

BUSHCRAFT OPTIONAL WEEKEND *OTMC Bulletin, April 1987, (Page 8)*

47 of us headed away to Fiordland for the optional weekend of Bushcraft to what turned out to be a brilliant weekend - both tramping and weather wise, and not without its excitement.

Yes, we had brilliant weather but I can explain this - I contacted Huey with the dates of the trip as the Tuesday and Wednesday prior and asked him to organise the weather accordingly (you may recall the Tuesday and Wednesday were the days of the floods in Southland and Central Otago) and then we snuck into Fiordland in the weekend without Huey noticing! Will he get his revenge?

A combination of Antony's party late out and a stroppy bus driver meant that his party was left behind as the driver insisted he had to be in Te Anau by 5 to get a puncture fixed. Managed to contact Antony at Cascade Creek and after borrowing a car (thanks to Anthea) in Te Anau I went and picked up the 'missing' party.

Everyone, except Cindy - no not because she was in Dave Levick's party!, but 'cos she got sick', had a fantastic time and the Fiordland trip seemed to be a very fitting end to a successful bushcraft. Thanks to all the leaders and participants who made it so.

Thanks to Doug Forrester and rest of party for putting up with me at such short notice. Quote of the trip has to go to Doug who was overheard saying "There's only one thing better in life than a cheesecake" Doug wouldn't mention what it was, but he assured me it wasn't two cheesecakes!

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