

ROTOROA AN ISLAND APART

Rotoroa Island Group Volunteer Days: General Information

Come and help us restore Rotoroa Island's natural heritage! It's a chance to get your team out of the city for a fun and really meaningful day out, all while contributing to a very special wildlife restoration project.

Please note that we also run a small number of public volunteer days on the island. To find out more about our public days, please join our Volunteer Friends list by emailing your name to info@rotoroa.org.nz.

General plan for the day (Saturday or Sunday):

8:45am	Volunteers depart on 360 Discovery Ferry (40% discount provided)
10:00am	Arrive on Rotoroa Island, welcome intro and biosecurity briefing
10:30am	Volunteers go to the Schoolhouse to get required gear (gloves, spades) Work begins (break for lunch at 12:30pm)
3:00pm	Finish work and time to explore the island
4:30pm	Special presentation on restoration of Rotoroa Island (Schoolhouse)
5:15pm	Return to Auckland on ferry

General plan for the day (weekday):

8:45am	Volunteers depart on 360 Discovery Ferry (40% discount provided)
10:00am	Arrive on Rotoroa Island, welcome intro and biosecurity briefing
10:30am	Volunteers go to the Schoolhouse to get required gear (gloves, spades) Work begins
1:00pm	Lunch and time to explore the island
3:45pm	Return to Auckland on ferry

Please note:

- Groups must be 15 people minimum and 30 people maximum (with advanced notice, we can sometimes cater to larger numbers)
- Not suitable for young children; those 8 years and older are welcome, however they must be supervised
- Final group numbers must be confirmed 7 days before your volunteer day

How to register:

Contact Angela at Rotoroa Island Trust angela@rotoroa.org.nz to discuss available dates. Please include your approximate group size, and the range of dates your group is available.

Lunch:

We recommend either boxed lunches or a team BBQ. Our outdoor BBQs are available to book at no charge for volunteers.

Volunteers bring/cover costs of:

- Lunch and plenty of water. There are no shops on Rotoroa Island.
- Money for ferry (40% discount off adult fare when volunteering)
- Sturdy footwear (ideally tramping boots). No open toed shoes.
- Warm clothes, suitable for gardening (several layers)
- Wet weather gear
- If you have your own gardening gloves and spade, please bring them with you
- Sunscreen and sunhat
- Day backpack (zip-up)
- Any required medication (our staff will also carry first aid kits)

Rotoroa Island Trust will provide:

- Gloves (for those who don't have any)
- Spade (for those who don't have one)
- Plants
- Tea, coffee and water
- Supervisors with plenty of interesting stories and a good sense of humour
- Outdoor BBQ if your team decides on a BBQ lunch

Biosecurity Checklist

Rotoroa is newly pest free; help us keep it that way by following the precautions below when planning your trip.

- Check bags for rodents, insects (especially ants) and other pests prior to boarding the ferry
- Leave your dog on board your vessel if visiting by boat. No dogs or domestic animals are permitted as they may endanger the island's wildlife, particularly shore birds.
- Carry food in sealed, rodent-proof plastic containers and take your rubbish home
- Bags must be sealed. Plastic bags, open top bags and supermarket bags are easier for pests to access, so please leave these at home.
- Please check your boots, gloves and spades are clean on arrival, and that there is no soil or seeds in boot laces or treads
- Leave your bicycle at home and if you're bringing a buggy, make sure your tire treads aren't packed with dirt or insects

Remember to bring your lunch and drinking water as there are no shops on Rotoroa Island.

Cancellations:

While we're unlikely to cancel unless the weather is really terrible, please check in with our island caretakers if you're concerned about the weather forecast by phoning 021 914 384.

A special thank you to 360 Discovery for providing a generous discount for our volunteers.