

Hazards and Risks for Visitors to Motuihe Island (up-dated June 2023)



If you are planning to visit Motuihe Island as a volunteer with the Motuihe Trust please read the following important health and safety messages. Leaders and organisers of group visits, please ensure that your entire group has read this information. Please, come prepared for working outside in a remote environment. We want you to enjoy your visit, and we do our best towards making that happen. We ask you to pay attention to what the group leaders, for specific tasks, are asking you to do.

First Aid kits are located in the woolshed, kiosk and on the tractor. Small kits are carried on planting, weeding and monitoring groups.

Risks or Hazards	What you do about it
Accessing island from boat – slippery and uneven surfaces.	Wharf- wear shoes with good grip and walk on raised strips of decking (avoid the centre of the wharf esp., when wet). Beach landings- bring additional footwear that can get wet and avoid walking on the ramp below the woolshed. This ramp is covered in marine growth.
Weather (sun/heat, rain/cold/storm)	Wear/bring appropriate clothing for the island and boat transport (sunhats/sunscreen; wet weather gear, sweater). For all teams working in our currently very wet gullys we advise the use of hiking shoe/boots with good tread.
Slips (landslides), track blockages	Keep clear; Do not approach; Alert us to any unmarked slips.
Dehydration	Bring bottled water. Drink plenty of water – before you get thirsty. There are no shops on the island but water bottles can be re-filled with filtered water at the woolshed.
Isolated work places	Don't work on your own; don't go off on your own. Keep an eye on the members of your group/family.
Exhaustion/tiredness	Don't overdo it; work at your own pace; take a break
Uneven surfaces	Wear sturdy footwear; take your time; check before you go; move carefully. Stick to marked tracks unless with a planting, weeding or monitoring group.
Sharp branches at eye-level through in-fill areas	Wear glasses as you move through in-fill areas. Borrow safety glasses from woolshed if you don't have your own.
Medical conditions/allergy	Bring medication, alert supervisor to potential risk or allergy if appropriate
Steep cliffs	Keep to marked tracks unless with a planting group. Keep clear of bluffs and steep hillsides.
Tree climbing	Do not climb trees
Fire	No open fires allowed on the island. Closely monitor all gas BBQs. No smoking at woolshed or out in the field.
Injury or poisoning from using planting, weeding and trimming equipment.	Please listen carefully to and follow instructions of Team Leaders giving safety briefings for each different work task.
Limited toilet facilities - main block is by the wharf.	Make use of the facilities by the wharf or at the woolshed before heading out in the field. There is a flush toilet at the woolshed (our work base.)
Emergency	Call 111. Know the phone number of your group leader and the Motuihe Ranger (027 437 25760). Motuihe Trust group leaders carry a mobile phone. Ensure you have given your group leader, or us, your emergency contact details. A defibrillator is at Toilet block on headland.