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Complete the crossword. Then rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out the hidden solution indicated below the grid.

Hidden Solution:

NZ native tree you might see in wilderness (4,6)

Across

- 1. Possum, stoat or rat in NZ bush, eg (8)
- 6. Sleeveless garment handy for outdoor activities (4)
- 8. Small biting flies common near water (6)
- 9. NZ's longest swing bridge crosses _____ River in South Island (6)
- 10. Principal settlement on Stewart Island (4)
- 11. Reaching consensus on tramping route, maybe (8)
- 13. Areas of low-lying marshy ground (6)
- 15. Nut that might be included in scroggin mix (6)
- 17. Marine animals found in NZ coastal waters (3,5)
- 19. Unconfined - how you often feel in wilderness (4)
- 20. Descend vertical cliff using rope (6)
- 22. Line on map connecting points of same atmospheric pressure (6)
- 23. Argentine ____ - unwanted insects now found in parts of NZ (4)
- 24. Return to ____ - get closer to nature (3,5)

Down

- 2. Tramping, cycling and ski area in Marlborough region (7)
- 3. Make yourself snow cave for shelter, maybe (3,2)
- 4. Part of Pacific Ocean between NZ and Australia (6,3)
- 5. Blisters are likely if new tramping boots do this (3)
- 6. Low areas of land between hills (7)
- 7. Rear part of boat (5)
- 12. Avalanche of stones and boulders down hill (9)
- 14. Marine bivalves found in NZ waters (7)
- 16. Wearing tramping gear does not usually make you look this way! (7)
- 18. This definitely does not describe wilderness (5)
- 19. Plant life found in particular region (5)
- 21. ____-up - pause during torrential rain, eg (3)