

Do you want to volunteer for conservation?

The contribution to conservation by volunteers in New Zealand is invaluable and many projects could not proceed without assistance from both New Zealand and overseas volunteers. We would like to thank you, our volunteers, for your help.

Volunteers help with many different conservation tasks such as habitat restoration, weed control, tree planting, whale stranding, advocacy, species monitoring, trapping for pests, painting and building maintenance. What you do depends partly on your skills.

These projects are practical ones and offer you opportunities to:

- Share your skills and learn new ones
- Meet and network with new people and work as part of a team
- Participate in useful conservation work and experience conservation in action
- Travel and enjoy new destinations and the outdoors

The projects described here are all undertaken on public conservation land, (with the exception of the shorebird protection groups) whether on islands in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park or on the mainland. Some are coordinated by the Department of Conservation, and others are organised and supervised by community trusts and groups. The projects all have conservation value. They could not be done without your help.



Rifleman boxed and ready for translocation to Tiritiri Matangi after capture on Little Barrier Island/Hauturu. Photo: Simon Fordham - Nature Pix

Quotes

Motuora Volunteer

"This last year has been very interesting and I've learnt so much, met amazing, passionate people and gone to places I never knew were there."

Tiritiri Matangi Volunteer

"Both rangers are incredibly patient and caring and made us feel as if we were really helping them out (I hope we did!). I'd definitely do it again next year!!"



Washing mud and debris out of the plotting room tunnel network, Motutapu Island. Photo: Jonathan Canning

Project information

1 Little Barrier Island (Hauturu)

Little Barrier Island, Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, via Devonport Wharf (DOC Island Service Vessel) or Sandspit Wharf.

From time to time volunteers are required for monitoring, weeding or general maintenance projects. A high level of fitness and specific skills are required.

When – Check DOC website for details.

Contact – Sue Cameron, aucklandvolunteer@doc.govt.nz or 09 425 0978.

Website – www.doc.govt.nz/volunteers

2 Kawau Island Volunteer Projects

Kawau Island, Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, via Sandspit, east of Warkworth.

Garden Maintenance, three-day stint: Volunteers assist the island ranger to maintain the gardens of Mansion House and the surrounding valley.

When – Jan 11-13, Feb 8-10, Mar 8-10, Apr 12-14, May 10-12, Jun 14-16, July 12-14, Aug 9-11, Sep 13-15, Oct 11-13, Nov 8-10, Dec 13-15.

General Maintenance, five-day stint: Volunteers assist the rangers with maintenance of the reserve and presentation of historic Mansion House.

When – Jan 24-28, Mar 21-25, Apr 25-29, Jun 25-29, Sep 26-30, Oct 17-21, Nov 21-25.

Contact – Sue Cameron, aucklandvolunteer@doc.govt.nz or 09 425 0978.

Website – www.doc.govt.nz



Working in the Mansion House gardens, Kawau. Photo: Susan Thomas, DOC



Spades and plants at the ready, all we need now are volunteers. Photo: Liz Maire, DOC

Remember to bring

For day trips: sturdy shoes, sunscreen, water, raincoat, hat, lunch and snacks.

Check the relevant website for other requirements specific to the project.

For residential projects: a gear list will be provided on confirmation of your placement on the programme.

- Bookings essential for most projects – see relevant website for more information.
- Some programmes have a transport cost – see relevant website for more information.
- Residential programmes are suitable for people aged 16 years and over.

Cover: Ranger and Volunteers digging a trench on Motuora Island. Photo: Ngaire Skelton

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3 Motuora Island Volunteer Programme

Motuora Island, Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, via Sandspit, east of Warkworth.

Five-day Opportunities: Volunteers assist the island rangers in a wide range of tasks including planting, weeding, beach cleanups, nursery work and general maintenance.

When – Jun 22-26, Jul 27-31, Aug 24-28, Sep 21-25.

Contact – Sue Cameron, aucklandvolunteer@doc.govt.nz or 09 425 0978. **Website** – www.doc.govt.nz

Single-day Opportunities: Join the Motuora Restoration Society for one of their monthly trips to assist with planting and other essential tasks.

When – Last Sunday of each month. Bookings essential.

Contact – Eilene Lamb, 09 427 8911 or Robin Gardiner-Gee, 09 378 9548.

Website – www.motuora.org.nz

4 Tiritiri Matangi Volunteer Programme

Tiritiri Matangi Island, Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, via Downtown Ferry Terminal, Auckland or Gulf Harbour Marina, Whangaparaoa.

Seven-day Opportunities: Weekly volunteers assist the island rangers in a wide range of tasks from checking water troughs to weeding, beach cleanups and track work. Very little species work is available but there are many opportunities to see the island's wildlife.

When – Weekly, seven-day stint from Sunday to Saturday inclusive.

Contact – Sue Cameron, aucklandvolunteer@doc.govt.nz or 09 425 0978.

Website – www.doc.govt.nz

Ongoing Opportunities: Join the community group Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi and help them enhance the visitor experience. Volunteers work in the visitor centre shop or guide visitors around the island. Regular commitment is preferable and training is provided.



Track resurfacing, Tiritiri Matangi Island. Photo: Peter Lee

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Opportunities to volunteer for conservation



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