



**Thumbs Up Adventure Club Inc.**  
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*"The Thumbs Up Adventure Club is a social and active group of people who enjoy living life to the fullest"*

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## November 2020 – December 2020

### HAURAKI RAIL TRAIL SECTIONS D & E

#### Paeroa-Te Aroha-Matamata

**Saturday 24th to Monday 26th October 2020**

Ride the newly formed section of this trail from Te Aroha to Matamata, basing ourselves in Te Aroha for 2 nights.

Saturday, we will ride from Te Aroha to Paeroa and return, distance 46 kms.

Sunday ride from Te Aroha to Matamata and return, distance 74 kms. Mainly flat riding.

Monday we will explore Te Aroha.

Carpooling can be arranged.

Check out the trails on the Hauraki Trails website

[https://haurakirailtrail.co.nz/downloads/HaurakiRailTrail\\_SecD\\_Paeroa\\_TeAroha\\_v2s.pdf](https://haurakirailtrail.co.nz/downloads/HaurakiRailTrail_SecD_Paeroa_TeAroha_v2s.pdf)

[https://haurakirailtrail.co.nz/downloads/HaurakiRailTrail\\_SecE\\_TeAroha\\_Matamata\\_v2s.pdf](https://haurakirailtrail.co.nz/downloads/HaurakiRailTrail_SecE_TeAroha_Matamata_v2s.pdf)

**Bring:** Bike and suitable bike clothing, water

**Cost:** Rides are free, accommodation and meals at your cost

**Contact:** Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)



### OMAIO GARDENS & SCULPTUREUM

**194 Whitmore Road, off Takatu Road, Matakana**

**Saturday 14th November 2020 at 10am**

**Omaio Gardens:** Meet at Matakana Country Park, Omaha

Flats Road, Matakana in the carpark by St Andrews Church at 10am. We will then drive to Omaio Gardens for our 10.30am booking. Morning tea is available after viewing Liz Morrow's stunning garden, which takes approx. 2 hours.

Return to Matakana Country Park carpark and walk across the road to **Sculptureum**, with its three gardens bursting with sculptures, prehistoric rocks, 'live' animals and reflective quotes, all surrounded by beautiful plantings and 6 stunning art galleries

For those who have already visited Sculptureum and have carpooled there are several activities around Matakana to while away 2 hrs.

Carpooling can be arranged

**Bring:** Walking shoes and suitable clothing

**Cost:** Entrance to Omaio \$10 or \$20 including morning tea (cash only). Bookings essential

Sculptureum \$29 Adult, Gold card holder \$20

**Pay:** On the day

**Confirm by:** Saturday 7th November 2020

**Contact:** Sheila Jenkins – 021 479 256 or [sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com](mailto:sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com)



### CHATHAM ISLANDS

**29th October - 5th November 2020**

Enjoy a week on New Zealand's Chatham Island.

This is similar to the very popular tour done in 2018, but this time as well as the regular attractions we will also be on Chatham Island for their 'House and Gardens...the bountiful table' week.

Other attractions include the early Moriori culture, relics from colonial settlements including the early German missionaries, whalers and fishing settlements, tree and cliff carvings, plus relics from pre human settlements. The islands are also famous for their abundant seafood including crayfish.

For those of you that haven't been to the Chatham Islands before, they are in the Pacific Ocean about 800 kilometers' east of the South Island and while part of NZ, the flora and fauna are different due to its isolation.

This is an 8 day (7 nights) trip and includes transfers, accommodation at the Waitangi Hotel, meals, transport, fishing, guided tours, entrances and attractions.

**Cost:** Normal trip price is **\$3,795**, but if we can get a group of 10 or more, we can get 10% off making the price **\$3,416** per person share twin, and no compulsory single supplement!

Airfares Auckland - Chatham Islands are additional. Flexi Saver airfare is currently \$898 return. For more information or to book:

**Contact:** Peter Fleming - [peter@travcorp.co.nz](mailto:peter@travcorp.co.nz)

### ELTON JOHN CABARET

**Saturday 14th November 2020 at 8pm**

**Centrestage Theatre, Centreway Road, Orewa**

Reminder to those people going to this show. I still have 2 or 3 tickets left for this show.

Dinner before show at Thai Orewa at 5.15pm prompt.

**Contact David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or [gundesevverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesevverrall@xtra.co.nz)**



### ELTON JOHN CABARET

**Saturday 7th November 2020 at 8pm**

**Centrestage Theatre, Centreway Road, Orewa**

A reminder to those 10 people going to this show, also Dinner before show at Thai Orewa at 5.15pm prompt

**Contact: David Verrall - 027 203 5508**



### WAIHEKE COASTAL WALK – ONEROA BEACH TO PALM BEACH

**Saturday 21st November 2020 (catching the 9am ferry)**

We will take the 9am ferry to Waiheke. The coastal walk starts at Oneroa Beach, finishing at Palm Beach. The walk takes us along beaches and up tracks over the ridges with stunning coastal views. We will also walk through residential streets with cute old baches and new architecturally designed houses. Approx. 2.5 hours. Lunch at the Archadia, Palm Beach. Return by bus to Matiatia.

**Cost:** Ferry (Gold Card free), lunch

**Bring:** Snacks, water

**Contact: Mary Donald - 021 846 066 or [mary.don@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mary.don@xtra.co.nz)**



## KAIMAI'S TRAMP LINE TRAPPING WEEKEND

**Saturday 21st to Sunday 22nd November 2020**

**Saturday 21st** - meet at 10am at 8G Gane Place, Omokoroa for a Kaimai's tramp. We will check out a short, but interesting, trapping line for possums and rats, then walk down the Leyland O'Brien Track to the end, where we will have lunch. Around 5 hours and expect to be back in Omokoroa at 3pm. Evening potluck BBQ at 8G Gane Place from 5pm onwards for nibbles and then BBQ meal

**Bring:** Suitable clothing, tramping shoes/boots, and walking pole (opt), packed lunch, drink and snacks for tramp. BBQ - BYO drinks and meat and a shared plate. Please let me know what this will be. BYO fold up chair.

**Sunday 22nd** - meet at 9am at Gane Place again, for either a walk to Plummers Point, Te Puna or for those wanting to ride instead, bike from Gane Place to Bethlehem. Around 3 hrs return in total and lunch back in Omokoroa at Beached on Blue, 4 The Esplanade (opposite the boat club), before heading back home.

**Bring:** Walkers drink and snack. Cyclists, drink, bike and riding gear  
**Further info:** Cabins available at Omokoroa Kiwi Holiday Park. Various prices with lots of choice of configurations. Must book direct either online [www.omokoroa.co.nz](http://www.omokoroa.co.nz) or email [stay@omokoroa.co.nz](mailto:stay@omokoroa.co.nz). Must pay for your cabin when you book, otherwise they won't hold your booking. Ask me for further info on cabins available and I can email you these. Other alternatives are Book a Bach <https://www.bookabach.co.nz/baches-and-holiday-homes/search/.../omokoroa-beach> and search for Omokoroa Beach, also Airbnb options. Campervan space available (various options).

**Cost:** Free. Sunday lunch your cost

**Confirm by:** 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

**Contact:** Guy Phillips - 0276 035 549 or [icbm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:icbm@xtra.co.nz)

## CROQUET

**Carlton Croquet Club, 333 Manukau Road, Epsom**

**Saturday 28th November from 2pm to 5pm**

Please be there by 1.45pm. Parking is available in either Corbett Scott or King George Avenues.

Depending on numbers, a tournament can be arranged with tuition provided by club members. Each game lasts 1 hour and can be organised on a round robin basis. There are 4 lawns in total. Equipment is provided at no additional cost.

Everyone is welcome to bring along nibbles and wine or beer. Kitchen and bathroom facilities are available at the club house.

**Cost:** \$20 per person (up to 19 players) payable in cash on the day.

**Confirm by:** Saturday 21st November

**Contact:** Janice Calvert - 0274 605 704 or [jcalvert@kinect.co.nz](mailto:jcalvert@kinect.co.nz)



## HIGH TEA, BRICKLANE RESTAURANT

**5 Clark Street, New Lynn**

**Sunday 29th November at 2.30pm**

Treat yourself to a high tea of sandwiches, savouries and sweets, along with your choice of tea or bubbles, in the sophisticated and relaxed atmosphere of Bricklane Restaurant. Free parking on site.

**Cost:** \$30 with tea or \$35 with a glass of bubbles

**Pay:** On the day

**Confirm by:** 16th November or soon as, for time to advise numbers

**Contact:** Christine Troy-West - 022 157 5965 or [christine@troywest.com](mailto:christine@troywest.com)



## ANNUAL XMAS PARTY

**Cornwall Park,**

**Saturday 5th December 2020 at 11am**

In the hope that this year due to Covid restrictions, we will be able to host this event, we have set a date for you to save.

Arrive from 11am onwards for pre-lunch drinks and a catch up with other members. Lunch will be served promptly at 12:30 pm. Xmas lunch will be a lovely selection of ham on the bone, cold meats and salads, Xmas cake, fresh fruit platters and strawberries. Wine and juice provided. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements. A map with directions of where the site is, will be sent to those who have confirmed they are attending.

Again, this year in an effort to reduce NZ's waste problem and keep NZ clean and green, there will be no plastic/disposable plates or cutlery provided. We are asking for everyone to bring their own and to take all your rubbish home with you.

**Bring:** \$5 Secret Santa present, chair, own plates, cutlery & wineglass

**Cost:** This event is free for financial members, otherwise \$25 per head

**Contact:** - Mike Maran - 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or

[mikemaran10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)

or Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)



## EDUCATIONAL & INFORMATIVE WALK, REMUERA, HOBSON BAY, ORAKEI

**Sunday 6th December 2020. Bus departs at 10.40am**

Phil sai-louie has led previous walks for us in Onehunga & Epsom/Mt Eden. Meet at the bus stop, Orakei Road, across road from Orakei Railway Station. We will catch the bus to Remuera Road, where we will look at the volcanic story of Mt Hobson & the historic houses, schools & buildings in this desirable area. Bring lunch which we will have in a beautiful reserve. The Hobson bay coastal walkway brings us back to our starting point. About 3 hours duration.

**Cost:** Bring your hop card, as the bus drivers do not accept cash

**Bring:** Lunch or snacks, water

**Parking:** Kings Plant Barn carpark or adjacent

For walk details contact Phil sai-louie 09 267 1260 or [sailouiep@gmail.com](mailto:sailouiep@gmail.com)

**Contact:** Mike Maran - 846 350, 0274 784 779 or

[mikemaran10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemaran10@gmail.com)

## CHRISTMAS AMBIENCE, BEACH WALK, BBQ

**56 Vipond Road, Stanmore Bay, Close to RSA**

**Saturday 19th December at 3pm**

We will gather for a lovely beach walk and return to decorated Christmas house for a BBQ at 5pm. Christmas dress optional. If anyone wants to stay overnight, please phone, room for four. 1st in 1st served.

**Bring:** Your own meat, drink and plate to share

**Confirm by:** ASAP or latest the morning 19th if you are meeting at 3pm

**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** Mary Therese Caldwell - 09 947 0408 or 021 140 7544



## AROUND THE MOUNTAINS TRAIL

**29th December 2020 to 2nd January 2021**

Trip limited to 12 people only

**Cost:** \$1100

**Contact:** Tony Orr - [pacexp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pacexp@xtra.co.nz)

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## PUHOI WOODCHOPPING CARNIVAL

**Saturday 9th January 2021 from 9am**

Spend a day exploring the Puhoi area and see the top woodsmen and axemen at the Puhoi Wood chopping Carnival.

It's the largest wood chopping event in the upper North Island and is held in association with The Puhoi Hotel and Stables.

Axemen will come from around the country and Australia to compete at this major annual event, so come grab a beer, a Savvy or Pinot Gris and watch the free show from 9am. Good range of pub food available on site

Just down the road from the pub are the Puhoi Cheese Factory and the Puhoi Organic Distillery

**Bring:** A folding chair

**Contact:** Peter Fleming - [peter@travcorp.co.nz](mailto:peter@travcorp.co.nz)



## RACE SUMMER DAY AT ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE

**Sunday 10th January 2021 at 11.30am**

Free parking at the main gates, Green Lane E.

Enjoy a day at the races and have some bets on the horses. Bring your deck chair and picnic (no alcohol) and join the fun of the race in a relaxed atmosphere.

Plenty of food outlets and bars on site. Wear shorts and jandals or dress up smart - your choice! Gates open at 11.30am (get there early to get parking),

First race at 12.50pm. Last race at 5pm

**Cost:** Free Entry

**Confirm by:** 9th January 2021

**Contact:** Christine Troy-West - 022 157 5965 or [christine@troywest.com](mailto:christine@troywest.com)

## TAWHARANUI WALK/BIKE TRAIL

**Saturday 16th January 2021**

A two hour walk or bike trail at Tawharanui, followed by lunch and a swim at Anchor Bay.

Further details to follow

**Contact:** Sheila Jenkins - 021 479 256 or [sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com](mailto:sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com) or

Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)

## WEST COAST - CYCLE TRAIL/TRANZALPINE RAIL JOURNEY

**Tuesday 19th to Monday 25th January 2021**

**Please note change of dates**

A 4 day, self guided cycle tour of the West Coast of the South Island, starting from Greymouth, through spectacular coastal scenery, rugged shorelines, surging rivers, ancient forests and steeped in history, and finishing at Ross.

Our journey begins from Christchurch then coach to Greymouth to start our ride. From the end of the ride at Ross we shuttle back to Greymouth to catch the spectacular Transalpine Railway back to Christchurch.

Options are to also visit Arthurs Pass and explore the abundance of walking tracks etc.

**More Info:** [www.westcoastwildernesstrail.co.nz](http://www.westcoastwildernesstrail.co.nz)

**Cost:** Dependent on accommodation choices etc

**Pay by:** ASAP as accommodation is becoming scarce

**Contact:** Gary Anstiss - [garyanstiss@gmail.com](mailto:garyanstiss@gmail.com) or 021 117 0716.



## ABEL TASMAN GREAT WALK

Thursday 28th to Saturday 30th January 2021

Walk the coastal Abel Tasman track on a 3-day self-guided adventure. Starting from Marahau and walking to Totoranui, a distance of 31km, along beaches and through forests. This walk is described as the easiest of the Great Walks along beaches and through forests.

We will base ourselves at Kaiteriteri for 3 nights and use the ferry service to pick up and drop off for each day's walk. Carry a daypack only with lunch, change of clothes etc.

**More info:** [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)

**Bring:** Daypack, tramping boots, spare clothing etc.

**Confirm by:** 30<sup>th</sup> September as accommodation is becoming scarce

**Contact:** Gary - [garyanstiss@gmail.com](mailto:garyanstiss@gmail.com) or 021 117 0716



## HOBBITON & WAITOMO GLOWWORM CAVES DAY TOUR

Saturday 6th March 2021

This is a small group day tour for up to 14 people run by Auckland Scenic Tours.

Departs from an Auckland city hotel at 6.30am and includes a 2 hour tour of the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit Movie Set with a tour guide, a specially brewed beverage at The Green Dragon Inn, guided tour of the Caves, and a café style lunch at the Homestead at Waitomo. This tour has been No. 1 rated by Trip Advisor for 2020.

**Cost:** \$224.50. This price has been discounted.

**Confirm by:** Saturday 28th November.

**Pay:** Please pay into TUAC bank account.

**Contact:** Janice Calvert - 0274 605 704 or [icalvert@kinect.co.nz](mailto:icalvert@kinect.co.nz)



## ROTORUA LONG WEEKEND WITH TROUT FISHING OPTION

Waitangi Weekend, Saturday 6th to Monday 8th February 2021

Accommodation at Waiteti Trout Stream Holiday Park set in 2 acres of mature trees and gardens on the riverbank of the famous Waiteti Stream. Close to Rotorua's main tourist attractions. 10 minutes from town, without the sulphur smell. Good base for cyclists and others wanting to explore Rotorua over this long weekend, fish from the banks, or enjoy a stream-side stroll to Lake Rotorua. One and two room cabins. Powered and unpowered campsites for tent, caravans and motorhomes.

**Optional:** Learn how to fly fish for trout with the "Trout Man". Trout fishing guide Harvey can coach maximum of three groups of two each over the three mornings (in four-hour fly-casting tuition courses).

**Cost:** Trout fishing lesson incl license is \$115 pp (minimum 2)

Three nights (Fri, Sat & Sun) twin share cabin from \$143 pp.

**Contact Peter Fleming - [peter@travcorp.co.nz](mailto:peter@travcorp.co.nz) or 021 477 714**

## LEIGH WALKING, CYCLING, FISHING OR RELAXING WEEKEND

57 Mount Pleasant Road, Leigh

Saturday 13th and 14th February 2021 at 11 am

Meet at the above address at 11am and enjoy a shared lunch.

Afterwards choose your own activity from lying on the deck checking out the birds, short or long walks, swimming, cycling. A lovely beach 5 mins through bush, or go to Mathesons Bay, Pakiri beach, or Goat Island. The Leigh SawMill café and music venue is nearby. Deep harbour for fishing if you have a boat.

**Saturday evening** - shared dinner at the house.

Activity on Sunday morning- maybe a walk down Pakiri beach. Leave after lunch.

**Bring:** Contributions to share for 2 lunches and a dinner.

Your own breakfast. Something for the BBQ and BYO drinks.

Gear for your activity, togs, water bottle, walking shoes, bike and helmet etc. Bedding and towel.

**Cost:** Free

**Confirm by:** 1st February 2021

**Further Info:** Can sleep up to 7 people in the house. One double and 5 single beds. First in best bed. Camping spaces for 6 tents. Due to water restrictions and bathroom facilities this activity is limited to 15 people. Doggies welcome.

**Contact:** Carol Banks - 021 067 6654 or [Carolebanks1@gmail.com](mailto:Carolebanks1@gmail.com)

## ART DECO NAPIER

Friday 19th February – Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Enjoy the 1930s atmosphere, glitz and glamour in the heart of Napier city - New Zealand's Art Deco capital.

Dress up in your best flapper dress or 1930's outfit and join in the fun.

Celebrate the annual festival in Napier with events including entertainment experiences, outdoor concerts, vintage car parade and more.

**Either do your own arrangements and meet up in Napier, or cruise from Auckland on Pacific Explorer.**

Cruise departs Auckland in the evening of Friday 19th February 2021

There is a full day in Napier to enjoy the Art Deco Festival, then we cruise back to Auckland. Arrive back in Auckland 7am on Tuesday 23rd February

Includes return cruise, twin share accommodation, all meals and entertainment on board.

On board entertainment includes circus acts and cabaret show

**Cost:** Cruise \$597 per person share twin for inside cabin. Add \$97 pp for outside cabin.

Deposit \$150 due on booking, balance due 30th November.

**Contact Peter Fleming - [peter@travcorp.co.nz](mailto:peter@travcorp.co.nz) or 021 477 714**



## PROPOSED EVENTS

- Car rally - Libby Lyver and June Bell
- Round the Bays Fun Run, 28 Feb 2021 – Helene Harper/Gary Anstiss
- Jazz and Blues, Tuesday nights – Helene Harper
- Variety Artists, 1st Monday of the month – Helene Harper
- Hollywood Theatre – Mike Maran

## SHAKESPEAR REGIONAL PARK CAMPING WEEKEND

Te Haruhi Bay Campground, Whangaparaoa Peninsula

Friday 12th March to Sunday 14th March 2021

End of Whangaparaoa Road to Army Bay, turn right into Shakespear Park then into Bruce Harvey Road to Te Haruhi Bay campsite.

Great beach for swimming, peninsula walks, sunbathing, birdwatching, kayaking and fishing.

**Cost:** \$32 into TUAC account by 20th February

**Confirm** With David

**Contact:** David Verrall – 027 203 5508 or [gundeserverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundeserverrall@xtra.co.nz)

## D'URVILLE ISLAND, MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

15th – 19th March 2021

Explore one of New Zealand's last outposts, meet the locals, discover the wildlife and hear about the islands rich culture and history.

D'Urville Island is named after the French explorer Jules Dumont d'Urville who sailed here on the Astrolabe in early 1827. The island is our 1/8<sup>th</sup> largest, but with only 52 residents.

We meet at Blenheim Airport and are transferred to the island by minivan and boat. Includes beach cottage accommodation, meals on the island, return ferry crossing, minivan transport, boat cruise, blue cod fishing and water taxi.

**Cost:** \$2,850. Additional costs - return airfare Auckland to Blenheim.

Option to stay on in Blenheim 2 nights after with lunch at a winery.

Other ideas to explore in area include, Picton, Queen Charlotte Track.

**For more trip information contact Mary Donald - [mary.don@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mary.don@xtra.co.nz)**

**For booking contact Peter Fleming - [peter@travcorp.co.nz](mailto:peter@travcorp.co.nz)**

## JOKE



### **EVENT AND PAYMENT DETAILS**

If paying your subs enter invoice number. Deposit cheques into the Club's bank a/c 12-3014-0118011-00 and email Libby ([libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)) the same information.

**CHECK WITH EVENT ORGANISER THAT PLACES ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE MAKING ANY PAYMENT**

Non-members may attend some club events. Members have priority and a surcharge may be applied to non-members. Contact the event organiser directly to make a booking for any event.

If you have confirmed to go to an event where the ticket is pre-paid by the organiser or accommodation booked, pay by the due date. The ticket is still your responsibility to pay. You can sell it or give it away.

If accommodation has been made for you by the organiser, it is your responsibility to either pay the whole amount, or find someone else to take your place

If you cannot attend on the day, advise the organiser immediately as they may have people wishing to attend.

**INTRODUCE A NEW MEMBER:** If you introduce a new member and they join the Club you will get a credit of \$10 on your next TUAC membership renewal account.

**LIABILITY:** "I acknowledge and accept that neither the Thumbs Up Adventure Club ("the club"), nor any other party associated with any activity arranged by or through the club shall have any responsibility for any liability, financial or otherwise, which might arise whether or not by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury or death which might be sustained by me or any other party directly or indirectly associated with me, from my intended or actual participation in any event or its related activities."

**Any queries regarding an event please get in touch with the event organiser only.  
Do not use the Hotmail Account**