

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Morning: Orientation to the program. Briefly discuss New Zealand biodiversity and conservation issues. Afternoon: Clean up rubbish/trash which poses a threat to marine and bird life	2 Kapiti Island Sanctuary Trip Educational trip to Kapiti island, a protected wilderness area and an example of a successful predator-free sanctuary. Learn about NZ's unique bird life, and hike to the top of the island.	3 Stream Survey A scientific water quality monitoring kit is used to sample water in a natural forest stream. Data is passed to local council for evaluation. (Quarterly project)	4 Rimutaka Forest Park Trapping of pest predators (stoats and rats) to protect our national icon, the kiwi bird, which was recently translocated to the park. 5 hour hike through NZ rainforest, and spectacular views of Wellington.	5 Nga Manu Nature Reserve Educational reserve in a coastal lowland swamp forest remnant. Learn about and see NZ wildlife such as kiwi, eels, and tuatara. Assist with park development projects e.g. upgrading tracks and mulching overgrown vegetation.	6 FREE DAY	7 FREE DAY
8 Te Hapua Wetland Coastal wetland restoration project involving planting native plants, invasive weed removal, and tending to existing plants to ensure survival in the harsh coastal conditions. Cakes for morning tea are provided!	9 Overnight trip away: Bushy Park (living within a mainland forest sanctuary) Bushy Park is a virgin rainforest remnant approximately 97 hectares (240 acres) in size. It is a kiwi bird 'crèche' which cares for kiwi chicks until they are big enough to have a reasonable chance of survival against introduced predators in the wild (a predator-proof fence has been built around the park to keep predators out). We stay in a bunkhouse within the park boundary, and assist the park in various activities such as revegetation, track maintenance and development, and checking the predator proof fence (it is easily damaged by falling debris, especially in stormy weather).	10	11	12 Wellington Zoo Making enrichment toys and helping out with the landscaping and general park maintenance. The zoo relies heavily on volunteers to keep running and allows it to focus on conservation efforts.	13 FREE DAY	14 FREE DAY
15 Morning: Orientation for new volunteers. Briefly discuss New Zealand bio- diversity and conservation issues. Afternoon: Clean up rubbish/trash which poses a threat to marine and bird life	16 Matiu-Somes Island Trip Educational trip to Matiu-Somes Island, a protected area within Wellington Harbour, and an example of a successful reforestation project. Learn about the island's history, plants, and birds.	17 East Harbour Regional Park Trapping of pest predators (brushtail possums) to protect this protected forest area from over-browsing. 7 hour hike through NZ rainforest.	18 Pautahanui Wetlands Reserve Potting plants in nursery, planting, park development, tree releasing and generally helping out the lovely folks of Forest and Bird at this beautiful preserved wetlands site.	19 Seal Survey Travel to the stunning Cape Palliser coastline where you will join Department of Conservation rangers to survey the NZ Fur Seal colony for their research.	20 FREE DAY	21 FREE DAY
22 Nga Uruora Nga Uruora is a community group set up 'to reverse the drastic decline of coastal forest'. We will assist them in their efforts to revegetate some of their many sites, which will include tree planting (winter) and removing weeds and possibly some irrigation in the hotter months. Coastal views!	23 Otari-Wilton's Bush Trapping for stoats and rats to help protect bird and insect life in an original NZ rainforest remnant. 2 hour hike. Learn about, measure, and record plantings to monitor the progress of the revegetation plot.	24 Penguin Recovery Work A variety of work all aimed at helping to protect the little blue penguins living at Breaker Bay. Planting and general coastal cleanup work.	25 Eastbourne Dunes Protection We work to protect dune habitat along the eastern coast of the Wellington harbour by planting (winter) and weeding around those plants.	26 Makara Peak Makara Peak is park of the Wellington City green belt, and we assist efforts to keep trails open for the public, as well as control pest plants and animals.	27 FREE DAY	28 FREE DAY
29 FREE DAY	30 FREE DAY	31 FREE DAY	<p>*** Please note that this is an example calendar to give prospective volunteers an idea of the range & type of projects and activities that may be scheduled. We cannot guarantee a particular project will be undertaken in a particular month. Project needs vary from month to month and from season to season.</p> <p>*** Some projects are unable to run in inclement weather due to safety and/or comfort considerations. In such cases, the project will not be rescheduled. However an alternative activity will be offered - For example, an educational video and discussion on environmental topics; visit to environmental education attractions; etc.</p> <p>*** The program runs on a 28-day calendar, with the remaining days of the month being free days. Accommodation and food is still provided for those free days for ongoing or departing volunteers.</p> <p>*** Public holiday days (aka bank holidays) are also free days. For example, Christmas Day, New Years Day, etc. You will find a full list of public holiday dates in New Zealand by clicking on the link below:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">New Zealand Public Holiday Dates</p>			