

About Ngā Manu

Ngā Manu's vision is to inspire commitment to the natural world by providing a safe, accessible, and welcoming place where people can connect with nature. The 14-hectare reserve includes a rare remnant of lowland swamp forest with ancient kahikatea, pukatea and swamp maire trees and is a haven for native animals and plants. Visitors can explore the reserve at their own pace and get up close with a wide variety of native species.

Ways to connect with Ngā Manu

Become a Friend of Ngā Manu

A great way to support our conservation efforts while enjoying the benefits of year-round unlimited access to the reserve alongside other membership benefits for a modest annual fee.

Volunteering

Ngā Manu is powered by volunteers, and we are interested to hear from anyone keen in contributing their time. This is a relaxed, inclusive place to spend time each week and to get to know people who share your love of nature. To find out more email volunteers@ngamanu.org.nz

Share the Love of Nature

Our nature and wildlife experiences are great gifts for your friends and family. Vouchers available at ngamanu.org.nz

Other ways to get involved

Sponsorships, partnerships and donations help us develop and maintain the reserve while keeping the price of entry affordable. A donation to Ngā Manu can be made at any time and will directly support our conservation work, community engagement and education. Or you may be interested in creating a legacy that will provide benefits for future generations of visitors to Ngā Manu through the Ngā Manu Endowment Fund which is part of the Nikau Foundation. A gift or bequest today will provide ongoing support for Ngā Manu in the future.

Visit www.ngamanu.org.nz/get-involved/ to find out more.



10am – 5pm

Open all year (except Christmas Day)

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Your Kāpiti Coast
Nature Experience



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So much to see and do...

Take your time and enjoy a leisurely stroll around our precious remnant of lowland swamp forest. Wander through the walk-in habitats to meet Kiwi, Kea, Kākā, Whio, and Pāteke. Spot our sun-seeking reptiles including the iconic Tuatara alongside eight species of native geckos and skinks.

There are serene picnic areas for a family lunch, or BBQ Island to hire for your own exclusive event.

Our visitor centre includes a kiosk and gift shop where you can buy drinks, snacks and nature inspired gifts.

Ngā Manu is accessible to all – our easy gravelled paths and boardwalks are wheelchair and pram friendly. Mobility aids are available at our Visitor Centre free of charge.



Admission



Dependent disabled person (+carer)	FREE
Adult	\$15
Child aged 5 - 17 (FREE for 0 - 4 years)	\$8
Concession*	\$12
1 Adult Family (up to 3 children)	\$25
2 Adult Family (up to 3 children)	\$35

Prices current July 2023(*) NZ Student, SuperGold card, Community Services Card. Education and community group bookings may qualify for concessions



Nature & Wildlife Experiences



Bookings required

Daily Tuna (Eel) feeding and duck feeding (no bookings required)

Kiwi Night Encounter (1.5 hour tour)

Sneak into the outdoor habitat at dusk, and watch as our North Island Brown Kiwi pair go about their nightly activities and forage for food as the cheeky Ruru fly overhead.

Native Bird Close Encounter (30 - 40 minute tour)

Meet our cheeky native birds – Kākā, Kākāriki, Kea, and Whio – all up close on this Ranger guided tour. Tours daily at 11am.

Native Icons Tour (45 – 60 minute tour)

Tick off three of Aotearoa's native wildlife icons – meet the Kiwi, Tuatara and Tuna (Eel) up close and personal on an intimate and interactive Ranger tour.

Ranger Experience (8.30am - 12.30pm) ages 7+

Go behind the scenes and work alongside a Ranger during this 4-hour hands on experience.

Native Reptile Close Encounter (30 - 40 minute tour)

Find out about our reptiles, including Tuatara, geckos and skinks, on this Ranger guided tour.

Nature Photography Tour (3 hours, weekends only)

Let an expert nature photographer guide you through our extensive forest spotting the Kāpiti Coast's species of note.

FREE Guided Forest walk (Talks are as long or short as required weekends only). Learn about the hidden treasures of our lowland swamp forest.

Stay overnight in Theo's Cottage

Have the nature reserve to yourself in this unique stay-over experience. Take a night walk through the forest and listen to the wonders of the dawn and dusk bird chorus.

Nature Focused Events, Functions and Weddings

Do something a little different and book your club, work or family event at Ngā Manu and we'll help you build a sustainable event package that connects your guests with nature.