

Te Rere Yellow-eyed penguin reserve - 2024

Big Planting Day – 24 August 2024 – Te Rere Yelloweyed penguin reserve – rances@southlandcommunitynursery.org.nz

Te Rere is a special reserve on the Catlins Coast. It is the site of a 40 year management programme and contains an important yellow-eyed penguin/hoiho population

Te Rere Reserve is owned by Forest and Bird and is managed by Southland Branch. It is a remote site and is accessed through private farmland and forestry. Access requires prior approval through locked gates so for this reason visits are only possible on an official Branch workday and groups need to go in and out of the reserve together. Bookings are essential. Free transport is available from Invercargill – but sorry if you haven't booked you cant just come along.

As a remote coastal site the working days are long (setting off from **Feldwick Gates** Invercargill at **8.30am** sharp, meeting others at Progress Valley Road, and getting back around **6pm**). You will require a good level of fitness and warm clothing, wet weather gear and sturdy boots and gloves if you need them. We will undertake planting and plant maintenance. Some spades are provided but bring your own if you have one and all other personal equipment, first aid kit and food and water. We will also do a guided walk through the reserve and hopefully see penguins and the impressive Catlins coastline.

For those not based in Invercargill we will meet at the Progress Valley turn off from Chaslands Highway, arranged in advance – see map next page.

To see detail of the project go to <https://www.forestandbird.org.nz/branches/southland> and check out the Te Rere facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/te.rere.reserve/>

Leave Invercargill from **Feldwick Gates** – see below (parking is limited so choose the no limit areas)



