

Lambda Tramps October 2025 to March 2026

Date	Departure	Title	Description	Ride Share	Rating	Leader
5 Oct 25	9am	Mount Sinclair	This medium-rated walk starts from Pettigrew Road and winds up a shared mountain bike route. After the second stile, it follows a 4wd track through a mixture of farmland and bush with great views on either side. Kereru and korimako guaranteed. From the top you can see the whole peninsula...very cool!	\$15.00	Medium	Alan
19 Oct 25	9am	Nikau Palm	Come visit the Akaroa Heads scenic zone, with big cliffs, sea birds, palm trees and more. The gully is acclaimed as one of the best forest remnants in Canterbury, with an amazing collection of huge nikau palms. The route follows an open farm track, winding in and out of headlands and offering spectacular views of Akaroa Harbour. If people are keen we can follow the Blue Track up to a high point, then a short section of the Banks Peninsula Track back to the cars.	\$20.00	Easy/ Medium	Charlie
2 Nov 25	9am	Mt Herbert	From the Purau Saddle car park above Purau Bay, we'll walk through grass and tussock farmland to Mt Herbert. The track is a consistent climb and we will encounter sheep and cows along the way. Spectacular views are to be enjoyed at the summit if the weather is clear. We will have lunch at the summit. This track has a gain of 571 m. It takes 4-5 hours to complete the out and back 10.8 km track.	\$15.00	Medium	Darryl
16 Nov 25		Mount Barossa	Mt Barossa is a large volcanic mass 1,364m high. A steep track takes us up a ridge through grass and lava tors with gullies full of dense subalpine forest below us. Then the ridge melts into a high plateau with views to the Arrowsmiths, the upper Rangitata and Aoraki Mt Cook if clear. The summit is an 825m climb, 3.5km one way and 2 hrs 30 up. Jo will meet us at the carpark near the start of the track. This is considered a med/hard tramp.	\$20.00	Medium /Hard	Jo
30 Nov 25	8am	Otira Valley	The Track starts by meandering though a picturesque alpine valley beneath the northern side of Mount Rolleston/Kaimatau. It ascends over an ancient glacial moraine before traversing through subalpine shrubs and tufts of grass. It's an easy 1.7km climb to the footbridge. Beyond the route is not as easily defined and involves some navigating over rocky terrain and stream crossings to get to the head of the valley. Mt Cook lilies will be flowering in profusion at this time of year.	\$20.00		Di
14 Dec 25	9am	Orton Bradley Park	Orton Bradley Park is a private 650ha rural property situated on the southern shores of Lyttelton Harbour, with large open spaces, fantastic sunsets, and park like settings. The entrance fee is \$5 per adult, \$1 per child, to a maximum of \$10 per car load.	\$10.00	Medium	Darryl
11 Jan 26	9am	Pinchgut Hut	A very scenic walk up a smooth track into the Okuku Gorge, where there is a big set of swimming pools around a giant smooth show and tell boulder. Then we climb a hill to get over into the Pinchgut Hut. Returning the same way. Please note there is a river crossing and some scrambling up a bank where the river has washed away. Bring togs as there will be an opportunity to swim.	\$15.00	Medium	Alan
25 Jan 26	8am	Lake Ida	We follow the Ryton Track off Harper Road in the Lake Coleridge region. This is an easy high country walk with spectacular views. One hour into Lake Ida and a further hour onto Lake Catherine and return the same way. We may also take a short diversion to walk around Lake Ida to Little Lake Ida as it's very pretty. The track is marked but only moderately formed in places and crosses some swampy areas. Unfortunately, Lake Catherine doesn't have a nice beach to enjoy but there is a cute Fisherman's Hut to explore. Come prepared to swim in Lake Ida if the day is warm enough!	\$20.00	Easy/ medium	Di
8 Feb 26	9am	Tumbledown Bay	Tumbledown Bay is on the Banks Peninsula. There are opportunities for walks, exploring rock pools, swimming, or just soaking up the beautiful scenery. If we like, we could also tramp Saddle Hill, as it's a relatively easy 2 hour return climb up to a significant viewpoint off the Bossu Road.	\$20.00	Easy/ medium	Di
22 Feb 26		Woolshed Creek	The track starts at Woolshed Creek car park at the end of Jig Road. Follow a historic tramway that runs beside Woolshed Creek, passing through attractive beech forest. The track then climbs steeply, running alongside a hand-built jig that transported coal from the Blackburn Mine to the railway wagons waiting below. The track flattens out at the site of the old Blackburn Mine. From the mine, the track climbs to a high point with superb views of the upper Ashburton Gorge, before descending to Woolshed Creek Hut. Jo will meet us at the carpark near the start of the track.	\$20.00	Easy/ medium	Jo
8 Mar 26	8am	Lake Emily	This is a relatively easy walk with just one short steep section, but the rest is tussock land and riverbed. We will either walk into Manuka Hut and return, or carry on to Double Hut and Lake Heron, depending on the number of Trampers and transport on the day. Some of the track is part of the Te Araroa Trail. Hakatere Conservation Park is situated between the Rakaia and Rangitata Rivers and the scenery is breath taking	\$20.00	Easy/ medium	Kathryn
22 Mar 26	9am	Tiromoana	This walk is a loop of tracks east of Waipara near the Kate Valley rubbish pit. One grassy road winds down into a wetland valley and then across a bush gully, up onto a ridge then down into a stream. A track follows a short limestone gorge to emerge on the wild coast. Here fossils have been found and brave trampers have swum. The return track climbs up through grass terraces and pine forest, following a ridge back to the cars at the hilltop. Length: 13.4 km. Height gain: 605m, which includes some up and downs in the gullies. The bush is mainly manuka and regrowth, and the track is easy over old roadways.	\$15.00	Medium	Shane