

# **Rotoroa Island Corporate Volunteer Days: General Information**

Come help us restore Rotoroa Island's natural heritage!

It's a chance to get your team out of the Hauraki Gulf for a great day out and contribute to a special restoration project.

## General plan for the day (Saturday/Sunday):

10am	Volunteers depart on Explore Ferry, 50% discount provided for eligible
	volunteer groups.
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

# General plan for the day (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 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 15 people minimum and 30 people maximum (with 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

### How to register:

Contact Rotoroa Island Trust volunteer@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 footwear (ideally tramping boots), no open toed shoes
- Wear warm gardening type clothes, 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 (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

# **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;
- Leave your dog on board your vessel if visiting by boat as 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 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 iceblocks, drinks and souvenirs on Rotoroa Island.

### **Cancellations**

While unlikely to cancel unless terrible weather, here's how you can be sure it's going ahead

If you are unsure, please call island caretakers on 09 283 0849.

A special thank you to Explore Group for providing a generous discount for our volunteers.

