

OTMC BULLETIN



Newsletter of the Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club Inc

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*Lunchtime on the Cascade Saddle Track with views up the West Matukituki Valley.
Magnificent ! (photo by Barry Walker)*

November Trips & Events

North Otago Chalkies Track Dunedin Northern Skyline Traverse
Waitati Cycle Loop Livingstone Range Powder Ridge
(December : Eyre Mountains Rongomai and Honeycomb Tracks)

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Thursday meeting at 3 Young St, South Dunedin

Doors open 7:30 for 8pm start, all welcome

OTMC Bank Account

The OTMC bank account with ASB is ... **12-3150-0311684-00**

Please include your name and the reason for the payment when using internet banking (which is the preferred option). Non-members must pay for trips when signing the trip list, members should pay before departure.

Vehicle suppliers/drivers will normally not pay the trip fee and will be reimbursed fuel costs later (check with the trip leader or Treasurer Rodger if in doubt).

Gear Hire

OTMC has a large amount of gear available for members to hire. Hire charge \$5 for up to a week, then \$5 per week. See or phone Joe Bretherton 473 8784

- Ice Axes
- Crampons
- Cookers & Billies
- Packs
- Tent/Flys
- Climbing Helmets
- Avalanche Probes and Transceivers

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Thank you to everyone who has paid their subscriptions. Currently there are 197 paid members for the 2018/19 year. Membership of the OTMC brings many benefits with one of them being your OTMC membership card gives you discounts at local tramping shops. \$15 of your OTMC sub going to FMC which advocates on your behalf and also has discounts for backcountry hut pass, Wilderness Magazine, Stewart Island and Cook Strait ferry bookings and check out the FMC website to more discounts.

A reminder for around the 40 people who have not yet renewed their OTMC membership, this will be your last Bulletin if you don't renew !

Trip Reports

Club activities over the past months

7th October: Unexplored Silverpeaks

The usual fun clubrooms-footpath process of finding an unexplored spot was somewhat easier this year, with those new folk who turned up having been to few or no such spots at all. So, it was a quick drive to Leith Saddle carpark, then a walk towards the bottom of Rustlers Ridge, past the bottom of the Burns Track. Here, we found, as predicted, Burns Creek, a nice little inoffensive stream burbling away and minding its own business. Thus, we explored it. Not far up, and with some feet already being wet, we found the former Dunedin City Corporation water pipeline intake grill. It was intriguing to think of the team of keen souls who had planned, surveyed, cleared the bush, constructed and maintained this feature that helped allow the early city to establish. This country is rugged; fit for goats (plenty of them around) and intrepid, fit explorers. There were some of the biggest *Carex secta* grass trees any of us had ever seen, well over a metre tall.

It was a typical masochists' scramble, but we were up to it, and pretty soon we were up to the place where the Burns Track crosses the creek, and we were up to having lunch.

There, we spotted a familiar sight – the enemy! Wilding trees that weren't even trying to get away from the kitchen knife extermination process. Their only hope was to make it rain, seeing as they couldn't run away. (They were observed later to be still just standing there, this time possibly quite drenched and putting on more growth.) With the rainy cold front coming on, the sky darkened, the knife was stashed for next time and we bailed out of following the little river any further in the uninviting wet scrub. We climbed ever upwards, but this time on the top bit of Rustler's Ridge track to the Swampy road, where it was somewhat bleak and equally uninviting.

Nevertheless, we conquered that and descended via Swampy Spur track as the rain eased, back to Leith Saddle.

I really enjoyed it. Thanks to the others for coming. It would be a bit boring on my own.

Richard Pettinger for Brendan Penwarden, Deb Nicholas, Mark Stephenson and Tracy Pettinger.



Tracy P and Carex secta by untracked Burns Creek : Richard Pettinger

13-14th October: Takitimu & Aparima hut

We arrived at Princhester hut way before 10pm and settled into the hut. Rose was there before us so was a lone trumper who was only staying the night and got the smoke going inside the hut :-)

We listened to stories of a group of young trampers who just got helicoptered out as Rose was arriving just before dark, with the boys mother hugging them while they arrived safely back....? I tried to figure out what the problem was, was it that bad up there? Was it better that I cancel the trip altogether? Have I not read the forecast correctly? Am I

turning into a "it will be all right" New Zealander? But as I listened a bit closer the whole drama was an act to prevent worse from happening.

I got into my sleeping bag and covered my head so I did not have to breath in the smoke that filled the hut for the whole night.

We woke up to a crisp morning frost close to 7am, had a big breakfast and started walking up to the saddle along the Bog burn. There was more and more snow as we gained height. We changed lead as we went along and got off track several times as the track was not really that clear to follow. We reached the Saddle after a good hour tramping and down we went through snow covered ferns and slippery down hill slides. We got to the clearing about 2.5 hours into our walk. The first thing I thought was oops a bit more snow than I imagined... But just not to show my inner thoughts I put on a stern Kiwi expression and got on with the slog through the wet tussock and snow towards the Becketts hut crossing. FYI I forgot to bring my gaiters so I was wearing my rain trousers all day..

We reached the crossing after only 20 minutes and started the uphill battle that is called the Te Araroa trail, which we were on for the whole 8 hours that day.

The weather was as it was forecasted, mostly cloudy with the occasional sunbeams through the clouds. We saw the weather closing in behind us as we went along. We were searching for a "dry" spot to have lunch and it is really a challenge to find a dry spot to put down your pack and sit down to have a lunch break in the Takitimu's after a snow storm. Eventually we found a spot but we moved on quickly as the wind did not really cooperate with our standards. There were a lot of small streams to cross and navigate, more than I remember before. The tussock covered bogs especially became very notorious on our 8 hours snow slog. I heard the occasional bog curse spoken out behind me and I tried to do some Harry Potter cursing at some nasty bogs as well, which backfired straight away by me breaking my walking pole in half, in the very next bog! We arrived at the hut in a very fast time, only 8 hours and 8 minutes. That is seriously fast considering the terrain we went through and 33.33% of our party had never been there before, Good job I'd say. We settled into the hut still in full day light and got into our dry gear. The Cheese and crackers were on the table very quickly and we made ourselves comfortable. We got the pot belly going with dry wood we could find and used all the coal



Rodger, Rose and Peter at Aparima Hut

I dragged in. The hut was nice, food was delicious, company was great and we had our dessert after 9pm as we were so stuffed with all the food. We got to sleep while the rain came down in buckets.

I woke up at 7ish and got the billy going first. A quick look outside did not really match with the vision I had from the weather forecast on Friday night. It was raining and there was snow again? We got into our breakfast routine and packed up slowly. Looked at the map and contemplated the change of walking out via Dunrobin Valley road and hailing an Uber ride but realised that that would be a 45 km detour to our waiting cars :-)

We got going just as it got dry again and the first thing we did was to cross a very gently flowing stone cold river. We raced towards the farmers crib a half hour away to get the blood flowing to warm up a bit. We made good progress, we tramped 6 km in 1.5 hours. We stayed a bit more on the true right side of the Waterloo burn and I like that route more as the other side is more of a wet option with multiple river crossings and much more bogs. We were kinda driving up a herd of cattle until they could go no further up the valley. We did not visit Becketts hut, I found that we crossed enough rivers in one weekend. The weather was actually improving with the sun showing itself now and then. We tramped over the "big sponge" crossed the Waterloo burn and had our lunch just before 12noon. We walked for another 16 minutes to reach the Becketts crossing sign and started to walk back the way we came in. Up and up through the snow with now snow showers coming down from the trees above us. We got to the saddle again and there was a whole lot more bird life than the day before when we heard nothing at all. Good to hear them sing. We moved towards Princhester hut on a very slippery wet track down the Bog burn towards our cars. We did the return trip in under 7 hours and the sun was out now completely. I was looking forward to a hot cup of tea and a warm scone. Nice weekend with great company. Peter Boeckhout for Rodger Clarkson and Rose Colhoun.

22-23rd September: Mt. Aspiring National Park – Aspiring Hut

Taking off as usual Friday at 6PM we headed towards Raspberry Creek carpark for an approximate two hour walk through the valley to Cascade hut. We arrived at the carpark a bit after 11 thanks to Richard and Andrew who drove the van. We started walking about 11.30 in the brightest moonlight. Personally, I had not been looking particularly forward to a midnight walk, but I had to admit I was very wrong in my assumption of what it would be like. The moon and the stillness of the weather made it an amazing two hours with great chat and laughter as we crossed the many little streams on our way. We slept in the eight beds and on the floor of the cute, old, little Cascade hut.

We got up at 8AM and as each of us got ready we drifted off on our way. From here it was a short 20 min. walk to Aspiring hut where we met the rest of our group who had walked in the day before in daylight.

People had breakfast and reorganized their bags for the day. We were a big group of people who headed up towards Cascade Saddle. It was a long and in places steep walk through forest and across a stream before we made it to the tree line where we were met with snow on the ground. From here we walked only a little before we reached a plateau suitable for a lunchtime sit down. Here, everyone caught up and had good chat and enjoyed the view before heading down.

Meantime a select few went up the valley to Pearl Flat, enjoying the great scenery and weather, but not so much the sandflies who joined them for lunch!



We all met back at the hut for good chat and food in our individual groups. The hut was packed to the brim and some even had to look for beds in Cascade hut as the hut was all booked up.



The following morning the weather looked gloomy at the Mt. Aspiring end of the valley. Precipitation was in the air. We packed up and headed out the valley - scattered in little groups. Most people were aiming to head up Rob Roy glacier track. As we were walking out the weather front was chasing our heels and so the weather up Rob Roy was not ideal, although the views were better at the second lookout.



Great trip, great people, great weather and great views!

Text and photos by Martin Eriksen for a large crew of participants!

29th September: Saturday Cycling

Three cycled under sun and clouds that floated high o'er vales and hills, when all at once we saw a crowd, a host, of golden daffodils; on hillsides and beneath the trees, fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Apologies to William Wordsworth! But Maria Hamelink, Greg Collins and I (Jane Cloete) had a very good day on our bike in the Waitahuna/Lawrence area. A cloverleaf trail from the Waitahuna school took us up both sides of the valley for nearly 38k in all. A mixture of tarseal and back roads, but for every 'up' there was a glorious 'down'! Greg and Maria had mountain bikes and I was full of admiration for them, for they never got off and walked! I, with my small-wheeled electric bike, had to walk some short sections: it was the MUD that got me! I'm told that Rotorua mud is good for the complexion, but I didn't want to test the Waitahuna mud!



Maria and John amongst the daffodils

Then back to the vehicles for lunch at Lawrence – we were sure hanging out for some food by then. Hot coffee or hot chocolate finished the meal and gave us the energy for the afternoon ride. We went along the bike trail for a bit, then crossed the road to go up Munro Road, which loops around into Gabriels Gully. Near the top, Maria ran out of water and the next section was the steepest of the whole day, but she and Greg summoned some extra energy and rode all the way up that bit. At the junction with Blue Spur road we had a pause and then the reward: A long downhill run, on tarseal, back to Lawrence. I'd originally planned to finish there, but no, we were gluttons for punishment and went on the extra few Km to Weatherstones – and there we spied the daffodils! We wandered round – Greg hadn't been there before, I'd forgotten just how extensive they are, and Maria took lots of photos. So we eventually left Lawrence, after a total of nearly 60km cycling, at 3.30pm and headed for home

9th September: Leith Saddle/Cloud Forest/Escarpment/3 Peaks Track/Return via Leith Loop

Six of us left the clubrooms in warm sunshine, but when we disembarked from our cars on the Leith Saddle we were greeted by a strong, cold nor'easter. We also noted that some of the surrounding hills had cloud cover. We were undaunted, however, and sprinted across the motorway before hauling ourselves up on the conveniently placed rope to the start of the track up to the Leith Loop Lookout. Ken spurned the assistance provided by the handy rope, pointing out that there were steps cut into the bank.

We climbed steadily up to the rocky lookout and from there admired the view southward over Sullivan's Dam and over the city and coast, where the sun was shining, whereas we were heading into the Cloud Forest – literally! After a 20 minute descent down the Leith Loop track, we reached the junction with the main Cloud Forest track and climbed up a combination of boardwalk and muddy track to the powerline clearing. Normally we stop here to have our morning drinks and nibbles whilst admiring the view north, but the nor'easter forced us across the clearing to the start of the Escarpment section where we were sheltered.

Fully refreshed, we ploughed on through the mud and hurdled fallen tree-trunks. However, one newly fallen tree-trunk had so many lethal spiky branches protruding from it, that we had to risk life and limb to remove it to one side before we could proceed.



Tony, Ken and Dave check out the camera whilst Justine waits

There were other similar obstacles in this section which we removed, with one by a heroic effort from John, who also had to fight off bush lawyer, before we finally reached the rocky section climbing up to the lookout point of Pigeon Rock, which gives great views north and west. We noticed that although Flagstaff was clear, Swampy was cloud covered.

From the rock we descended steeply through a remnant pine forest, then ascended equally steeply until we came out onto grassy, open terrain littered with heaped up dead pine tree branches. Here, Tony had to reassure his companions that he knew where he was leading them and was most relieved when he spotted an orange marker pole which indicated the way across the cleared pines towards Cowan Road. On this route we go by another small section of standing pine. As we were entering it, leader Tony was startled by what he thought was a ruru (morepork) on the ground and staring up at him with a beady eye. Unfortunately it was nothing so exciting; just a large pine cone, although it did have a very eye-like mark on its base which was pointing upwards. (That's Tony's excuse. He assures us he's made an appointment at SpecSavers.)

As we approached Cowan Road we came again into the cold nor'easter and could see that Mt Cargill was covered in clouds that scudded across its summit. We therefore made the unanimous decision not to go up Cargill and instead found a sheltered spot to have lunch. We did not linger long before we set off down Cowan Road, where we again had views of Dunedin basking in the sunshine. Keeping up a brisk pace we soon reached the turn-off for the 3 Peaks track which wends its way through high gorse and broom. The replanted pine are growing quickly, however, so they should soon be over-topping these weeds.

The sun was now shining on us and we were all pleasantly warming up – but little did we know what

dangers awaited us amongst the gorse and broom! Firstly, we were put off our guard by a very friendly golden Labrador, but as we were all patting it we were suddenly ambushed by two large barking and growling Bull Mastiffs. Those of us with poles used our fencing skills to try and fend them off, whilst John tried karate chops. Whilst we were defending ourselves we heard a woman's voice calling the dogs, then she appeared with another equally large ferocious looking dog on a lead. When she saw us fighting the dogs off, she tried to reassure us by saying, as the dogs bared their teeth, "It's all right, they won't bite. They're only being friendly." (Why do dog owners always say this when you are being mauled by their dogs?) "Tell me another!" said John as he shook his fingers. The woman protested that we were the first people she and her dogs had ever seen on this part of the track, so that was why the dogs reacted the way they did. (What about the friendly Labrador?) Anyway, we decided not to hang around and emerged unbiten on to the gravel road.

As Tony had been informed that we would not be allowed to cross the sheep paddocks because of lambing we did not continue down the 3 Peaks track as normal, but instead went along the Sullivan's Bridle Track (aka Fox Road) to return to the powerline clearing. There had been some recent bulldozed gorse clearing on this section, so whether more pylons are to be erected remains to be seen.

From here we turned left to return down the

Cloud Forest Track, only to realise at the Leith Loop junction that we had a 20 minute ascent to the lookout (Photo shows the shock effect this realisation has on the "old men" of the party.) before again descending to the Leith Saddle. Gritting our teeth we climbed up and over before using the rope at the end of the track to abseil off it (an experience again spurned by Ken) and sprint across the motorway to the safety of the carpark. Ah, the benefits of civilisation!

Tony Timperley for: Dave Bunn, Ken Taylor, John Tolmie, Denise Justice, Saskia Bronstring.

23rd September: Somewhere on the Peninsula

I like to walk on our Peninsula. In small pockets, it reminds me of England, only with fewer pubs, tea shops and quaint villages, but you can't have everything eh. I found it rather challenging to find a walk that wouldn't upset the wee lambs and sheep mums in September. It was almost inevitable that we would have to walk a track that the Club had done recently more than a few times. But the tracks closest to town were the ones that we hadn't done for a while.

Seven of us met at Tomahawk lagoons to walk up the 41-Peg Road track. OTMC member Paul Clark, who owned property around the lagoons met up with us and kindly gave us a quick talk on the history of the area. He has lived there for over 30



Sue, Ken, Tracy, Lucy, John, Rodger at the top of the Karetai Track

years with his wife Sue and together they have worked really hard to protect and enhance the health and biodiversity of the plants and birds that live there. Ken Mason and the kiwi kids conservation group did some planting over 20 years ago that has flourished and grown. Paul walked with us a little way, but had to leave us and get back to work.



Paul Clark (right) talks to Ken, Tracy, Sue, Rodger and John on Peg 41

The day was beautiful, with ducks and ducklings, swans and signets, sheep with sleepy lambs to behold. At the top of the hill we hung around at the Soldier's Monument to take in the commanding view of both coasts of the Peninsula.

The Peninsula Track leaflet from the Tourist office recommends you return to the car park via Centre Road, but we didn't fancy walking the road, so we descended by the same track. Every time I tried to take a photo of the fluffy cygnets with their mum, they turned tail on me and swam away, but Roger probably has some lovely photos of their little beaky faces. So cute.

We drove to the start of the Karetai Track and set off up the hill. This is another there and back walk and although it is only 30 minutes, there are some beautiful views out along the cliff tops and over the ocean. We stopped for lunch on a flat spot about 10 minutes away from the cars and watched a southerly front heading our way while we sat basking in the warm sun and still air. We could see the front had hit Brighton and then reached town, steadily marching towards us. The temperature dropped like a stone. The ocean waves blew up and we were off.

We had an afternoon appointment at Grant Braes-football club, (not the school as I had announced). I'm very sorry that I got that information wrong, for the people who turned up to Grant Braes School. The Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Trust were having a workshop on trapping. A few of us went there and learnt about pest control traps and techniques which are useful for our own work on Ben Rudd's and in the Orokonui "halo" project. It was very positive and what they do bodes well for getting native birds and wildlife nice and secure on our lovely Peninsula.

Tracy Pettinger for Richard P, Lucy Gray, Ken Taylor, John Tolmio, Sue Kinley, Rodger Clarkson, (and Paul Clark).

21st October: Green Spaces in Urban Places

The unexpected Sunday morning rain drops didn't deter the 11 of us who turned up, with Rodger leading the group, to explore the cities green treasures. As soon as we started out on our urban adventure, the rain-coats could come off and we quickly warmed up, meandering up and around the myriad paths through the Botanic Gardens. Some of us tried desperately to remember the left and right turns Rodger so confidently led us along, but I for one have to admit that by the time we got down to Logan Park, I was glad to see a Gardens map that indeed would help in any future retracing of steps!

Leaving the glorious colours of rhododendrons, azaleas and other garden delights, we suddenly hit the noisy road (somewhat unusual trampers traffic) and headed up Ross Creek tracks where we discovered some beautiful, tranquil bush paths and a lovely picnic lunch in the sun. About 12km in total and satisfied with some decent 'forest bathing'. Thanks Rodger for taking time in your busy study schedule to show us these green spaces :)

Trisha on behalf of Ken, Carolyn, Jane, Simon, Alan, Shane, Utku, Tugce, Bakir-Demir and Rodger.

November Weekends

Club Trip List for the month (weekend overnight tramps and events)

You must pre-register on the Trip List at the club rooms (or contact the leader direct) before the closing date (normally two weeks before the trip start). Members must pay before departure, non-members upon registering (non-members pay \$13 more than the members fee shown below). Vehicle providers may be exempt from the fee (check with the leader).

Trip organisational details will follow by email.

You are responsible for your gear and medical / first-aid needs (also see Gear Hire).

3-4th November : North Otago (E/M) \$30+ Jane Cloete 467-2328

Note departure 8am sharp from the clubrooms

Two one-day tramps.

Saturday – Herbert Forest – 5+ hours.

Sunday – Trotters Gorge

Overnight:

If good weather forecast? - tents at Trotters Gorge DoC camping area (\$8).

If rainy weather forecast? - Cabins at Hampden motorcamp (?a bit under \$30).

SO bring your tents and sleeping bags, but we might just be in a cabin at night!

Sign-up: by Thursday 25th October

17-18th November : Livingstone Range (M) \$55+ Joe Bretherton 027 362 1221

We'll depart the clubrooms 6pm (or earlier) on Friday, stop for half an hour in Gore, hopefully arriving at one of the DOC campgrounds in the Eglington Valley at approx. 11pm. Camping fees apply.

Maximum number of 12 persons.

On Saturday we'll have two options, which will be decided closer to the time.

Option 1

Saturday: Start walking at Cascade Creek (off track), taking one of its tributaries up to The Livingstone Range. Camp at one of the many tarns at the top.

Sunday: Carry on along the Livingstone Range to Key Summit, then onto the Routeburn track to The Divide (car shuffle required).

Can be done vice versa.

Option 2

Saturday: Starting at The Divide (Routeburn Track) we'll head up to Key Summit, then off track along the Livingstone Range where we'll camp near one of the many tarns.

Sunday: Carry on along the Livingstone range to Duck Creek which we'll follow down to the Greenstone Track. This then leads us onto the Routeburn Track which we'll follow back to The Divide.

This trip is weather dependant – due to the fact that we're aiming to camp in the alpine zone and on a ridge.

If the weather is good – the views will be superb!

1-2nd December: Eyre Mountains Ashton Hut (F) \$45 Tim Russell 027 959 3270

The under-rated Eyre Mountains don't receive much attention from trampers. This is a chance to see new territory and bag a little visited hut or three. On Friday night we will do an easy 90 min walk from the carpark on the Mt Nicholas Rd to Upper Oreti Hut (6-bunk, free). Next morning we will take the scenic route to Ashton Hut. It will involve a 4WD track to Lincoln hut, a section of bush bashing, a solid climb, then a few hours of untracked traversing of the open tops. Views from here are spectacular if the weather behaves. From Pt 1619 we will find our way down to the 4-bunk Ashton Hut, which is in the basic category and free. A tent will be carried in case the hut is already occupied (not too likely). Sunday's route out will be more direct via Pt 1330 for a shorter return to the carpark.

Trip List Closes: November 11th

November Day Walks

Club Saturday & Sunday Trip List for the month (day tramps and events)

*Unless otherwise stated day trips leave from the club rooms on Saturday/Sunday at 8am
If the weather is in doubt give the trip leader a phone call to check.*

The trip fee is paid directly to the vehicle provider(s).

(E)asy, (M)edium, (F)itness required

4th November : Chalkie's Challenge with other options

**(M) \$5 Ken Taylor 027 411 9037
and Sharen R 027 229 1961**

Back in March 2018 we set out to walk this track but lost our way and the track so have some unfinished business here.

Ken is joining me to co-lead so welcome Ken. Good news is that Ken has gone back since and found the track we were seeking so this is the plan.

Meet at the clubrooms and leave at 9am or meet us at the carpark at the end of Silverstream Valley Road about 9.15am

Travel to Silverstream Valley Road car park, park the cars then walk back to the signposted track near the Waiora Scout Camp.

Make our way up hill, enjoy the bush, listen to the birds. Last time there was some evil bush-lawyer so to be safe bring some gaters. Once we get to the top of Powder Hill we will then walk down the other side of Chalkies track to the road. Bit of up hill here so a workout to get your hearts beating.

Depending on the day we are going then head up Racemans track and just go from there. So depending on the day and who comes along you can either have a shorter walk and just do Chalkies track or a long walk with the "decide as we go" option heading into Racemans track.

Short walk will be 3 hours and the longer option up to a max of 6 hours.

Mt Cargill Road below the Organ Pipes, including the summits of Flagstaff, Swampy Summit and Mt. Cargill.

The tracks themselves are very diverse, ranging from wide well benched tracks to tracks with mud and tree roots. The trip should take between 7 and 8 hours, and provides many magnificent views

18th November: Cycle Waitati loop \$5 Maria Hamelink 021 135 0141

Starting at the later time of 9am from the clubrooms we head down to Portsmouth Drive and along to North Dunedin then head up Leith Valley Road crossing the motorway at the saddle and cruising down Waitati Valley Road into Waitati.

Stopping at Blueskin Bay nursery for lunch or bring your own lunch.

After lunch we head up Mt Cargill Road over the top enjoying some great views of Dunedin and Port Chalmers then cruise or speed down North road to the valley and back through town.

Mostly tar seal, bit of gravel and lots of hills (up and down).

Total distance 50km. Elevation 400m each way. Riding time approx 4 hrs.

Alternative start/finish point corner of Malvern and George St for those who may live nearby.

Leader will have repair kit, tools etc but bring your own spare tubes, water, lip balm etc

11th November: Dunedin Northern Skyline Traverse (M) \$5 Debbie Pettinger 473 7924

25th November: Powder Ridge (E/M) \$5 Andrew McConnell 022 089 6537

Join us for a wander along the northern
11 Dunedin Skyline from the Bullring to

TBA

November Thursday Meetings

Thursday Club Social Meetings at the Club Rooms 3 Young Street, South Dunedin

*Members, non-members, visitors , all are welcome to these social events.
Doors open at 7:30 for an 8 pm start*

1 November: Richard Forbes - 10 years of tramping with the OTMC. What to do when you are keen on tramping and you have no friends and family who want to go with you? That is exactly the predicament Richard found himself in 2009. So Richard joined the OTMC. Hear what he has been up to during the last 10 years with photos and short videos in what has been a busy time involved with all aspects of the club including 3 years as OTMC President.

8 November: Cindy Branburn - Injury prevention when tramping. Cindy has worked as a physiotherapist and fitness trainer for over 20 years. She will share with us practical tips on injury prevention and reversal of the aging process; specifically tailored for tramping trips.

15 November: Caving in Vietnam - Hang Son Doong "mountain river cave" is the World's largest cave, located in Quang Binh province, Vietnam - "A Boeing B747 can fly through its largest passage."

Come along and listen to Peter MacNab, a

member of the British caving team who discovered it in 2009 and who has returned on a number of expeditions to explore it further.

22 November: Jordana Whyte - The Wildlife Hospital in Dunedin is the only facility of it's kind in the South Island and has been open since January 2018. The Wildlife Hospital has treated a wide variety of animals including native birds, penguins, seals and sea lions. Jordana will tell us about the hospital and the animals.

29 November: Barry & Helen - Travels in China - Walls, Warriors, Mountains and Monuments, a look at the past dynasties and modernity of today's China.

6 December: Antony & Ralph - In 2005, the OTMC ran a '10 Day Trip', heading over Shotover Saddle to Lochnagar, and return via Pine Creek, Snowy and over Cascade Saddle. This trip is on the summer trip programme, so come along and hear from Antony and Ralph how this trip went and get some idea of what's to come.

November 2018

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1 10 years with OTMC :Richard F	2	3	4 Chalkies Track Ken Taylor 027 411 9037
					North Otago with Jane Cloete 467 2328	
5 Cmtte	6	7	8 Injury Prevent Cindy Branburn	9	10	11 Dn North Traverse with Debbie Pettinger 473 7924
12	13	14	15 Vietnam Caving Peter MacNab	16	17	18 Waitati Cycle loop Maria Hamelink 021 135 0141
					Livingstone Range : Joe Bretherton 027 362 1221	
19	20	21	22 Wildlife Hospital Jordana Whyte	23	24	25 Powder Ridge with Andrew McConnell 022 089 6537
26	27	28	29 China Travels Barry & Helen	30		Dec 2 : Rongomai & Honeycomb Pam McKelvey 021 216 5334
					DEC 1-2 Eyre Mountains Tim Russell 027 959 3270	