

Bushcraft 2020

Bushcraft 2020 is a basic tramping course that allow participants to enjoy the outdoors of New Zealand safely. 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 2020 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 instruction day trips and a weekend trip to the Silver Peaks, just north of Dunedin City. The evening meetings will introduce the course and prepare for the day and weekend trips.

2020 Dates

- **February 18** (*Tuesday evening*): Introductory evening (includes clothing, footwear and equipment)
- **February 25** (*Tuesday evening*): Navigation theory (maps/compass)
- **March 1** (*Sunday*): Navigation: Practical exercise on Flagstaff.
- **March 3** (*Tuesday evening*): Food for tramping / cookers / portable stoves / weather
- **March 8** (*Sunday*): River Safety / River Crossing Day (Outram Glen)
- **March 10** (*Tuesday evening*): Trip planning evening, environmental care.
- **March 14-15** (*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 **\$40** (incl. GST) 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 (*Monthly Bulletin delivered electronically*).

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: <http://otmc.co.nz>

Or email at: <mailto:otmcnz@gmail.com>

BUSHCRAFT 2020 - 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 **otmcnz@gmail.com**, post to the address below, or bring along on the first night of Bushcraft 2020.

OTMC
Registration
Bushcraft 2020
C/- 11 Watkin Street
Dunedin, 9010

Please pay online if possible (course cost is **\$40.00 incl. GST**):
The OTMC bank account number (ASB) is: **12-3150-0311684-00**
Please include your name and 'Bushcraft' as a reference.

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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.