



RF&BPS 6 Day South Westland Adventure Tours

To follow up our sellout March tours to the South-West, two more are being offered.

Week 1: July 6-11

Week 2: July 20-25

... a holiday of a lifetime in pristine South Westland with experienced guide, RF&BPS Conservation Officer Kevin Smith

... tours during winter, the most settled period of the year in the South-West

... these non-profit tours are organised by Forest and Bird to show members the heart of our proposed South-West World Heritage area — the key conservation issue for 1987

... discover kahikatea forests, glaciers, flax swamps, sea coast seals and penguins through gentle walks for all ages

... all inclusive costs for transport, guide, quality food, motel accommodation, commemorative booklet.

\$350 ex Hokitika, \$750 ex Auckland and \$550 ex Wellington (return airfares to Hokitika and GST inc).

Write for further details to Kevin Smith, PO Box 57, Harihari, South Westland. Ph: Harihari 33-090.



A New Era Begins

The launching of the new Conservation Department on 1 April marks a new era for New Zealand's conservation movement. The Society's warmest congratulations are extended to Ken Piddington and all his staff in this new endeavour. They can count on our support in their efforts to protect New Zealand's heritage.

It is also an appropriate time to acknowledge the major contribution made to heritage protection by the outgoing departments: Lands and Survey who developed and managed our prestigious National Park and Reserve network; the Forest Service who developed a fine network of forest parks and ecological reserves and recreational facilities throughout the country. Our conflicts with both these departments were inevitable because of their dual protection/production role but we always respected and appreciated their efforts in heritage protection.

Above all we should acknowledge the passing of the New Zealand Wildlife Service. No other government agency has been closer or more supportive to our Society. Their endangered species work, survey work and habitat protection activities are legend. Hopefully their effectiveness will now be enhanced because in DoC they will have control over much habitat as well as wildlife species. Hopefully too, DoC will develop the same unity and conservation commitment that was always a feature of the Wildlife Service.

RF & BPS Northern Conservation Officer

RF & BPS is seeking an enthusiastic, self-motivated person for the position of Northern Conservation Officer. The position is based in the Bay of Plenty-Waikato. As well as working with our branches in the upper North Island, this Conservation Officer will focus on private forest protection, liaison with Maori people on conservation issues on Maori land, coastal zone conservation and threatened wildlife work. Biological qualifications, field ecology, speaking skills, an ability to work with people and government agencies and to work without close supervision all mean this position would best suit an experienced person committed to protection of our nature heritage.

For further application details write to the Conservation Director, RF & BPS, Box 631, Wellington.

Help Us Save a Superb Kaikoura Coast Forest

FOREST AND BIRD NEED \$8,000 in donations from members for our share in protecting as a scenic reserve the magnificent 600 hectare Ote Makura bush at Goose Bay on Marlborough's scenic Kaikoura Coast. The beech, matai and totara forest contains robin, pigeon, bellbird, falcon, creeper and tui.

Half the initial \$16,000 required has already been generously donated by members but we need your urgent help to raise the balance.

Send donations to RF & BPS Kaikoura Bush Appeal, Box 631, Wellington. Donations over \$5.00 are tax deductible and will be accepted.

Lepperton Bush in North Taranaki Needs Our Help

North Taranaki Branch are aiming to raise \$12,000 to secure a 4.2 ha. bush area behind the Lepperton railway station. Although small, this bush is a remnant of the magnificent coastal forests that once covered the dairy farmland of the Taranaki ring plain. The bush includes pukatea, maire, kohekohe, kahikatea and tawa. If the fundraising is successful it will become our first Society reserve in Taranaki.

Send donations to RF & BPS Taranaki Bush Appeal, Box 631, Wellington. Donations over \$5.00 are tax deductible and will be accepted.

Mt Hikurangi

It has been bought to our attention that the photo of the East Cape's Mt Hikurangi on pages 12-13 of the February magazine was reversed. In that article we also neglected to mention the fact that the writer, Ron Adams, has a masters degree in zoology and is Head of Trident High School's Science Department.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual 63rd General Meeting of the Society will be held on 13th June 1987 at the Shaw Saville Lodge, Kilbirnie, Wellington, at 8.30 am. This will be followed by the National Council Meeting. The Annual Report for 1987 is enclosed with this journal.

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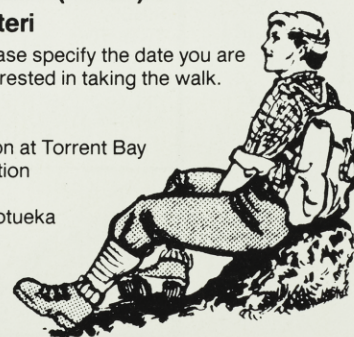
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