



Quarterly Publication of the Auckland Baptist Tramping Club



Westmere Walkway

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PROGRAMME - SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2017

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER - GETTING YOUR SUMMER FITNESS GOING - WAITAKERES (Medium/Hard) Leader Mark Gibson. Starting at Lone Kauri Road, take Odlins Track 2.8km to Walker Ridge Track 2.6km to Muir Track then Buck Taylor Track back to the cars - an all day trip. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 8.30am or Mark's place, 5 Takapu Street Henderson. Register with Mark Gibson Ph 836-3032 email markgib.mg@gmail.com by Thursday 21 September.

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER - INSPIRATIONAL CLUB NIGHT: THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL (USA) Max Mason will give an account of his six month hike on this famous 3,500km trail which traverses the length of the Appalachian Mountains, the longest continuous 'footpath' in the world. Why not invite a friend? Time: 7.30pm at Remuera Baptist Church, 641 Remuera Road. Please bring something for supper. Register with Esther Lee: welldiary@gmail.com Enquiries phone Paul Ungemuth Ph 528-4401.

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER - WAIKOPUA CREEK CAVALCADE (Easy) Leaders Peter & Val Osborne and Carl Yang. A pleasant loop walk beside the Waikopua Creek, Whitford via Porterfield Esplanade to the Tamaki Strait. Plenty of bird life and excellent views of Rangitoto and Motuihi Islands. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 1.30pm or carpark at the end of Porterfield Road, Whitford at 2.15pm. Register with Peter & Val Ph 535-2140 or email peterandval.osborne@xtra.co.nz by Thursday 28 September.

WEEKEND 7-8 OCTOBER - KAIMAI COMMUNITY PROJECT Leader Nelson Young. "Volunteers are priceless." Our club is planning to make another valuable contribution to the Ridgeway Track, along the length of the Kaimais. Members may meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 7.00am on Saturday 7th and travel to the Karangahake entrance to the Kaimai Forest Park **OR** travel from 10 Bracken Avenue to Nelson Young's house at Waihi Beach on Friday 6th October departing at 6.15pm. The aim of both groups to meet at the Karangahake end of the track at 8.30am on the Saturday. Saturday evening members may enjoy the spa at Athenree and Sunday choose to attend the local church at 9.00am and hike a new track for an hour before lunch together en-route home. Register with Joy Whitehead Ph 629-0154 by 29 September.

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER - NAVIGATION & ROUTE PLANNING at Duder Regional Park near Clevedon. Great views and a scenic setting for training in basic navigation using maps and compasses, led by Peter and Val Osborne. (Bring your own compass if you have one). We will be instructed and guided in map reading and will practise skills in small groups. Suitable for all ABTC Members and important training for leaders. Bookings to Peter or Val Ph 535-2140 by 8 October. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue for a 9.00am departure.

LABOUR WEEKEND 21-23 OCTOBER - WHIRINAKI FOREST (Medium) Leaders David Moore and Hua Dai. Stay at Whirinaki Forest Lodge, Minginui on Friday and Sunday nights. Saturday: tramp from Plateau Road end to Central Whirinaki Hut (2 hours). Sunday: follow Whirinaki River to River Road Car Park (5-6 hours). Monday: Short walks near Lodge before travelling home. Meet at 10.00 Bracken Avenue at 3.00pm on Friday 20th. Register With David Moore email janddmoores@xtra.co.nz or Ph 527-1777 or (027) 481-9996. Bookings close when 12 people registered.

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER - PANORAMIC PEAT LAKES - WAIKATO (Easy/Medium) Leaders Alasdair Nicoll and Barbara Langridge. The three lakes are part of a group of 31 Peat lakes that exist in the Waikato. Meet at Lake Ngaroto access off Bank Road, Paterangi (walk 1.5-2hrs). Move to Lake Serpentine for lunch and then on to Lake Rotomanuka. This is part of a predator free NZ and clean waters and reflects what is going on at all 31 lakes. Hear about predator control programmes in place. Wrap up with tea or coffee and be away to Auckland soon after 3.00pm. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 7.00am (meet at Ngaroto access off Bank Road, Paterangi.) Register with Barbara Langridge Ph (021) 160-6349 email barbarayl@clear.net.nz by Thursday 26 October.

FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER - EXECUTIVE MEETING 7.30pm at Murray Black's, 82 Konini Road, Titirangi.

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER - HOBSONVILLE COASTAL WALK (Easy/Medium) Leaders Hua Dai and Sunny Sun. A coastal walk in Hobsonville, including seaside views of Hobsonville Point. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 1.30pm or Hobsonville at 1.45pm (place to be advised). Register with Hua Dai email wonderhdai@gmail.com by 4 Nov. giving cell phone number in case of cancellation. Numbers limited to 25.

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER - ATTACKING THE SENTINEL - KAIMAI FOREST PARK (Hard/Rugged) Leaders Phillip & Ali Norton. Start at the end of Lund Road, Katikati. Farm land at first then very steep and slippery. Last part considered dangerous by DOC and not recommended. Around 5 hours return. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 7.00am. Register with Phil Norton 021 02629569 by Thursday 9 November.

18-19 NOVEMBER - WAITAWHETA HUT - KAIMAI-MAMAKU FOREST PARK (Easy/Medium) Leaders Barbara Langridge, David Moore and Carl Yang. Two options for this tramp. **Option 1:** Franklin Road to Waitawheta Hut and return. 7.5km one way, 3-4 hours tramping. Track follows tramway track at end of Franklin Road, initially easy farmland then enter forest park to follow historic logging route. Passes through Waitawheta Gorge requiring one river crossing. **Option 2:** Access from Katikati direction to Waitawheta Hut and return same way. Bookings to be made on the doc website individually with credit card payment of \$15. Holders of AHP must phone to make booking without payment. No charge if tenting. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 7.30am. Register with Barbara Langridge Ph (021) 160-6349 or email barbarayl@clear.net.nz by 20 September or sooner if hut is full.

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER - FAIRY FALLS FROLICS (Easy/Medium) Leaders Joy Whitehead, Marian Kilgour and Tina Chen. A walk in the Waitakere Ranges to a pretty waterfall. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 1.30pm. More details to be advised. Register with Joy Whitehead Ph 629-0154 by Saturday 25 November.

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER - COAST TO COAST Leaders Ted & Marjorie Owens Ph 473-1318. Details to be advised.

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FUNCTION The end of year BBQ will be held at Carey Baptist College, 473 Great South Road, Ellerslie at 5.00pm. Please bring own meat and salad, dessert and drink to share. Book with Esther Lee Ph (022) 342-4156 or email welldiary@gmail.com.

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER - HARKER RESERVE - VIVIAN FALLS - ONEWHERO (Easy) Leaders Carl Yang and May Bourke. Discover a hidden gem in Harker Reserve, following a track through native bush to Vivian Falls. On return detour through a short loop track 2.5km 1.45 hrs. Meet at 10 Bracken Ave at 1.30pm. Register with Carl Yang email xdyang01@hotmail.com or Ph (021) 147-3068 by Friday 8 Dec.

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER - UP AND GO WAITAKERES (Medium/Hard) Leaders Laurie King and Hua Dai. Register with Hua email wonderdai@gmail.com by Thursday 14 December. Details to follow.

SUMMER TRAMPS: 27 December-14 January - Stewart Island and Fiordland including Routeburn and Kepler(Pack carrying) - fully booked. 14-25 January - East Cape (Day walks): Whakatane, Hicks Bay and Gisborne, including walk to the East Cape - fully booked.

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 your part in expenses where costs have been 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:

AROCHA : www.arocha.org/nz has opportunities to participate or support their work.

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.