

Bushcraft 2017

Bushcraft 2017 is a basic instruction course on tramping safety in the bush and mountains of New Zealand. It is being organised by members of the Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club. There is a generally a minimum age limit for participants of 16 years (exceptions can be made in consultation with us). You may not have done any tramping at all before, or you may have done some recreational walking or the DoC 'Great Walks' and would like to learn more about the basic skills required to enjoy the outdoors in safety. Bushcraft 2017 will cover topics such as clothing and equipment, trip planning, map and compass use, river safety and environmental care. We are sure that you will enjoy learning in the company of others and come to share our love of the hills.

Course Programme

The course consists of four evening meetings, two day trips and a weekend trip the Silver Peaks, just north of Dunedin City. The evening meetings will introduce the course and prepare for the day and weekend trips.

2017 Dates

- ☐ **February 14** (Tuesday evening): Introductory evening (includes clothing, footwear and equipment)
- ☐ **February 21** (Tuesday evening): Navigation theory (maps/compass) & weather.
- ☐ **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 ,environmental care.
- ☐ **March 11-12** (Sat / Sun): Silver Peaks Practical Trip (at extra cost—approx. \$15) – *Day trips for both days also available for the Silver Peaks weekend.*

COST: The cost of the course is \$25 per person. This covers our costs, clubrooms use and course materials. Transport for the navigation and river crossing day will be by car-pooling with payment to the driver. The cost of the Silver Peaks will comprise car-pooling and food costs (approximately \$15 - \$20 inclusive). All participants will be enrolled as OTMC members for the duration of the course (*Bulletin delivered electronically*).

In the event that the course is over-subscribed, we will run a second course – this will be held on Wednesday evenings in the same week as the Tuesday evenings. The day and weekend trips will remain the same for both courses.

Contact Antony or Debbie on (03) 473 7924 for further information.

TO APPLY - FILL OUT THE APPLICATION FORM OVERLEAF

**Visit the OTMC on the Internet: www.otmc.nz
Or email at: otmc@ihug.co.nz**

BUSHCRAFT 2017 - Application Form

Name:		Phone:				
Address:						
Email:						
Age Group:	16-17	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+

Previous Tramping experience (if any):	
Disabilities (Diabetes, Asthma etc.) <i>This information is confidential, but your leaders need to be prepared:</i>	

Contact Person (For us - if for example the Silver Peaks trip is late in returning)		
Name:	Address:	Phone:

Signature (Parent if under 18) _____

Please email this form to otmc@ihug.co.nz, post to the address below, or bring along on the first night of Bushcraft 2017.

OTMC
 Registration
 Bushcraft 2017
 C/- 11 Watkin Street
 Dunedin, 9010

Please pay online if possible (course cost is **\$25.00 incl. GST**):
 The OTMC bank account number (ASB) is: **12-3150-0311684-00**
 Please include your name and 'Bushcraft' as a reference.

Please indicate your preference for either Tuesday or Wednesday evenings in the event the course is over-subscribed:

(circle preferred night) **Tuesday Evenings I Wednesday Evenings**

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NOTE: The Flagstaff navigation day includes travel over untracked areas (waist deep tussock and some scrub). The Silver Peaks weekend will include a mixture of tracked and untracked areas. Some areas may include steep terrain and slight height exposure – tramping time will average five hours per day (fitter parties may tramp for longer). There may be a requirement to cross small streams (though weather conditions can change these). Parties will consist of 4-6 people and each will be accompanied by an experienced leader.