



OTAGO TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

BUSHCRAFT / TRAMPING SKILLS COURSE 2017

The OTMC has run Bushcraft course's for over 45 years, introducing many hundreds of local people to the pleasure of tramping. The New Zealand outdoors comprises a huge range of places to go, from the 'Great Walks', such as the Routeburn and Milford, to Wilderness areas such as the Olivines in Fiordland.

To enjoy these areas safely requires a sound knowledge of all basic bushcraft skills. Our course is presented by passionate club members who will share their experience and knowledge to enable you to enjoy your tramping safely, either with a club or as private trips.

The course is particularly suitable for people who have completed a number of the well known tracks, like the Routeburn, Kepler, Hollyford or the Rees / Dart, and are now running out of ideas or confidence to go to the

next step. There are many areas away from the main tracks that are relatively accessible to those with bushcraft experience, but require a little more self reliance and training.

Real tramping experience won't come from a training course, rather it is gained by years of actually going on tramping trips. One of the best tips we can offer is to tramp with experienced people and just observe what they do - you will find plenty of small things that make you think 'that's a good idea - I must do that!'

Bushcraft 2017 will teach the basics, including the important ones of map reading, compass use and river crossing—all in a friendly, practical hands-on environment.

Ask any club member for more information, or fill out an application form.

- **February 14** (Tuesday evening): Introductory evening (includes clothing, footwear and equipment).
- **February 21** (Tuesday evening): Navigation (maps/compass), weather, and environmental care.
- **February 26** (Sunday): Navigation: Practical exercise on Flagstaff.
- **February 28** (Tuesday evening): Food for tramping / Cookers & portable stoves.
- **March 5** (Sunday): River Safety / River Crossing Day (Outram Glen)
- **March 7** (Tuesday evening): Trip planning evening (for Silver Peaks), environmental care
- **March 11-12** (Sat/Sun): Silver Peaks Practical Tramp (*day trips also available*)

Contact Antony or Debbie (473-7924) for further information

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