



Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club

Term 1 Programme 2012

Meetings at 7pm, Hort Centre, Hamilton Gardens Gate 2

(unless advised differently)

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| February | 10 | BBQ at Tony and Jane's place – bring food, drinks and swimming gear. Sausages and bread will be provided. |
| | 17 | Hakarimata Summit walk Bring your dinner and walking gear. If we're fast enough we'll have dinner at the new lookout at the top. See fantastic views, some history and some really good forest, including an interesting association of kauri and beech trees. Assemble at Brownlee Ave carpark at 6.00pm – details about how to get there will follow. (Remember we cannot use our normal meeting place because of the Summer Festival). |
| | 18 or 19 | Mountain bike trip to Te Uku Windfarm Assemble at the car-park (a few hundred metres past the Waireinga / Bridal Veil Falls car-park) at 10am. Bring a decent bike with brakes, gears and good tyres. More details including how to get there later. |
| | 24 | Watching the Grass Grow Bill Carlson, Research Associate, AgResearch Ltd. (enter Ruakura campus from Ruakura Road, park in front of the Innovation Park building, and walk up the farm lane to the trial paddock). |
| March | 2 | Adventures In The Bush by Ben Herbert, Biosecurity Officer, Waikato Regional Council. Ben has had some great experiences working in some remote but amazing parts of NZ |
| | 4 | Kakepuku Mountain Trip Climb up to the top of Kakepuku via a new route. In the afternoon we'll try and coincide with Jan and Laurie Hoverd when they feed the karearea (NZ falcons). We'll meet at the carpark, Kakepuku Road, at 10am sharp. |
| | 9 | What are Soils? Why Do We Need Them? Scott Fraser, Landcare Research |
| | 10 | BBQ Fundraiser at Hammond Park. We will need a few Junats to help cook & sell sausages and run the club information stand. Details to follow. |
| | 16 | Pizza Night Bring your photos and \$3.00 for a snack and drink. We'll have the first briefing for the Tongariro National Park trip. |
| | 23 | The Antarctic And What One Scientist Is Doing There Malcolm McCleod, Landcare Research |
| | 30 | Tawari Rachel Thomson, University of Waikato (do some research so that you know what tawari is before Rachel shares her work with us). |
| April | 6-8 | End of term - Easter Weekend BIG TRIP to Tongariro National Park – This year's expedition is to tramp up to the Tongariro summit by an alternative route (if the weather is perfect). Details for this trip later. |

