

Lambda Tramps April to Sept 2026

Date	Departure	Title	Description	Ride Share	Rating	Leader
19 April 2026	9am	Port Levy/Mt Herbert	From the Port Levy Saddle car park, above Little River, we'll walk through grass and tussock farmland to Mt Herbert. Spectacular views are to be enjoyed at the summit if the weather is clear. We will have lunch at the summit. AllTrails considers this to be a moderately challenging track with a gain of 621m. It takes 4-4.5 hours to complete the out and back 10.9km track, with about 30 minutes of steeper climbing than the Purau Saddle approach. The track offers little shelter from the sun and wind.	\$15.00	Medium	Darryl
3 May 2026	8am	Lake Ida and Beyond	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. We'll continue to walk around Lake Ida to Little Lake Ida as it's very pretty. At the end of the lakes, we'll climb a little to get to the ridge line where you can see Lake Selfie and for miles around. The track is not clearly marked in places, and we'll be walking at the lake edge of Little Lake Ida, probably getting wet feet as we go. Bring a change of socks and shoes to wear home!	\$20.00	Medium	Di
17 May 2026	10am	Kennedys Bush	This shorter 4 hour return walk is perfect for mid winter. Starting from Halswell Quarry, we climb the quarry rim and up the Kennedys Bush Path to Sign of the Bellbird, cross the road to John Jamieson Lookout and skirt around the observatory hill, before returning via Summit Road and back down Kennedys Bush.	\$0.00	Medium	Jamie
31 May 2026	8am	Little Mt Peel	The track follows a ridge up to the summit (1311 m). There are magnificent views of Mt Somers, Mt Hutt and across the plains to the coast. Tristram Harper Memorial Shelter is just below the summit. This track has steep sections and wooden boardwalks. These can be slippery when wet or icy.	\$20.00	Medium /Hard	Barry
14 June 2026	9am	Mount Oxford	21km loop up Mount Oxford track to summit and back via Ryde Falls Track. Great view over Canterbury Plains and into Lees Valley	\$15.00	Hard	Charlie
28 June 2026	8am	Camp Saddle from Broken River	We park at the gate below the tractor sheds for Broken River Ski field. An old grassy road takes us up through beech forest and out onto the snowgrass. We climb 500m across the subalpine plants to Camp Saddle at 1,490m and can continue further from the saddle to enjoy magnificent views all up and down the Craigieburn Range. We will return the same way, avoiding descending via the scree slope!	\$20.00	Medium /Hard	Di
12 July 2026	9am	Tupari Reserve/ Packhorse Hut	The Tūpari Kaituna Valley track to Packhorse Hut is an easy-to-moderate 4-5 km hike on the Banks Peninsula, traversing the Tūpari Reserve and private farmland to reach a historic 9-bunk stone hut. The trail begins through open pasture, moves into native bush, and follows a stream, with several crossings. The final section is a steeper climb to the saddle. It features native bush, stream crossings, and panoramic views over Lyttelton Harbour and Lake Ellesmere.	\$15.00	Medium	Jonathan
26 July 2026	9am	Orton Bradley	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
9 Aug 26	9am	Flagpole	Flagpole is a gradual uphill tramp following a 4WD track on Flagpole Farm in Whitecliffs. Elevation gain is about 600m from paddock to summit. Views include the Selwyn River catchment, Torlesse and Puketeraki Ranges, Mt Hutt and distant summits above the Rakaia River as well as farms and forests in the Whitecliffs/ Coalgate area.	\$15.00	Medium	Di
23 Aug 2026	9am	Around the Mountain via Curry Track	A full day circuit around Purple Peak visiting Heritage Park and Purple Peak Curry Reserve.	\$15.00	Medium	Kathryn
6 Sept 2026	9am	Washpen Falls	Washpen Falls is a scenic, privately owned 1.5-3 hour loop walking track near Windwhistle, about an hour's drive from Christchurch. This well-maintained but occasionally challenging 3-4 km trail takes walkers on a diverse journey through an 80-million-year-old volcanic canyon, showcasing striking geological formations such as bluffs, dramatic cliffs, canyons, and caves. A \$10 fee per person is payable at the honesty box near the entrance.	\$20.00	Medium	Jonathan
20 Sept 2026	8am	Mount Lyndon	The track begins off Lake Lyndon Road beside Lake Lyndon Lodge on the southwestern edge of Lake Lyndon. It's a steady climb—just under two hours to the summit and a little over an hour back down. The summit is marked by a large rock cairn on a broad, barren plateau. From here, you can see across to Castle Hill Peak and Foggy Peak, and west toward Porters Ski Area and Mount Enys—a rewarding panorama for a relatively short climb.	\$20.00	Medium /Hard	Jonathan