



**The North Island** has plenty of rivers, volcanic regions, secluded spectacular beaches as well as tall forests, rainforests and rural landscapes. Projects take place in and around Auckland, nicknamed the 'City of Sails' as it lies between two picturesque harbours, surrounded by sandy beaches and beautiful islands. The city itself has plenty of parks and gardens to explore in free time, plus plenty of cafes and shops. Projects also take place across the North Island. CVNZ's regional office is in Hamilton, the country's largest inland city, set in the green and lush heart of 'Lord of the Rings' film country.



**Start from** CVNZ's office in **Auckland** or choose to travel direct to CVNZ's regional offices in **Hamilton**.

**Examples of projects on the North Island** include:

- Planting trees in locations like Tawharanui Regional Park as part of the ongoing Restoration of this incredible landscape which has resulted in many endangered birds being able to be reintroduced including the rare bird and New Zealand icon, the flightless Kiwi.
- Improving habitat for rare birds and fish such as bittern, pateke and mudfish by planting and weeding at Lake Serpentine. This project focuses on restoring globally rare peat lakes in the Waikato area.
- Help boost native biodiversity and provide additional habitat for native birds by removing exotic weeds which threaten to swamp native plantings on the North Shore of Lucas Creek, Auckland
- Take part in track work to keep access to the interior open, exotic plant control, and, depending on the season, planting at the Hunua Ranges Regional Park. This project also involves habitat restoration for Dotterels, an endangered bird species, on shell banks at Duder Regional Park.

**The South Island** is less populated than the North Island, and well known for its beautiful coastline and fantastic national parks. Most CVNZ projects take place in the top half of the Island, with occasional excursions further south. Save time for some personal travel after volunteering to visit the southern fjords, lakes and ski fields!



**Start from** **Christchurch** or choose to travel direct to CVNZ's regional office in **Punakaiki**.

**Examples of projects on the South Island** include:

- Habitat restoration of coastal land adjacent to Paparoa National Park - including tree planting, seed collection and weed removal. Punakaiki is home to the world-famous Pancake Rocks, and provides a wonderful opportunity to explore this unique coastal landscape.
- Projects in the heart of New Zealand's Southern Alps in the Castle Hill basin to remove introduced wild pines and restore the natural balance. Set in a unique and rugged mountainous location surrounded by limestone rock formations, providing a great opportunity to explore this alpine region.
- Catchment Care projects in Canterbury, helping with river and stream restoration by planting native trees and tending previous plantings