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CHECK YOUR TRAMPING EQUIPMENT NOW

With summer round the corner, now is the time to check the condition of your tramping and camping equipment – before you need to use it.

The Mountain Safety Council reminds people to check the condition of their equipment well in advance of heading into the great outdoors so that worn or missing equipment can be repaired or replaced. Any repairs should be done by the manufacturer or certified agent.

Use the following equipment checklist to make sure you are well-prepared for an enjoyable tramping holiday:

BOOTS

Ensure your boots are in good condition. Check your laces are in good order, and carry a spare pair. Leather boots should be supple and clean as a result of being wax or oiled after your last tramp. Blisters are a curse, so a walk to the shops and back or around the block to soften up your foot wear prior to your first tramp may help.

WET WEATHER GEAR

Check the care instructions first, but depending on the material a good wash will generally restore waterproofing and breathability.

PACK

Inspect your pack. Check stitching, buckles, domes, and zips for serviceability and that the shoulder straps are secure.

TENT

Check your tent. Pitch it and check for any tears or other weakness. Poles, pegs, zips, guy ropes and tent floors will need checking as well.

STOVE

Inspect your stove. Ensure it is in working order and that fuel canisters are rust free and sealed correctly from any possible leaks.

OTHER EQUIPMENT

Check your compass, trekking poles, puttees, survival kit, first aid kit and survival bag.

NEW TOPO50 MAP

Have you got a new Topo50 map for the area you intend to visit? The new Topo50 maps have the latest mapping coordinates used by emergency rescue services and GPS handsets.

DON'T FORGET THE SEVEN RULES OF TRAMPING

Take care and be responsible for yourself and others in your party. Follow the seven rules of tramping to keep safe and have fun in the outdoors.

For more information and resources, including the seven rules of tramping, go to the Mountain Safety Council website www.mountainsafety.org.nz,

or contact Chris Tews for more info - 027 443 7557



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