

East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservancy

The East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservancy includes the majority of the East Coast and Hawke's Bay regions. It administers around 590,000 hectares of public conservation land, from the Conservancy Office in Gisborne and Area Offices in Napier, Opotiki, Aniwanui and Gisborne.

The conservancy is enormously varied in terms of topography, climate, vegetation and wildlife. Its protected lands include Te Urewera National Park, Raukumara, Kaweka and Ruahine Conservation Parks and Te Angiangi and Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserves.



Historic sites include the Tauranga and Manganuku Bridges (Waioeka Gorge Scenic Reserve), the Otatara Pa Historic Reserve and the Cook Landing Site National Historic Reserve.

Conservation work being carried out protects the New Zealand dotterel, shore plover, kokako, whio and kiwi amongst others. Plant recovery work includes kowhai, kakabeak and the native mistletoe. We are grateful for continued assistance in our work from local communities and volunteers throughout the conservancy.



Dotterel Monitoring volunteers and members of the Lake Waikaremoana Hapu Restoration Trust

Our Volunteer Goals

Provide volunteer opportunities so the community can assist in the conservation of New Zealand's natural, cultural and historic resources;

Provide opportunities for people to safely experience the values of the natural and historic environment and to become more sensitive to those values;

Support and strengthen links between tangata whenua, conservation and recreation groups, the community and the Department;

Provide, where appropriate, opportunities for volunteers to become aware of Maori values and perspectives on the environment;

Enable conservation tasks that otherwise would not have been done, to be completed through the assistance of volunteers.

Further information

To find out more, contact:-

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Volunteer Opportunities

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Volunteering for Conservation

Volunteers makes a real difference to DOC's work in New Zealand. In East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservancy, volunteers are involved in a wide range of projects, such as:-

- Species monitoring at Boundary Stream Mainland Island
- Heritage site maintenance at Te Urewera National Park
- IT support for a range of biodiversity projects

Our Volunteering Programme provides more details about projects you can get involved in. Contact the Conservancy Volunteer Coordinator to request a Programme or check out the Volunteer Programme on our website.

DOC supports community groups working on local conservation projects throughout the region. Volunteers are welcome to get involved; your local DOC office will be able to provide information about groups working in your area.

Who can volunteer?

Anyone can be a volunteer, from young adults to grandparents, overseas students to local people. The main requirements are an interest in conservation and an ability to get on well with others. Some projects require a high degree of technical expertise and fitness, others require no special skills, just enthusiasm.

Children under 16 are welcome to join some activities, as long as they are directly supervised by a parent or guardian. If you're thinking of bringing children along when you volunteer, contact the Volunteer Coordinator first to check that the activity is appropriate

Booking a place

The first step is to contact the Volunteer Coordinator, who will give you more details about the projects available and provide you with an application form. Your skills, experience and availability will help us match you to a



suitable project. Once we've found something suitable, the Volunteer Coordinator will put you in touch with the DOC staff contact for the project, who will support you while you volunteer.

What do you need to bring?

For every project you will need to bring suitable clothes, footwear, waterproofs and personal items such as sunscreen and medications. You'll be provided with a gear list for all outdoor projects, so that you know what you'll need.

For most day projects you will need to bring lunch, snacks and drinks.

For longer term projects DOC accommodation may be provided, as well as food for the length of your stay; this will be specified in each project description.

Safety

Our staff will make every effort to ensure that high standards of safety are maintained. We will provide any Personal Protective Equipment required and we'll also give you full instruction on tools, methods and safety procedures at the start of each project. First aiders are always present on projects.

You need to let us know in advance if you have any medical conditions. This information is confidential, but important for your safety and that of those you'll be working with.

Are you keen to do your bit for conservation in New Zealand?

Do you want to make a difference to your local environment?

Would you like to learn about caring for our natural, cultural and historic heritage?



Painting Cameron Hut, Volunteers at Ahuriri Estuary
Cover photo: Boundary Stream Mainland Island