

ALPINESPORT



October Club Night - This Tuesday October 1st

Don't miss Dennis Millards talk about his Tour Aotearoa Adventure
Dennis is fundraising for Parkinson's Disease Research so any
donations from members are most welcome.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



President's Column
October 2024

Kia ora koutou,

We have had some cold weather and more snow at last, and nearly a full hut at the A-Frame this weekend for the start of the School Holidays. September has been a quiet month in terms of club trips, but there is plenty on offer in October to look forward to.

For example, there are three trips during the weekend 12th/13th with a Women's Overnighter, Children's Bushcraft and Sunday Walk all happening at once. Something for everyone! If you can lend a hand on Thursday 17th October, join Sue Grant and others at the Waitākere Hut for a spring-cleaning session. Claire Jackson has booked the beautiful facilities at the Ngamuwahine Lodge for the weekend of 16th/17th November. There is plenty of space (sleeps 90) for members of all ages to attend. Contact Claire to book a bed.

Jodi Reddell and Barry Cobb are leading our first Small People on Big Hills trip for a while, on the 24th November. Mark Roberts has an adventure on Lake Tarawera advertised for the end of November. I encourage everyone to put up their hand and lead a trip, especially **Small People on Big Hills** trips which need a new injection of energy.

If you would like to lead a trip, click on the link on our What's On page on our Website where it says: "**Planning a trip?** Click [here](#) to have it published." Or simply send an email to kerianderic@alpinesport.org.nz and Eric Horn will make sure it is published on our Website, Facebook and subsequently in the monthly Alpinesport magazine.

Bookings for Summer Camp near Ohakune have opened. Contact Peter Jemmett for more information and to register.

Club Night last month was fascinating, and we learnt more about our native bats from expert Neil Henderson. This month's talk promises to be inspiring, with cyclist Dennis Millard talking about his ride from Cape Reinga to Bluff. He is raising money for the Parkinsons New Zealand foundation via his Give-a-Little page.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/3000kms-for-me-a-longer-journey-for-a-mate>

On other matters, we acknowledge the death of club member Helen Lyons and send condolences to her family and friends.

Wishing you all the best for October.

Ngā mihi,

Miranda Hutton



NOTICES & NEWS

October Club Night

Tuesday October 1st - 7.30pm

St.Marks Hall, Remuera

Dennis Millard - Cyclist

In March this year Dennis Millard (73yrs), rode the Tour Aotearoa – a 3,000km bike ride from Cape Reinga to Bluff.

The route was designed by the Kennett Brothers and includes many of New Zealand's famous bike trails. He will recall his experiences of the ride, the ups and downs (literally), and show the magnificence of New Zealand's landscapes.



Along the way he successfully raised donations to Parkinson's NZ <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/3000kms-for-me-a-longer-journey-for-a-mate>

This talk comes with a health warning: you may be so excited by his presentation, you'll find yourself signing up for next year!

November Club Night

Tuesday November 5th - 7.30pm

St.Marks Hall, Remuera

QUIZ NIGHT

Introducing the first annual ASC Pub Quiz (except we are at St.Marks not in the pub!).

Teams will be randomly created on arrival so no pre strategising to have all the brains at your table!

Expect at least six rounds of questions on topics such as world geography, explorers, mountains and oceans , general knowledge and ASC history.

Be ready for lots of fun, random prizes and a chance to be crowned the smartest members at ASC!

Welcome New Members!

Sarah de Croy and family, William (17), Tommy (16), George (13) and Lucy (12)

Updates from our Associate Organisations - click the links in the titles.

[FMC Newsletters](#)

[Friends of Regional Parks](#)

[Department of Conservation Newsletters](#)

[Backcountry Trust News](#)

[Kaimai Ridgeway Trust](#)

[Snow Sports NZ](#)

[Waitakere Ranges Protection Society](#)

SUMMER CAMP 2024/2025



Duration: Thursday 26th December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025

Our Campsite: Is in a long grassy paddock beside a fresh water lake 15 minutes drive from Ohakune. Approximately a 5-hour drive from Auckland

Bring: Everything you need for camping and staying safe in the outdoors. Bring your own food and gas stove for cooking on. There will be a local water supply which we recommend treating or boiling.

Toilets: There will be a selection of Port-a-loos for use at camp. There will be a cleaning roster for the toilets. Members may bring their own chemical toilets for which they will be responsible for.

Rubbish: All (non food) rubbish needs to be taken off site. Food scraps and compost can be disposed of at our campsite.

Food & Petrol: Ohakune, our closest town, is a 15 minute drive away. Ohakune has petrol stations, cafes and a supermarket.

How camp works:

There will be at least two trips running every day, offering a variety of easy, hard, tramping, sightseeing or cycling options. Mark Roberts will provide trip ideas, maps and sign-up sheets, but we need leaders to volunteer. Nearby Tongariro National Park has a number of tracks starting near Ohakune or the Ohakune Mountain Road such as:

- Mangawhero Forest Walk
- Old Blyth Track
- The Round the Mountain track
- Ohakune Coach Road
- Lake Rotokura Walk

There is an onsite ridge walk has fantastic views of the camp & surrounding landscapes.

Mountain Biking :Both the Old Coach Road & Rangataua forest blocks offer family friendly mountain biking. There are more rides closer to National park.

No radios or stereos at allowed at camp.

Important :

More details including address will be provided once the booking & the initial payment is received .



Booking & Payments

You need to be an ASC member to book a spot at Summer Camp. However, extended family and guests of members may attend, as usual. There are three steps to follow:

1. Contact Peter Jemmett via email

To book, contact Peter Jemmett pmc.jemmett@xtra.co.nz Please provide Peter with the names of all campers, ages of children/ teenagers, arrival and departure dates if known and contact phone numbers while at camp.

2. Peter will request that you pre-pay your first two nights immediately and will send you full information on how to do this

3. Pay your remaining nights before or immediately after your stay

The remaining December /January nights may be paid either in advance or immediately after the camp.

Death Notice

Helen Lyons

Helen was a long time member of the club but resigned a few years ago due to health reasons. Helen was active in both tramping and skiing along with Marcel Hovath.

A memorial service is to be held for Helen on October 19th at 1pm at the VJ Williams Chapel and this service will be able to view on zoom for 90 days

WAITĀKERE HUT OPEN DAY

Thursday 17th October 2024



Open day at the Waitākere Hut 10:00 am to 3:00 pm to spring clean the hut. All welcome.

Bring your rubber gloves, cloths, whatever, and lunch etc and socialise while we work. Hot water on tap. Stay as long as you like.

Contact Sue Grant at kiwiguide@xtra.co.nz if you have any questions.

Leave the gate as you find it.



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

DOC HUT ALERT - RECENT CHANGES

Greenstone and Caples tracks huts and campsites will now require bookings for stays from 1 November 2024 onwards. These huts were previously non bookable.

Bookings will open 15 October at 9.30am

UPCOMING TRIPS

WOMEN'S OVERNIGHTER - WAITĀKERE

12pm Saturday 12th October - 12pm Sunday 13th October 2024

Join us to celebrate the beginning of the warmer weather with an easy 2-3 hour walk along the coastline.

We will end up at a beautiful little campground nestled in the valley on the edge of a river. Come and join us for a night under the stars. We can't wait to see you!

Contact trip organiser: Claire Caiger (she/her) on clairecaiger@gmail.com.



CHILDREN'S PRACTICAL BUSHCRAFT

October 12+13, 2024

Children's Practical Bushcraft Weekend.

10:00 am Saturday to approximately 2:00 pm Sunday.

Waitakere Hut, Anawhata Road. Aimed at 7-11 year olds with accompanying adults.

Club members only. Limited numbers.

Cost: Pay only for your overnight stay at the hut.

Contact Sue Grant kiwiguide@xtra.co.nz

DAY TRAMP ON SOUTH KAIPARA PENINSULA

Sunday 13 October 2024

Meet at entranceway to Te Rau Puriri Regional Park, 2911 South Head Road, South Head. 88 kilometres from Auckland CBD. Starting time 10.30 am. Walk is approx 11 Kms and is expected to take 3-4 hours.

This trip is a farm and coastal walk over rolling and hilly country with some flat coastal walking. The park tracks are all defined by coloured marker posts, which we will follow as needed in a circular pattern from and to the cars via the ruins of an old prawn farm facility.

Please book by email with the leader:-

Bruce Dwerryhouse: dwerryh@xtra.co.nz

If you require transport or have spare seats available please advise the leader in your email when booking.

A transport levy of \$15.00 payable to the driver if you are getting a lift with another member.

THURSDAY WALK - EPSOM CIRCUIT

Thursday 24th October

Climbing two mountains with lots of steps, walking through untouched forest, admiring some of Auckland's early century mansions and finishing with a garden tour.

Leaders Warren & Jocelyn White

Email : wandjwhyte@xtra.co.nz

~~Pinnacles Hut - Labour Weekend~~

26-28 October 2024

This trip **now cancelled** as the hut is now full with other groups.

Thank you Carolyn for proposing the trip and offering to lead it for members.

MARAETAI, OMANA, BEACHLANDS COASTAL WALK plus MOTUKARAKARA ISLAND

Sunday 3rd November 2024

From Maraetai to Pine Harbour via Omana Regional Park, Te Puru Park, Shelly Bay, Pohutukawa bay, Sunkist bay and Pine Harbour Park.

Deviate to Motukarakara Island at low tide and circumnavigate island - check out the sea cave on the north side, walk to the summit and then continue to Pine harbour car park.

Meet at the eastern end of the reserve at Ohinerangi Beach on the Maraetai Coast Road at 10.00am. Two cars will drive to Pine Harbour car park to park and one will return with the drivers

Leader Carolyn Blackford

Phone 022 651 6066 or email cblackfordcarolyn@gmail.com



WOMEN'S OVERNIGHTER - KAWAKAWA

12pm Saturday 16 November - 12pm Sunday 17 November 2024



Join us on a short 45 min beach walk to a small campsite. Enjoy safe swimming and a beautiful, secluded stretch of white sand beach backed by regenerating bush and farmland.

The best kind of camping for our last WON of the year.

Contact Jeanine Scholey for more details at womens.overnighter@gmail.com.

Our apologies for the clash with the Ngamuwahine Lodge weekend, however this was the only weekend that the tides and the leaders availability coincided to run this trip.

NGAMUWAHINE LODGE WEEKEND

Fri 15th to Sun 17th Nov 2024



The ASC trip to Ngamuwahine Lodge is scheduled for November 15-17, 2024. The lodge is located 2.5 hours from central Auckland, in the Kaimai-Mamaku Forest Park. Activities during the stay include swimming, bush walks, and river tubing / kayaking and basic mountain biking.

The facility can comfortably sleep 90, includes a large conference room, 2 commercial kitchens, large outdoor covered dining area plus indoor dining. It has a BBQ area and pizza oven. There is a trampoline and basketball hoop. BYO bedding. <https://www.tauranga-int.school.nz/lodge-hire>

For more information and registration/booking information, please email Claire Jackson: clairelouisejackson@gmail.com

SMALL PEOPLE ON BIG HILLS - PIHA COASTAL ADVENTURE

Sunday 24th November 2024

This wee adventure is walking at low tide to the 'hidden beach' and cave, exploring the rock pools and then heading back for black sand castle making and a picnic on the beach.

Low tide is at 11:19am so we will meet at 09:30 and leave at 10:00 so little legs have plenty of time to crab hunt and rock pool explore on the way around.

Wear weather appropriate clothes and good grippy shoes (the rocks can be slippery) and bring a towel and set of dry clothes to change into.

Also don't forget hat, sunscreen, raincoat and snacks/lunch, water bottle and a sense of adventure.

Meet in front of Brothers Beer and Juke Joint BBQ (South Piha) on Marine parade south

Leader : Jodi Reddell

Phone 022 1564279 if you have any queries



LAKE TARAWERA WEEKEND

Saturday November 30 - Sunday December 1st



One of the largest lakes in New Zealand, the picturesque Lake Tarawera (meaning ‘burnt spear’), is a firm favourite with boaties and trampers alike.

At the end of November Mark Roberts will lead a weekend trip to this area which is located 18km east of Rotorua.

You will have the option to either sea kayak (bring own boat) across the lake or tramp the 15km Tarawera trail to camp at Hot Water Beach.

Contact Mark & book your campsite via the Doc website [Hot Water Beach Campsite](#) . We will be leaving Auckland Saturday morning returning Sunday afternoon.

Trip will only go ahead if the weather forecast is reasonable .

Leader Mark Roberts mark2005roberts@yahoo.co.nz

RIVERHEAD, WEST AUCKLAND

Sunday 1st December 2024

Leader Bruce Rogers

Details will follow next month

ASC ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP

December 26th 2024 - 4 January 2025

Details earlier in the magazine