



F&B JUNE 2017 TRIP (there is no Monthly trip in May)
Saturday, 10th JUNE, 2017

MANA ISLAND



WAIT-LIST ONLY **

Mana Island has an incredible living spirit. It boasts shelter to many living insects, reptiles, birds, plant life, and in its surrounding waters, the abundant sea life. The Island's giant weta, *deinacrida rugosa* is believed to be the world's heaviest insect. The MacGregor Skink can be found in the shingle about the beaches and the gold stripe gecko can be found in the flaxes in the wetland. There are 39 bird species on the island, which are given the extra change of survival in their rodent-free domain. The endangered Cooks scurvy grass, ngaio, taupata, manuka, kanuka all make up Mana's certain future.

No: of Places available: 24 To Register and for more information:

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****THIS TRIP IS NOW FULL, BUT IF YOU WISH TO REGISTER ONTO THE WAITLIST, PLEASE EMAIL JULIA AT THE ABOVE EMAIL ADDRESS. Julia will email you should a space become available.**

Cost: \$60 (\$50 for Friends of Mana Island members) No other discounts!

The trip is weather dependent and may be cancelled the day before – full refund or rebooking if this happens.

We will be guided by one of the Friends of Mana Island team.

Depart: 06.45 a.m. – sharp from Palmerston North
(need to be at Mana Marina at 8.30 a.m. for a 9.00 a.m. boat departure)
Return to Palmerston North approx.. 6.00 p.m.
(Leave Mana Island to the Mainland: 3.00-4.00 p.m.)

Meet: **Palmerston North** - Car pool – meet on Church St, opposite Centrepoint Theatre & Salvation Army Shop (on Railway land side).
If you carpool, please share petrol costs with the driver.

Children are welcome: They will get more from the visit if they are used to walking as it's quite a good climb to the top of the island. However, you will need to bring a lifejacket for your baby or toddler (up to 3 years old)

What to bring: Water, snacks and lunch, stout footwear and raincoat (in case). Also, if you usually use walking poles, please bring them. Be prepared for heat, cold, sun, wind and rain. Mana Island is very exposed and the weather changes quickly.

There is a Biosecurity check before you are allowed on the Island –

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