

Conservation Volunteering Whanganui

DOC Whanganui warmly invites you to join in our regular volunteer days. These are social events and are usually suitable for a range of fitness levels and skills. We encourage people of all ages to join us.

Volunteers may find themselves tackling invasive weeds, helping with pest control, planting trees, monitoring birds, participating in a beach clean-up, potting seedlings, or undertaking small building tasks.

As well as helping out DOC, volunteers will also learn about the history of the project area, gain new skills, get some exercise, make new friends and hopefully see some of our amazing wildlife.

Current Opportunities

Gordon Park Scenic Reserve

- Gordon Park is a small reserve that is a precious sample of lowland forest – one of the last remaining in this area, just 5 minutes from Whanganui East.
- DOC and volunteers meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 9am-12 noon and fourth Thursday of each month from 1pm-4pm.
- Tasks include weed control, planting, checking pest traps and periodic monitoring of plant and bird species.
- Located on the corner of No 3 Line and Kaimatira Road, Whanganui East
- www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/manawatu-whanganui/places/gordon-park-scenic-reserve/
- Contact Colin Ogle for more info robcol@xtra.co.nz

Bushy Park Tarapurui

- Bushy Park Tarapurui is a large 100ha forest surrounded by a predator proof fence with abundant wildlife and is a 25 minute drive from central Whanganui.
- Volunteers undertake regular checks of the fence and some bird monitoring along with pest and weed control and restoration planting.
- Visit www.bushyparksanctuary.org.nz or email Mandy Brooke for more details info@bushyparksanctuary.org.nz

Castlecliff Coastcare

- Castlecliff Coastcare are a dedicated group that actively cares for the Castlecliff coastline through regular planting days and predator trapping along with beach clean ups.
- Contact Graham Pearson for more details pearsons@bythebeach.co.nz

Predator Free Whanganui

- Would you like to undertake conservation volunteering in your own back yard by trapping? Predator Free Whanganui has a growing trap library with resources to support this mahi.
- Contact Rosi for more info predatorfree@sustainablewhanganui.org.nz

Hylton Park, Aramoho

- The Friends of Hylton Park are working hard to enhance Hylton Park and are always looking for more helpers to care for this environment.
- Contact Deon Hazelhurst for more info deonhazelhurst@outlook.com

The Learning Environment, Piwakawaka Farm Papaiti

- The Learning Environment is dedicated to regenerating Piwakawaka Farm as part of supporting the social and environmental wellbeing of Whanganui. They offer courses that heal, inspire and develop capacity for personal and collective resilience and are always looking for volunteer support.
- For more info email visit www.learningenvironment.nz or email info@learningenvironment.nz

Sustainable Whanganui

- Sustainable Whanganui wants the whole community to flourish in these changing and challenging times. They have an array of projects including Fruit Trees in the Community, Green bikes and the ReUse Academy and volunteer support is always welcome.
- For more information visit www.sustainablewhanganui.org.nz

Specialised Opportunities

- If you have specialised skills or qualifications that you'd like to utilise with DOC (such as carpentry, painting, botany, working at heights or graphic skills for example) contact DOC to discuss opportunities.

What you need to bring to a volunteer day:

- Water bottle
- Sun hat and raincoat
- Personal medication and small first aid kit
- Good footwear (boots preferred)
- Backpack

For more information about conservation volunteering contact

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