



## Conference field trips

### Field trip one | Tiritiri Matangi (FULLY BOOKED).

**We are fully subscribed to this field trip. Please choose one of the other field trip options**

Field trip delegates will gather in the morning at the “explore booking kiosk” in Viaduct Harbour for their field trip to Tiritiri Matangi. Enjoy a cruise through Tikapa Moana - the Hauraki Gulf, as we make our way to this island sanctuary. The ferry ride will take approximately 80 minutes.

Tiritiri Matangi is one of New Zealand's oldest island sanctuaries. Tiritiri Matangi is brimming with wildlife rarely seen on the mainland. After receiving seed funding from WWF in 1982, the Tiritiri Matangi team set about replanting the island by recruiting a volunteer 'spade brigade', and reintroducing rare birds to the island and recently reintroducing some of New Zealand's iconic reptile species including tuatara and Duvaucel's gecko (New Zealand largest gecko). Delegates will be able to explore what can be achieved when passionate individuals seek to restore the natural environment.

The pest-free island provides a safe haven for a wide range of native species including kōkako, takahē, tīeke and more. Delegates will take a walk with an experienced guide to help you spot the native species and find out more about the island's conservation programme.

If time allows, delegates will be able to enjoy the time to explore the island's other walking tracks, quiet beaches and regenerating forest at your leisure.

<https://www.tiritirimatangi.org.nz/plan-your-trip/>

#### Timetable

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| 8:30am  | Delegates to assemble at the explore booking kiosk at the ViaDuct Harbour |
| 9:00am  | Ferry departs for Tiritiri Matangi Island                                 |
| 10:20am | Ferry arrives   |

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| 10:30am | Delegates are met by their walking guide to begin their walking tour of the island |
| 12:00pm | Lunch  |
| 12:30pm | Free time to explore the island.   |
| 2:30pm  | Delegates to meet back at the Ferry Terminal on Tiritiri Matangi island            |
| 2:40pm  | Ferry departs for Auckland   |
| 4:00pm  | Ferry arrives in Auckland. Field trip finishes                                     |

## Field trip 2 | South Auckland's stormwater, streams and airport

Delegates will meet their field trip guide and assemble at the Hilton Auckland to board the bus to the Auckland Botanical Gardens. Delegates will walk through the Botanical Gardens down to the Puhinui Creek to examine the freshwater ecosystems that some of Auckland's restoration projects are trying to replicate. The walk will then head over to Totara Park to examine the recent community planting undertaken as part of offset regimes that combined with a BMX track.

The tour will then head to the Awakeri Wetlands. The Takanini Integrated Stormwater Solution is one of New Zealand's largest stormwater projects. The Awakeri Wetlands forms the fourth stage of a greater scheme to provide stormwater servicing for the Takanini south-east area. The 3km urban wetland provides water quality treatment and creating a habitat for native birds, lizards and fish species. The wetland channel has used an innovative design to recreate an ancient kauri repo. Giant ancient rakau (kauri logs) uncovered during construction have been left in place.

Finally the tour will head to Auckland airport where delegates will be greeted by the sustainability manager who will provide a presentation on Auckland airports current and future work on the climate risk and adaption.

The field trip will go via the airport on the way back to the Hilton Auckland for those who need to catch flights home.

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| 8:30am  | Delegates to assemble at the Hilton Hotel Auckland. |
| 9:00am  | Bus departs for the Auckland Botanical Gardens      |
| 10:00am | Bus arrives at the botanical gardens                |
| 10:15am | Delegates walk through the gardens to Puhinui Creek |
| 11:00am | Tour of Totara Park                                 |
| 12:00pm | Lunch at Totara Park                                |
| 12:45pm | Delegates board the bus to Awakeri Wetlands         |
| 1:15pm  | Delegates to tour Awakeri wetlands                  |
| 2:15pm  | Bus depart Awakeri wetlands for Auckland Airport    |
| 2:45pm  | Bus arrives at Auckland Airport                     |
| 3:45pm  | Bus departs Auckland Airport for the Hilton Hotel   |
| 4:45pm  | Bus arrives at the Hilton Hotel                     |

- Note all times are approximate and have taken into account traffic to the best of our ability. Please make sure that your flight times are taken into account prior to booking for the field trips.

### **Field trip 3 | Walking tour around the Auckland Shoreline and Viaduct Harbour**

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| 9:30am  | Delegates to assemble at the Hilton Hotel Auckland.  |
| 9:00am  | Walking tour begins with access to various sites on contaminated land and heritage around the Auckland shoreline and Viaduct Harbour |
| 12:30pm | Lunch  |
| 1:30pm  | Delegates make their way back to the Hilton Hotel  |
| 1:45pm  | Field trip concludes   |