

# FMC Travel Club

*small group tramping and travel overseas*

A subsidiary of Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand (Inc.)

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## **\*\*\* Alaska and Yukon \*\*\***

**10<sup>th</sup> July to 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010, 35 days**

**\$6500 ex. Prince Rupert, Leader : Kevin Dash**

*(dates shown above are indicative only and subject to ferry, trail and train schedules not available until early 2010)*

*Cruising the inside Passage is the best way to 'arrive' into Alaska. This is the haunt of breaching whales, eagles, picturesque fishing towns and snowy mountains spilling into the sea. Pick up the Klondike Gold Miners route from the Chilkoot Trail right through to Dawson City. The vast landscapes of this region can be seen in the superb national parks – Denali, Kluane and Wrangell/St. Elias. Here and elsewhere you will encounter the hardy animals of the north – grizzly bears, caribou, moose, Dall sheep, foxes, wolves, beavers, otters and squirrels. Discover how people live in an often unforgiving climate. This trip is a big, wide adventure that will truly satisfy and amaze.*

### **Price Includes :**

- *Cruising the Alaskan Panhandle and Prince William Sound*
- *Land transport – hired minivan and local bus services, a train journey*
- *Accommodation – hostels, B and B's and camping*
- *Most meals on a communal basis, plus some restaurant meals*
- *Transfers, park fees, Chilkoot Trail fees, White Pass & Yukon Route train journey, other inclusions as per the itinerary*
- *A comprehensive itinerary from Prince Rupert BC to Whitehorse, Yukon*

### **Price does not include :**

- *Flights to Prince Rupert and from Whitehorse*
- *Personal expenses e.g. extra meals, phone calls, internet etc*
- *Travel insurance (mandatory)*
- *Options e.g. pre or post trip travel arrangements, Arctic or sightseeing flights etc*

## ***Trip Leader :***

Kevin is a long standing member of the West Coast Alpine Club and a keen trumper. He is a naturalist and active in conservation issues. He has tutored in outdoor pursuits and also co-authored an interesting account of tramping in the Paparoas. His many interests include photography, geology and history. Kevin has been leading our trips into Alaska and Yukon for 7 years and is our longest serving individual leader. His knowledge and enthusiasm for these northern lands will ensure you have a memorable trip. Kevin welcomes your interest and may be contacted at : [kmdash@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kmdash@xtra.co.nz)

## ***Trip Organisation :***

***The walking programme*** centres on the Chilkoot Trail plus a variety of day and part-day tramps. The Chilkoot Trail follows the route of the great Klondike Goldrush to the Yukon. It is a well developed and well marked trail with artifacts of the gold rush era. At 55kms long, it begins just above sea level and steadily ascends to 1077m at Chilkoot Pass before descending to a lesser extent on the Canadian side. Rated moderate plus, it can be completed by anyone in good physical condition with the right equipment and time. Day one and two are the toughest. There are no huts as we know them, only cooking shelters, so tents must be carried. Raised tent platforms are provided. At the trail end, board the White Pass and Yukon Route historic train for the spectacular journey back to Skagway.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO GET FIT FOR THE CHILKOOT! The trail is tougher than most people believe, especially the long first day when your pack is heaviest and rugged climbing up the pass on the second day. You will be walking on snow after summitting and every type of weather condition is possible.

***The Canadian and US Parks authorities operate a strict quota on the trail, due to high popularity over a short summer season. Early bookings are essential to confirm a group allocation. Once booked, permits and reservations are non-refundable and dates difficult to change.***

Other places we travel to such as Denali, Kluane and Wrangell/St. Elias National parks, Chena State Park and Chugach Mountains Recreational Area have an abundance of tramping and wildlife viewing possibilities. The latter is even possible within an urban environment! The Tony Knowles Trail is a wonderful walking and biking trail within Anchorage city that includes areas of forest and swamplands, While cycling this trail with the 2008 group, a number of bull moose were seen close to the trail – an unexpected magical moment for great photos!

***The leader has discretion to vary the programme to suit local conditions or the capabilities or wishes of the party. However, the Chilkoot Trail is a set part of the itinerary and a core facet of this trip. Please note that it would be possible to do everything EXCEPT the Chilkoot. An alternative programme would need to be arranged, and this was the case for several people in our 2009 group. If this better suits your wishes, please make this point clear on the Registration Form.***

***Transport*** on land (Whitehorse to Whitehorse) is by a rental minivan – a 15 seater with the final row of seats removed to ease stowage of gear. By restricting the group size to 9 + leader, we ensure a reasonable amount of space and comfort for everyone.

The itinerary commences with a cruise on Alaska Ferries ships, the transport lifeblood for the communities of the Alaskan Panhandle.

Opportunities for additional travel at your expense (such as scenic flights) are mentioned elsewhere.

***Accommodation*** is a mix of hostels, B & B's and camping. Campgrounds generally have good facilities and locations. There are laundry and internet connections at most we use. While aboard the ferries, the options are to use the recliner lounge seats, carpeted spaces in the lounges or on the covered

outside deck. However, twin cabins are available at additional expense, if preferred. Please note on the Registration Form.

**Cooking and catering** is communal with teams and rosters for shopping, cooking and chores – come prepared to participate. Restaurant meals are included for fun and variety. There are a few meals at your own cost and the final tally of these will be confirmed in the pre-trip newsletter, but are indicated in this dossier. We want you to eat well. Alcohol is your own cost.

**Weather.** The trip coincides with the northern summer and this is also a busy tourist season. We travel through a region of notoriously variable weather and reach over 1000m on the Chilkoot Trail. You need to be prepared for 4 seasons. Conditions in the Panhandle are often cloudy and drizzly, but mild. Inland, the climate is drier and sunnier and higher day temperatures are likely. 6C to 26C should cover it! Long hours of daylight are a bonus.

**A gear list** will be supplied. It is your responsibility to supply all personal gear needed. We travel with a group gear kitty, but this does not include the items you must bring yourself. At least one newsletter will be sent out which will include the personal gear list, contact details for accommodation and other relevant items.

**Inclusions within the itinerary.** Experience has shown what works and what is appreciated. This is a guide as to what we have included for your enjoyment :

- A variety of restaurant meals to break from group catering
- Kutzeymateen Grizzle Bear Reserve. A 6hr boat trip out of Prince Rupert with lunch included. Multiple bear sightings down to the seashore, whales, eagles and a stunning land/seascape make this memorable.
- Days of 98 Show in Skagway – fun and informative exposition on the gold rush days.
- The White Pass and Yukon Route train trip to Skagway, following the Chilkoot Trail. One of the finest train journeys in the world, an engineering marvel, restored carriages, hot lunch provided.
- Diamond Tooth Gerties in Dawson City – an institution!
- Two sourdough breakfasts in Tok – great food and plenty of it!
- A whole day bus trip into Denali National park as far as Wonder Lake

**Options during the trip.** Being a tramping based holiday, you need to enjoy tramping and walking to get the most out of it. However, there may be occasions when time out might apply. Any special tours, plane or helicopter rides etc that are outside of the itinerary are at your discretion and cost. Here are some suggestions that have been popular on past trips :

- **An above Arctic Circle flight to visit remote communities.** Usually last minute arrangements out of Fairbanks on small planes, pay by credit card.
- **A floatplane trip from Anchorage over the Chugach Mountains.** Sight wildlife and land on a glacier strewn lake. Easily arranged, many operators vying for business and group discounts, pay by credit card
- **Riverboat Discovery trip in Fairbanks.** While aimed squarely at the tourist, this is a brilliant and slick operation with many aspects of learning included – First national peoples, sled dogs, salmon fishing and much more. Easily arranged in Fairbanks, operates twice daily over summer.
- **Sightseeing planes over Kluane and Wrangell/St. Elias National Parks.** Easily arranged at the time and well worth it, both these parks are on a vast scale and their icefields are the largest after Antarctica and Greenland.

**Flight to and from Canada** are not included in the core trip cost. This region is 'long haul' so you may want to add some pre or post trip holiday arrangements. There are many possibilities! John Dobbs is happy to discuss your flight requirements and any other travel arrangements. It is easier for one agency to make all arrangements.

A trip through the Rockies to the Calgary Stampede would make a marvelous preamble, as the annual Stampede dates fit ahead of our commencement in Prince Rupert.

**Pre trip planning** is highly recommended and will add to your understanding and enjoyment. The Lonely Planet Guides to Alaska and Canada are excellent. Libraries will have books on the gold rush era, building of the Alcan Highway and many other aspects. James Mitchener's novel 'Alaska' is a great read. For stories and poems about the Yukon and Klondike, try anything written by Robert Service. Another interesting read is "Tisha" by Robert Specht (Benton Books and Random House). A story of a young teacher at Forty Mile in Alaska.

Many websites are useful, try : [www.gov/klgl/chilkoot](http://www.gov/klgl/chilkoot), [www.whitepassrailroad.com](http://www.whitepassrailroad.com)

**NB.** The dates shown in this dossier (as at October 2009) are indicative, based on our 2009 trip programme and dates. We are dependent on schedules for Alaska Ferries, the Chilkoot Trail availability and White Pass Train schedules to provide totally accurate information. This information will not be posted to websites until early 2010 by the respective authorities.

Therefore it is essential to allow some leeway for the trip start date and some early scheduling. It is quite possible that the trip may therefore start a day or two earlier or later, than shown here. As soon as this information is to hand, everyone will be advised of any changes.

## ***Itinerary :***

### ***Day 1. 10<sup>th</sup> July***

Early evening arrival into Prince Rupert, where we stay at the pleasant Pioneer Hostel close to the harbour.

### ***Day 2. 11<sup>th</sup> July***

A look around this attractive town and its terrific setting. A pleasant walk to Butze Reversing Rapids, visit the excellent Museum of North West B.C. and enjoy dinner at a Cow Bay restaurant. Lunch is your cost today. **B. D.**

### ***Day 3. 12<sup>th</sup> July***

Boat trip to Kutzeymateen Grizzly Bear Reserve to encounter bears down to the waters edge from the safety of our drifting boat. We may also see breaching whales and soaring eagles, and the remote and pristine location is stunning. Then transfer to Alaska Ferries for an early evening departure. Dinner is your cost tonight. **B. L.**

### ***Day 4. 13<sup>th</sup> July***

Via the towns of Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Kake and Sitka. Beautiful misty fiords, inlets and islands draped in old growth temperate rainforest, mountains, glaciers, with the chance of sighting whales, orcas and definitely eagles. At each town the ferry stops you have the chance of a brief visit. Your own meals aboard the ferry.

### ***Day 5. 14<sup>th</sup> July***

Noon arrival into Juneau, Alaska's attractive capital city where we stay at the International Hostel. An afternoon orientation and we will include a restaurant dinner one night while in Juneau. **D.**

***Day 6. 15<sup>th</sup> July and Day 7. 16<sup>th</sup> July***

Several days to explore the area. Take the bus to the Mendenhall Valley and walk in to see the magnificent Mendenhall Glacier, with optional tramps nearby. Other excellent tramps close to Juneau include the Perseverance Trail and Mt Roberts. **B. L. D.**

***Day 8. 17<sup>th</sup> July***

Afternoon ferry departure and evening arrival into Skagway, where we base ourselves at Sgt. Preston's Lodge. Lunch and dinner are your cost today. **B.**

***Day 9. 18<sup>th</sup> July***

Soak up the atmosphere of this 1800's style town. Visit the Gold Rush Centre and make preparations for the Chilkoot Trail. A nice afternoon tramp to Lowey Dewey Lake and a fun evening performance of the 'Days of 98' show. Lunch is your cost today. **B. D.**

***Day 10. 19<sup>th</sup> July***

A short ride to the start of the Chilkoot Trail with 'Dyea Dave' – a real local character. The trail follows cool forests beside the Taiya River with many interesting relics from the gold rush along the way. Overnight at Sheep Camp. **B. L. D.**

***Day 11. 20<sup>th</sup> July***

Ascend steadily to the 'stairs' and the final and steep climb up to the pass (1077m) and then a descent into Canada to a very different landscape. Pass lakes and perpetual snowfields to overnight at Happy Camp. **B. L. D.**

***Day 12. 21<sup>st</sup> July***

Past Deep Lake, Lindeman City (another gold rush instant townsite, which now has a ranger station and tented museum), to lovely Bare Loon Lake campsite. **B. L. D.**

***Day 13. 22<sup>nd</sup> July***

Morning walk to Lake Bennett and the end of the trail. Enjoy a relaxing and scenically magnificent return to Skagway on the White pass and Yukon Route train. A celebration dinner out tonight. Back to the lodge. **B. L. D.**

***Day 14. 23<sup>rd</sup> July***

Day off in Skagway to catch up on laundry, internet and finish the sights and local walks you missed earlier. **B. D.** Lunch is your cost today.

***Day 15. 24<sup>th</sup> July***

Dyea Dave will take us up to Whitehorse this morning, a terrifically scenic trip past lakes, mountains and the village of Carcross. Settle into the Beez Kneez Hostel and look around the interesting capital of the Yukon Territory. We will collect the van this afternoon for an early getaway tomorrow. **B. D.** Lunch is your cost today.

***Day 16. 25<sup>th</sup> July***

Head north to Dawson City along the Klondike Highway, following the route of the gold miners and the mighty Yukon River through the wide open landscapes of central Yukon. There are a number of interesting stops along the way to break up the journey. **B. L. D.**

### **Day 17. 26<sup>th</sup> July**

In the late 1890's, Dawson was the largest city west of Toronto and known as the 'Paris of the North'. It has been substantially restored to its gold rush glory and is a fascinating visit. People in period costume make great local guides and you can gain a valuable insight and entry in many locked buildings by taking one of the local tours. A stop at the Robert Service cabin where a local identity reads his lyrical poetry is also good. Drive to 'the Dome' for superb views over Dawson and the Yukon River and enjoy a real knees up at Diamond Tooth Gerties tonight. **B. D.** Lunch is your cost today.

### **Day 18. 27<sup>th</sup> July**

Interesting journey as we head over the "Top of the World Highway" to Tok, Alaska. First up we take the ferry across the Yukon, then explore the paddle steamer gravesite on the other side. These craft once proudly carried passengers and freight up and down this great river highway. Then see old gold dredges and other sights on the way to the eclectic little settlement of Chicken, Alaska. Later, we pull into the crossroads town of Tok and Sourdough Campground. **B. L. D.**

### **Day 19. 28<sup>th</sup> July**

After the excellent sourdough pancake breakfast we head for Wrangell/St. Elias National Park. This huge park which joins onto Kluane in neighbouring Yukon, comprises the largest continuous area of protected wilderness in the America's. After checking out the visitor centre at Copper Centre, travel on a gravel road into the interior of the park to the little village of McCarthy. This funky little town of 40 souls is restoring its old buildings – saloons, restaurants and a red light district. Nearby at the ruined mining village of Kennicott was found one of the richest copper deposits ever discovered. The ruins of the huge mining complex and the village are now a National Historical Landmark. Here we do local walks to take in the majestic setting amid the mountains, glaciers, rivers and forests of the park. Stay at Lancaster's Backpacker Hotel in McCarthy. **B. D.** Lunch is your cost today.

### **Day 20. 29<sup>th</sup> July**

Continuing our walks and explorations of the McCarthy/Kennicott area. **B. D.** Lunch is your cost today.

### **Day 21. 30<sup>th</sup> July**

On the way to Valdez, the southern port terminus for the Alaska Pipeline, pass by some impressive mountains, glaciers and waterfalls. Overnight in cabins at Eagles Rest Park in Valdez. **B.** Lunch and dinner are your cost today.

### **Day 22. 31<sup>st</sup> July**

Lunchtime departure on Alaska Ferries for the very scenic trip across Prince William Sound to Whittier – the location for a once secret military base in WW2. See tidewater glaciers and invariably seals, sealions and sea otters. Drive through the longest tunnel in North America towards Anchorage, Alaska's 'big smoke'. Stay at the Anchorage Guesthouse, close to the city and the coastal trail, in a very quiet neighbourhood. **B. D.** Lunch is your cost today.

### **Day 23. 1<sup>st</sup> August and Day 24. 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

Time off in Anchorage!

Anchorage is hemmed in between the Chugach Mountains and several arms of the sea. It has many excellent tramping trails nearby and the scenic Tony Knowles 16kms long walking and biking trail following the coastline, where moose and other wild animals may be encountered. This is a great place to take a floatplane trip, and there are many operators vying for business. Anchorage also has several

renowned museums and the excellent Alaska Native Heritage Centre. Flat-top Mountain Trail is a popular local tramp worth considering. For entertainment it is hard to top the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Dinner Theatre. **B. D.** Lunch and dinner are your cost on both days.

***Day 25. 3<sup>rd</sup> August***

North via several interesting little towns, particularly Talkeetna where we stop for lunch. Home to the Iditarod and starting point for expeditions to Mt McKinley. We may be lucky enough for awesome views of the mountain, North America's highest peak at 6096m. We spend 3 nights at Riley Creek Campground. **B. D.** Lunch is your cost today.

***Day 26. 4<sup>th</sup> August***

Denali is a World Heritage listed treasure. Within its forests, mountains, river valleys and glaciers road 37 species of mammals and 130 bird species. The 'big four' here are moose, caribou, wolf and grizzly bear but others include Dall sheep, lynx, marmots, foxes, hares, beaver and a variety of birds of prey. We take the park bus system deep into the park as far as Wonder Lake. Denali is wide open and you can tramp virtually anywhere that hasn't been closed due to impacts on wildlife. **B. L. D.**

***Day 27. 5<sup>th</sup> August***

A spare day to explore the park. There are various local tramps and don't miss the sled dog demonstration. The visitor centre is world class too. **B. D.** Lunch is your cost today.

***Day 28. 6<sup>th</sup> August***

Head north again up to Fairbanks, the northern hub of Alaska and a city which retains a frontier flavor and which is a major military centre. It is also the best place to organize a flight over the Arctic Circle. Stay in tent cabins at Go North. Try the excellent salmon bake dinner at Pioneer Park tonight. **B. D.** Lunch is your cost tonight.

***Day 29. 7<sup>th</sup> August and Day 30. 8<sup>th</sup> August***

The programme is flexible here. You may be planning an Arctic flight. We have several good tramps on offer – the Granite Tors or Angel Rocks Trail. The latter is shorter and finishes at the wonderful pools of Chena Hot Springs. Other recommendations include Creamers Field for birdlife sightings, Pioneer Park and the excellent museum at the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus. Really worth doing also is the Riverboat Discovery trip as mentioned earlier in the dossier. **B. D.** Lunch is your own cost.

***Day 31. 9<sup>th</sup> August***

South via the kitsch town of North Pole, a viewing of the Alaska Pipeline and finally into Tok and the Sourdough Campground again. **B. L. D.**

***Day 32. 10<sup>th</sup> August***

Call in at Tetlin Wildlife Refuge just before re-crossing into Yukon again. We spend several nights camped beside Lake Kluane at Cottonwood Campground. **B. L. D.**

***Day 33. 11<sup>th</sup> August***

Tramping in adjacent Kluane National Park, hopefully encountering wildlife and enjoying the beauty of this park. **B. L. D.**

***Day 34. 12<sup>th</sup> August***

At Haines Junction there is a good opportunity for a flight over Kluane, plus the major visitor centre for the park. Then we return to the Beez Kneez Hostel at Whitehorse. Tonight we will have a final celebration dinner at a local restaurant. **B. D.** Lunch is your cost today.

### **Day 35. 13<sup>th</sup> August**

Our final time in Whitehorse and there is lots to see. The Yukon River loop walk sometimes has eagles nesting in the trees. The fish ladder and Beringia Centre are interesting on our way to the airport for lunch. Then an afternoon flight back to Vancouver and the end of a great trip. Connect with onward flights to NZ or begin private travels in Canada, etc. **B.** Lunch is your cost today.

## **Booking Conditions :**

1. FMC Travel Club (FMC) offers this small group trip in conjunction with Travel Smart Napier (TSN). All travel arrangements are made through TSN. All participants must agree to all terms and conditions by signing the Registration Form.
2. FMC & TSN are not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may arise from weather or defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, or through the acts or default of any persons or company engaged in conveying passengers or in carrying out the trip arrangements.
3. FMC and TSN reserve the right to cancel the trip should minimum numbers required to operate not eventuate. In this event, all monies paid by participants will be fully refunded. An amended trip at an adjusted price may be offered if a group of 6 or less registers.
4. The trip price includes a payment to FMC and the apportioned cost of the leader's travel.
5. TRAVEL INSURANCE IS MANDATORY. A brochure/application for QBE Travel Insurance is available to everyone. TSN will provide a group discount on receipt of a completed application. Alternative policies are acceptable, with evidence provided. When trip viability is confirmed, travel insurance should be arranged to protect against possible eventualities before departure. PLEASE DON'T OVERLOOK THIS IMPORTANT ASPECT OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.
6. Registrations are accepted on a first comers basis in good faith on receipt of the Registration Form and payment of \$1000 per person – due by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009. A progress payment of \$3000 per person is due by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2010. The balance will be due by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010. All payments may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, visa or mastercard to the office of TSN. Direct credits to the office account of TSN are also acceptable. No other method or place of payment can be accepted. Cheques must be payable to Travel Smart Napier.
7. The trip is priced in NZ Dollars and contains components priced in US and Canadian Dollars. Events beyond our control such as currency fluctuation and the imposition of additional local taxes may result in a variation to the final price. Exchange rates of USD70c and CAD78c have been used to price up this trip. Until such time as the trip is paid in full, the final price cannot be guaranteed.
8. Cancellations. If you need to cancel for any reason, you must advise TSN in writing as soon as possible – phoned cancellations are not accepted. Cancellation fees apply as follows :
  - Cancellations received from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2010 incur a fee of \$1000 per person
  - Cancellations received from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010 incur a fee of \$2000 per person
  - Cancellations received from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010 onwards incur a fee of 100% of the trip costs
9. Please supply a photocopy or scan of your passport when completing registration. NZ PASSPORT HOLDERS MUST COMPLETE PRE-TRAVEL ESTA SCREENING and once the trip becomes liable, you will be advised further details. If you have travelled to North America since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009, you will already have ESTA approval and will just need to update your travel details. THE ESTA PRE-TRAVEL

SCREENING SYSTEM IS LIVE FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS AFTER INITIAL COMPLETION. For any questions relating to passports, visa and ESTA, Please contact John Dobbs at TSN.

## **Registration Form :**

Request your place on **Alaska / Yukon 2010** by completing this form and send to John Dobbs at TSN before the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009. The minimum group size is 7. If you delay you may miss out as this trip has proven to be our most popular for the past 5 years. Please register early so we can ascertain group viability early and be fair to others who register early.

Full name(s) as per passport(s), underline preferred first name.....

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Mailing address.....

Email address.....Date(s) of birth.....

Day phone.....Night phone.....Mob.....

Dietary requirements, allergies, medical conditions, etc?.....

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Are you affiliated to FMC through a tramping club? Which club?.....

If not, are you a private member of FMC?.....YES.....NO (circle)

(direct or affiliated membership of FMC is not a pre-requisite of joining this trip, however)

Contact person in NZ in an emergency (name, address, relationship to you, email, phone nos including mobile

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### ***PTO to answer more questions about your tramping experience and gear.....***

I / We have read the full trip dossier and I / We accept fully the booking conditions of this trip. I / We enclose My / Our registration payment of \$1000 per person. I / We agree to pay the remainder of trip costs by due dates, as advised by invoice. I / We understand that the final trip price cannot be guaranteed until full payment has been made.

.....signed and dated by each person registering

### ***CHECKLIST :***

Registration Form, Deposit, Passport scan or photocopy, signed travel insurance application

Please send everything to :

**Questions :**

***We aim to find out the abilities of the party and what gear is available. Your answers may be written here or emailed, thank you.***

- 1. Specify the tent you could supply, whether for your sole use or that can be shared with someone of the same gender. Tents are required on the Chilkoot Trail, Kluane and Denali parks and elsewhere.***
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2. Specify the type of cooker you could supply (if you have one) e.g. gas or white spirits. Propane cylinders and white spirits are readily available and will be provided.***
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3. How frequently do you tramp in NZ?***
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4. Are these day trips, weekend or longer, or a mix?***
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5. Are you happy to tramp in a group with the tolerance needed within a group?***
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6. Anything else about your tramping or outdoor abilities that would be helpful to know.***