

**HSHR TREK TRAINING WEEKEND - Programme
19 & 20 OCTOBER 2024
Hanmer Springs / St James Conservation Area**

Trail Boss: John Burrill assisted by Lee Thornton, Fi Alloway and Bele Malik.

The trek training weekend is designed to support you to become more acquainted with St James and high country trekking so you can develop the confidence to set out on your own. Limited numbers – 12 bunks available at the St. James Base – first in first served. Not suitable for green horses. Cost: \$150.

**ALL HORSES MUST BE EITHER SHOD OR HAVE HOOF BOOTS
(NO EXCEPTIONS) – ALSO HALTER AND LEAD**

PROGRAMME:

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2024

- 8.30am – Meet** Float horses and meet at the end of Jack Pass
Ride out by 9am Road/Rogerson track junction (large grass area on the left) for sign in/info and then onto the Skills Park
- 12pm** Float horses to the Hanmer river – have BYO lunch there. Toilets on site.
- Ride out 1.30pm** Trek training up the river bed and over scrub/trails.
- 4.30pm** Float horses to St James Homestead. Horses will stay in the public paddocks. Accommodation will be at the DOC Base Hut. The hut is off-grid.

Shared potluck dinner – BBQ and microwave will be available.

SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2024

- 8.30am** Breakfast will be provided
- Ride out by 10.00am** Ride the Peter Pass Loop (BYO lunch)

The ride will finish in the early afternoon to give you time to get home.

Note that there may be changes to the programme.

Gear

The following is required/recommended:

- Your normal riding gear including a breastplate for hill work
- Your own horse
- Riding helmet – required
- Halter and lead
- Hay and a water bucket
- Bucket and sponge for washing your horse
- Sleeping bag and pillow if you are staying at the base.
- A Potluck Dish
- Plates for dinner and breakfast and utensils (paper plates will do)
- Lunch for Saturday and Sunday, and snacks
- Suitable riding/walking footwear (non-slip boots), warm clothing, wet weather gear (waterproof jacket and pants) - the weather can change quickly in the St James
- Water bottle, sunscreen, hat, insect repellent
- Your own personal kit
- Torch / headlamp

Organisers will be carrying first aid kit for people and horses as well as emergency locator beacons. If you have a first aid kit, please bring it along.

If you have saddle bags, bring them along too as we will be doing some work on acclimatising our horses to them. There will be spares being brought by organisers if you don't have any and want to try them out.

As there will be river crossings, riverbed, gravel and some steep climbs, shoes or using hoof boots is compulsory.

If you have any queries or questions, contact John on 0274 940 021 or Lee on 0274 474 517 - we are happy to provide additional information.

We are looking forward to a great weekend ☺

If you are going to arrive Friday below are some options:

Accommodation – humans and horses offered by HSHR members

<https://sherwoodranch.co.nz>

– 3 bedroom cottage which sleeps six and has 5 holding paddocks for horses

<https://sherwoodranch.co.nz>

– or stay in float with horses in the paddock (shower/toilet cubicle in paddock)

<https://www.trekker.co.nz>

Park over property with grazing, for humans, horses and dogs