect cars at Turangi, overnight. **Monday:** Tokannu hot pools and travel back to Auckland. **Terrain:** high exposed tracks and along valleys with multiple river crossings. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 6.45pm on Thursday. Register with Paul Ph 528-4401 email ungemuth@gmail.com by Sunday 7 April. \$50 deposit required.

SATURDAY 27 APRIL MATAIA ON THE KAIPARA COAST (Easy/Medium) Leaders Carl Yang and Lucy Zhang. This is a 12km circular walk (4-5 hrs) provides a snapshot of bush, coast and farm. Traverse rolling farmland, explore coastal forests, a bird haven and home to kiwi, NZ fern and tui etc. Walk saltmarsh wetlands and enjoy stunning views of the Kaipara Harbour from cliff-top walkways. www.mataia.co.nz. 2791 Kaipara Coast Highway Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 8.00am. Register with Carl Yang (021)147-3068 email xdyang01@hotmail.com by Thursday 25 April.

SATURDAY 4 MAY - WAIUKU WANDERINGS, WAIUKU (Easy) Leaders Jocelyn Brodie and Barbara Steel. We will be exploring the Waiuku Estuary and surrounding areas including a lunch stop at the recently upgraded Sandspit Beach Promenade. We also plan to visit to the local museum and craft shop by the historic Waiuku Wharf. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 8.00am. Register with Barbara Steel email barbarasteel11@gmail.com by Thursday 2 May.

WEEKEND 10-12 MAY - KAIMAI COMMUNITY PROJECT WORK DAY (Medium) Leader Nelson Young. Members are invited to hike tracks in the Kaimai Ridge Track Project and make another valuable contribution to maintenance. Depart Friday 10 May at 6.15pm for Waihi Beach or meet at the Karangahake entrance to the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park at 8.30am on Saturday 11 May. Saturday afternoon may end at Athenree spa pool before an evening of fun and fellowship. On Sunday there will be an opportunity to go to the local church and then take a pleasant hike over to Orokawa Bay before returning home. Make your contribution to this notable project by booking with David Walker Phone 630-0094 by Sunday 5 May.

WEEKEND 18-19 MAY - MOTUORA OVERNIGHTER Leaders Barbara Langridge and Simon Marshall. A unique opportunity to visit this less frequented and scenic island south of Kawau Island. Come and check out this restored ecological environment with translocations of Kiwis, Diving Petrel and Whiteheads on Motuora. Camping overnight at spacious camp grounds at Home Bay, walk around the Island on Saturday with Kiwi spotting in the evening. Support the Motuora Restoration Society with work Sunday morning. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 7.30am. Water taxi 9.30am Saturday to the island and 2pm Sunday return. Club tents available or bring your own. **Total cost approx. \$110. Deposit \$30 required to confirm your place.** Register with Simon Marshall email simon.i.marshall@gmail.com or Ph (021) 082-7643 by Sunday 28 April.

FRIDAY 24 MAY - EXECUTIVE MEETING at the home of Barbara Langridge, 1B Greenhill Crescent, Pakuranga.

SUNDAY 26 MAY - RIVERSDALE RESERVE TO NEW LYNN VIA KEN MAUNDER PARK (Easy). Leaders Mark Paynter and Tina Chen. The trip starts in a pleasant public reserve and takes a journey to a path along an estuary before crossing to Ash Street via a boardwalk. Travel under bridge leading to a circuit of Ken Maunder Park. Journey recrosses under the bridge before exiting onto Great North Road. A pleasant and easy short walk. After walk an opportunity to frequent one of Lynmalls popular cafes. Meet at 10 Bracken Ave. at 1.30pm. Register with Mark Paynter Ph 963-2026 or (021) 029-29213 by Thursday 24 May.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 1-3 JUNE - POUAKAI CIRCUIT, TARANAKI (Medium) Leaders Tim Taylor and Carl Yang. **Saturday:** Drive 5.5 hrs to North Egmont Visitor Centre, walk 3-6 hrs to Holly Hut. **Sunday:** Walk 2-3 hrs to Pouakai Hut (optional side trips available). **Monday:** Walk 5-7 hrs to carpark and drive home. A premier 2-3 day tramp offering spectacular views of Mt Taranaki and the surrounding countryside. The 25km track passes through forest, alpine tussock fields and the unique Ahukawakawa Swamp. Meet at 10 Bracken Ave. at 6.00am Saturday. Register with Tim Taylor email family@nztaylors.com Ph (027) 256-8948 by Tuesday 14 May.

SATURDAY 8 JUNE - MAGIC CARPET EVENING 7.00pm at Remuera Baptist Church, 641 Remuera Road. Come and join a journey by Magic Carpet to many interesting islands and enjoy a good time of supper and fellowship. Please bring a plate or light refreshment. Koha welcome. No bookings required. Enquiries to Paul Ungemuth Ph 528-4401.

SATURDAY 15 JUNE - NEAVESVILLE - 15km south of Thames (Medium) Leaders Ann Vukojevich and Paul Campbell. Starting from Puriri Walk, up undulating terrain on an old road, stony and a little uneven. See remains of an old saw mill and gold mining area. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 7.00am. Register with Paul Campbell Ph (021) 167-2933 or 634-2880 email pa.prcampbell@gmail.com. By Thursday 13 June.

SUNDAY 23 JUNE - OAKLEY CREEK - MT ALBERT TO MT ROSKILL (Easy) Leaders May Bourke and Hua Dai. A flat walk with concrete and board walk and bridges alongside the flowing creek. Good track for families. Meet at the corner of Rosebank Road & Robertson Roads, Avondale at 1.45pm. Register with May Bourke email hmbourke@gmail.com by Saturday 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 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.