

# ROTOROA AN ISLAND APART

## **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):**

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 where all the gear will be (gloves, spades) Work begins (break for lunch at 12.30)
3:00pm	Finish work and time to explore the island
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 where all the gear will be (gloves, spades) Work begins
1:00pm	Lunch and time to explore the island
3:45pm	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](mailto: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 40% 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 are no shops 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 360 Discovery Cruises for providing a generous discount for our volunteers.