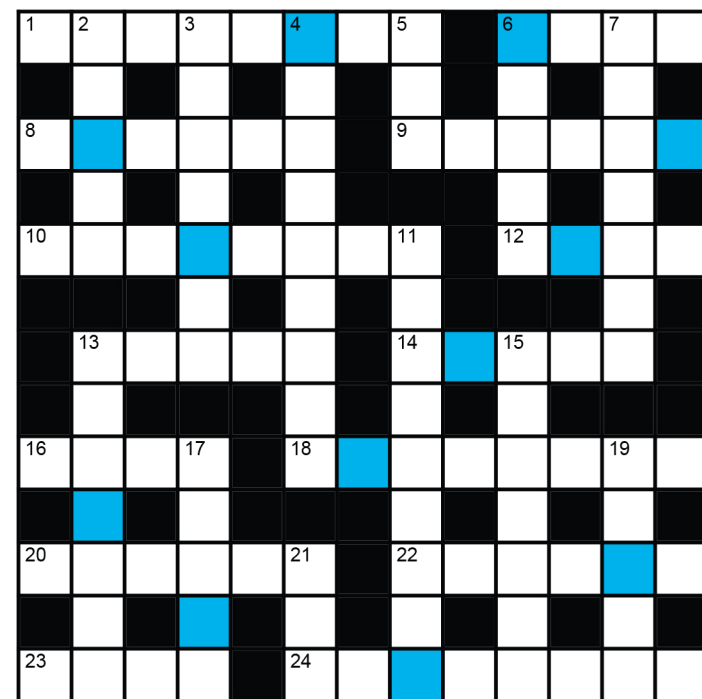


WildernessWord No. 135

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Clues



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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:
Iconic NZ outdoor experience (7,5)

Across

1. Small bird found in NZ's Southern Alps above bushline (4,4)
6. ____ map - detailed resource to guide you on tramp (4)
8. Wispy white high altitude cloud (6)
9. ____ Flats Hut - DOC hut in Tararua Forest Park (6)
10. Sea ____ - marine polyps with rings of tentacles (8)
12. Landslide of dirt and rock down hillside (4)
13. Large male pigs - you might see wild ones in bush (5)
14. Makes hot tea with billy (5)
16. Thickness of sleeping bag insulation (4)
18. Tongariro ____ Circuit - one of NZ's Great Walks (8)
20. Reorganise gear you will be carrying on tramp (6)
22. Rudderless and loose from moorings at sea (6)
23. NZ glow-worm is larva of fungus ____ (4)
24. Dark fine-grained volcanic rock found in parts of NZ (8)

Down

2. Star constellation you might see in clear wilderness night sky (5)
3. NZ river that rises in Kahurangi National Park (7)
4. Early morning wilderness view (6,3)
5. Outdoor ____ - ardent wilderness enthusiast! (3)
6. Carries heavy backpack, eg (5)
7. Groups of trampers (7)
11. Dog breed formerly used for mountain rescues in Swiss Alps (2,7)
13. Wore new tramping boots until supple and comfortable (5,2)
15. Encourages fellow trampers when going gets tough (7)
17. Expanse of terrain (5)
19. Repair and upgrade of DOC hut, eg (5)
21. Intelligent NZ native parrot (3)