

Te Puke Forest & Bird

2011 Programme



Forest & Bird
GIVING NATURE A VOICE

Evening Indoor Meetings

Venues as listed. See the Te Puke Times for meetings held later in the year (Sept, Oct and November).
Gold coin donation. Supper provided.

Monday 21 February. *Wild Rivers – movie evening*

Focusing on the threats to our wild rivers, including the West Coast's Mokihiui and Matakītaki.

7.30 p.m. at Masonic Lodge, Oxford Street, Te Puke.

Monday 14 March. *Keeping the whitebait running*

Guest speaker Peter Ellery on how whitebait habitat can be improved, and that rare delicacy conserved.

7.30 p.m. in the Aihe Room, Papamoa Library.

Monday 18 April. AGM plus *Rare Frogs*

John Heaphy, DOC biodiversity ranger, on native frogs, including Otawa forest's endangered Hochstetter's frog.

7.30 p.m. at Masonic Lodge, Oxford Street, Te Puke.

Day Trips

Suitable for families of all ages & levels of fitness. Children under 13 years must be accompanied by an adult. Bring food, jacket, solid footwear, any special medication, and 50c per head trip fee. Estimated trip times do not include car travel.

Unless otherwise advised, meet **8.45am** at Boucher Avenue car park near Countdown to share transport. Please book with the contact person – who will notify if the trip is cancelled.

Car fees are the suggested payment per passenger to the driver (if car pooling).

26 February to 6 March. SEAWEEK 2011

Featuring *Water Whisperers Tangaroa* at Rialto Cinema, 8pm, Thursday 24th February. Watch your local newspaper for other events or visit www.seaweek.org.nz

Sunday 27 February. Aongatete Falls

Walking a short loop of 2kms, then 20 minutes walk for a swim at the Falls. Time & grade: 3 hours. Easy.

Carole Long 542 0224 / 027 274 7642 Car \$12

Saturday 19 March. Kaituna Wetlands

A walk around the wetland's reconstructed borrow pits which have improved whitebait spawning habitat.

Time & grade: 3 hours. Easy.

Bev Nairn 533 4247 / 027 293 7985 Car \$5

Sunday 17 April. Violet Bonnington Reserve

Gentle climb on the flank of Mt Ngongotaha. Great bush with some large old rata trees. 4 hours. Easy.

Dorothy Mutton 573 8152 Car pool \$12

Saturday 21 May. Mystery Trip

Where to? Can't say...

Bev Nairn 533 4247 / 027 293 7985 Car \$5

Saturday 18 June. Mokoia Island

An excellent day out at this beautiful reserve in the middle of Lake Rotorua – with birdlife galore, including saddlebacks, kokako, ruru. Bring togs for the relaxable hot pool. Boat & landing fee to be advised. 4 hours. Moderate.

Red Charles 573 8151 / 022 071 9129 Car \$12

Saturday 17 July. Karangahake Gorge

Windows walk and historic Pumphouse. A scenic walk amongst gold mining relics by the river. Bring a torch for subterranean adventures. 3 hours. Easy.

Carole Long 542 0224 / 027 274 7642 Car \$15

Saturday 20 August. Wingspan

Visit to Wingspan aviary and raptor rehabilitation centre at Paradise Valley, Rotorua. Group discount entry fee may apply: to be advised. Suitable for all ages. Visitor centre has hot drinks available. 3 hours.

Joyce Bates 542 2989 Car \$12

Sunday 18 September. Te Aroha

Steepish climb up the mountain for panoramic views of the Waikato, Hauraki and Coromandel. Hot swim at the end to recoup for the drive home. 5 hours. Moderate to hard.

Cathy Reid 573 9566 / 027 223 4991 Car \$15

11 to 18 September. CONSERVATION WEEK 2010

Watch your newspapers for events.

Friday to Sunday, 28 to 30 October. Whirinaki Camp

A weekend at the Whirinaki Recreation Camp. Day trips around this majestic forest, and hopefully seeing who (native Blue duck) in the fast flowing streams. Hut fee to be advised. Time & grades: various.

Travel arrangements to be advised.

Carole Long 542 0224 / 027 274 7642 Car \$25

Friday 4 November. Street Stall

Annual bonanza sale of trees, seedlings, books, baking & raffles. All day from 8am to 4pm outside the Te Puke Post Office. All contributions for stall are welcome.

Te Puke: Dorothy Mutton 573 8152

Papamoa: Juanita Smith 542 2504

Sunday 20 November. Homunga Bay – Orokawa Bay

Lovely walk along beach and cliff tops, amongst huge pohutukawas beginning to flower. One way walk with car shuttle at end. 3 hours. Easy to moderate.

Bev Nairn 533 4247 / 027 293 7985 Car \$15

Next year's 2012 programme

Friday to Monday, 28 to 30 January. JANUARY CAMP

Kaueranga Education Lodge

www.kfec.org.nz

Gateway to Coromandel Forest Park. Enjoy walks to kauri dams, the Pinnacles, and good swimming holes. Nightly Lodge fee \$12.50 per person. Travel arrangements to be advised. Note: you must book in advance.

Time & grades: various.

Cathy Reid 573 9566 / 027 223 4991 Car \$15

Saturday 18 February. Whataroa Falls, Otanewainuku

Walk through our forest to see and hear lots of birdlife. Cool off with a swim at the falls.

4 hours. Easy to moderate.

Carole Long 542 0224 / 027 274 7642 Car \$5