



Auckland Tramping Club & SnowSports Lodge

The lodge has the Air Force staying there just now but they do not stay over the weekend. Friday, Saturday and Sunday night have beds available.

Snow Report

It has not been the greatest year for snow at Whakapapa, but that said there has been some great skiing. We have skied all over the mountain this year from the Pinnacle over to the Black Magic area.

What has happened in the last few years is that the snow groomers have really perfected their art and created some fantastic ski conditions out of what could be fairly average snow fall.

Overall the snow is good, and you can ski everywhere you like depending on the time of day and when the snow releases off.

This weekend was amazing. You should have been there.

Overall, recommended.

In Praise of a Good Southerly

The worst winds in Auckland for me are a northeasterly. There is something malevolent about them. Humid without much rain and generally heavy about the ears. However southerlies are great. Especially a moisture laden southerly.

A southerly, the ones that manage a front that lies west to east, are the best sort of weather. They bring the cold and wet that is winter, snow on the Desert Road, snow on Ruapehu, and the hard cold that is good for fallow time in the garden.

So when you see the fronts lying across the screen and warnings of snow on the Desert Road, its time to book your bunk at the Lodge!

Still plenty of space this season.

In Praise of Whakapapa



Enough said.

Food Report

We have decided to reinstate the provision of lunches.

Getting people to bring their own lunch food proved not to be very pragmatic.

I would say, though, that the provision of lunch food by the Lodge will be basic.

If you would like anything up the scale from basic, then please bring it yourself and take any remaining to eat in the car on the way home.

Join the Club

There are plenty of people that stay at the Lodge every year but are not members. Join the Club. It costs hardly anything and you only have to stay a few nights every year to break even.

When you join the club, you enter into the spirit of what a club is, using facilities created by past and present club members who love the land and want others to enjoy it too.

By joining you can feel like you have some ownership of the Lodge. You can frequent the mountain at various times of year, enjoy its various guises and you too can fall in love with it.

<http://www.aucklandtramping.org.nz/index.php/atc/members/join-fees>

Over the Mountain Trip

This trip would be a tramp / ski over the crater and down to the Turoa ski field.
Please let us know if you would like to take part. You need to be reasonably fit and have an intermediate level of ski competence.

Ski Competition

We intend to run the ATC Ski Competition Revival on the last weekend of the school holidays, Saturday 12th October.

This event has not been run for 30 years. Any suggestions and input would be greatly appreciated.

Please register your interest.

More on this event soon.

Car Pooling

If you require transport to the mountain, ask John Dalley who will co-ordinate with other users.

It may be possible to share a ride with someone else.

Lost and Found

Last school holidays:

- an i phone 5 charger
- a purple puffer jacket
- some size 14 Macpac overtrou (there was a different pair of overtrou left behind, so a mix up is possible)

Contact Shalema <wandenhannay@gmail.com>

Regards

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