

Catchpool Restoration Project – Volunteer Day Information

- Provides a rewarding experience for volunteers to enjoy the outdoors while assisting in the conservation of New Zealand's natural, cultural and historic resources
- Help with conservation tasks key to the native forest restoration project at Catchpool Valley, Remutaka Forest Park (Please see this link: www.remutaka.nz/projects/crp/catchpool.htm)

Task:

Remutaka Forest Park supports approximately 750 indigenous plant species, constituting 31% of the NZ indigenous flora.

The conservation volunteers will contribute towards the programme to restore native forest in this special area. The Catchpool Restoration Project volunteer programme includes activities such as:

- weed eradication: the removal of alien vegetation and control of any re-growth
- releasing of recently planted native species to ensure their survival
- further planting of native trees/ plants to continue the restoration of indigenous ecosystems

Site Details:

Conservation volunteers will visit Catchpool Valley, the most popular entrance to the Remutaka Forest Park, which includes the Orongorongo Valley. Easily accessible being only 30km from Wellington, the valley is a popular recreational destination.

Within Catchpool Valley are attractive short walks and access to longer bush tramps, two well-maintained campgrounds, picturesque picnic spots and free barbeque facilities.

The Catchpool Valley has undergone a transformation as Radiata pine trees planted by the former New Zealand Forest Service have been removed to enable the return of native forest.

Conservation volunteers will make an important and most-appreciated contribution to this transformation.

Relevant Websites:

Department of Conservation – www.doc.govt.nz/

Remutaka Conservation Trust – www.remutaka.nz/



Catchpool Restoration Project Eco-Habitat Zones



General Requirements

Conservation volunteers attending need to be reasonably fit, interested in conservation and enjoy working outdoors. Group size: minimum of 8 people.

Volunteers need to bring

- Warm clothing
- Wet weather gear (Parka and over-trousers preferably)
- Sturdy footwear (sneakers, boots or gumboots)
- Drinking water/ Water bottle
- Picnic Lunch/ or contribution to BBQ
- Sun screen, hat and sun glasses
- Day pack (optional)
- Camera (optional)

DOC and the Rimutaka Forest Park Trust (RFPT) will provide

- Tools, PPE (personal protection equipment) - gloves, etc.
- Supplies for making hot drinks and cold drinking water.
- Access to free gas BBQs (some covered) and microwave/ stove/ refrigerator (Catchpool Centre)
- First Aid Kit

Facilities

- Parking
- Serviced toilets near planting area
- Secure area where bags can be left
- Indoor shelter with tables & seating
- Outdoor space for BBQ and there are large lawn areas for activities



Please contact:

**Peter Cooper - email: peter@remutaka.nz Tel: 021 111 5630
to organise a volunteer day for your group.**

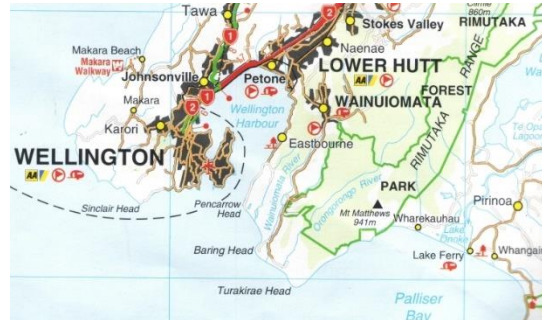


DIRECTIONS

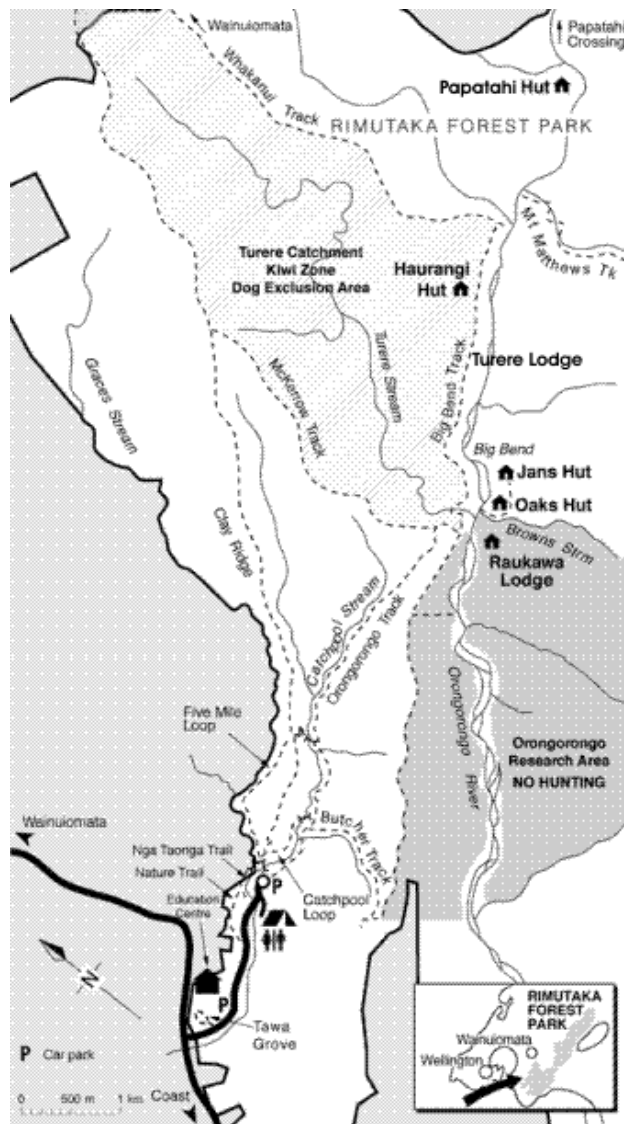
Catchpool Valley is located 12km south of Wainuiomata, on the Coast Road, 45 minutes drive from Wellington. Turn left into the park through the main gates; the Catchpool Centre driveway and car parking area is off the main access road, approx 300m on the left.

See www.doc.govt.nz/ for more information.

Or **Google Maps**, New Zealand: **Catchpool Centre** Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/FohFPp9aEMC2>



Catchpool and Orongorongo Valleys Map



HEALTH AND SAFETY

The nearest hospital is in the Hutt Valley on the High Street, approximately 25 minutes drive from the park.

Conservation volunteers need to complete a Department of Conservation Registration and Volunteer Agreement form. On this form volunteers must identify any medical conditions or life-threatening allergies or reactions and an emergency contact person for the group in case of an emergency. Volunteers must carry any medication with them. DOC staff onsite have up-to-date first aid certificates and a first aid kit will be on hand for minor ailments.

Any hazards such as steep or slippery terrain will be identified in the Hazard Plan and minimised.

Compliance with any current Department of Health requirements at Red or Orange settings must be adhered to [Public and private gatherings at Red | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

In the event of an emergency the following people are available to assist:

Contact Name	Relationship	Phone #
Ranger	Catchpool Ranger	(04) 564 1249
Melody McLaughlin	Supervisor - Community DOC	(04) 470 8407
DoC Emergency No.	DOC Hotline	0800 362 468
Peter Cooper	CRP Coordinator - Remutaka	021 111 5630

SAFETY BRIEFING

The following points have been identified as hazards:

- Insects:** Watch out for bees, wasps and any other stinging/biting insects. If you have known allergies, please ensure you bring the appropriate medication.
- Exposure to elements:** Ensure you have protection against all types of weather, including sunscreen, hats, a raincoat, warm clothing, etc.
- Muscle/back strain:** Take it slowly when carrying out plant work. Take regular breaks and stretch your muscles.
- Sharp objects:** Make sure sturdy shoes or boots are worn at all times. Watch for scrub and other objects that you may fall over and for overhanging branches that could hit you or others in the face or eyes.
- Pandemics:** (Currently Covid-19/ SARS-CoV-2) Need to comply with all DoH guidelines/ requirements for the containment of this disease. Ref: [Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)



Volunteer Agreement

I/we wish to participate as a volunteer on Department of Conservation/ RCT volunteer projects and to accept supervision by an appointed supervisor.

Provided they are within my capabilities, I am/we are available for other tasks, including emergencies, should I/we be asked.

I/we accept that any medical costs associated with accidents are paid for by the Accident Compensation Corporation. I/we also accept that as a volunteer worker, any accident I/we may have is classified as a non-work accident and I am/we are therefore not eligible for any payment or loss of earnings from the Department.

Note: Neither the Department nor the RCT accepts any responsibility whatsoever for any personal accident or loss/ damage to personal items or equipment for volunteers whilst they are engaged in Conservation Volunteer projects.

Person in Charge:

Full name (print): _____

Telephone Day: _____ Evening: _____ Mobile: _____

Number in Group: _____

Emergency Contact for Group:

Full name (print): _____

Telephone Day: _____ Evening: _____ Mobile: _____

Signatures:

Person in Charge: _____ Date: _____

DOC representative: _____ Date: _____

Project: Catchpool Restoration Project, Remutaka Forest Park Volunteer Programme

