

ROTOROA

An Island of Restoration

Rotoroa Island Corporate Volunteer Days: General Information

Come help us look after Rotoroa Island's natural heritage! It's a chance to get your team out into the Hauraki Gulf for a great day out and contribute to a special restoration project. Corporate volunteer days are available between 1 March and 30th September each year. Summer time is busy with visitors and we have limited supervision capacity on the island during this time.

Volunteers are a really valued part of looking after our visitor and natural assets on the island. You need to be physically fit and prepared to walk around the island as this is how you get to where the tasks you will do on the day will be. We do not have vehicles to transport people around.

General plan for the day – Please note these times are indicative only and dependent on the Explore ferry timetable and what ferry you book - [Rotoroa Island Ferry Service](#) | [Island Wildlife Sanctuary](#) | [Hauraki Gulf](#) | [Explore](#)

(Saturday/Sunday):

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| 10am | Volunteers depart on Explore Ferry, 50% discount provided for eligible volunteer groups (important to book well in advance). |
| 11:15am | Arrive on Rotoroa Island, welcome intro and biosecurity briefing |
| 11:30am | Work begins (break for lunch at 12.30) |
| 3:00pm | Finish work and time to explore the island |
| 4:25pm | Return to Auckland on ferry |

(Weekday):

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| 11:30am | Volunteers depart on Explore Ferry, 50% discount provided for eligible volunteer groups. |
| 12:45pm | Arrive on Rotoroa Island, welcome intro, health and safety and biosecurity briefing |
| 1pm | Work begins |
| 3:30pm | Finish work and time to explore the island |
| 5:40pm | Return to Auckland on ferry |

Note:

- Groups need to be 10 people minimum and 30 people maximum (with notice, we can sometimes cater to larger numbers) – please let us know well in advance how many people are coming so we can scale a job to your group
- Final group numbers must be confirmed 7 days before
- Not suitable for young children, those 8 years and older are welcome however they must be supervised.
- Please adhere to all health and safety requirements on the island

How to register:

Contact Rotoroa Island Trust info@rotoroa.org.nz to discuss available dates.

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:

- lunch & plenty of water
- money for ferry, a special volunteer adult fare with 50% discount
- sturdy clean footwear (ideally tramping boots/shoes), no open toed shoes
- Wear warm gardening type clothes, several layers and bring a coat just in case
- Wet weather gear
- Sunscreen and sunhat
- Day backpack - zip up (no open bags or boxes)
- Any required medication (our staff will also carry first aid kits).
- Please advise any allergies or medical conditions so we know what to do if you need help.

Rotoroa Island Trust will provide:

- Gloves (for those who don't have any)
- Spade if required (for those who don't have one)
- Plants (if required for day's activities)
- Tea, coffee and water
- Supervisors with plenty of interesting stories and good humour!
- Outdoor BBQ if your team decides on a BBQ lunch
- Kiosk open from 3pm with soft drinks, ice cream, books, t-shirts etc.
- Great beaches, walks and wildlife for you to enjoy

Biosecurity Checklist

Rotoroa is predator 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 - let Explore staff know if you find anything or have questions
- Leave your dog/cat on board your vessel if visiting by boat as no dogs or domestic animals are permitted - they endanger the island's wildlife, particularly shore birds.
- Carry food in sealed, rodent proof plastic containers and take your rubbish home.
- Bags and boxes must be sealed - plastic bags, open top bags, supermarket bags and banana boxes are easier for pests to access so please leave these at home.
- Please check your gear (e.g. boots, gloves, socks, bag) are clean 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 is just a small kiosk selling ice blocks, soft drinks and souvenirs on Rotoroa Island.

Cancellations

Events are only cancelled if the weather or sea conditions are not safe for the ferry or a volunteer day – If you are unsure call Explore on 0800 397 567 if coming by ferry or if coming on your own boat - the Rotoroa Duty Ranger on 09 283 0849. We will generally let you know as far in advance as possible if a cancellation occurs but sometimes this is last minute if unexpected weather comes or does not die down as predicted. Your safety and having a great day out are paramount.



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