

The Pomona Island Charitable Trust

The Pomona Island Charitable Trust is a community-led conservation project. It is our aim to restore Pomona and Rona Islands to their natural state prior to the introduction of pest species. The islands have a variety of habitat types and their relative isolation from the mainland means that they have a rich flora. In recent years members of the local community have volunteered their time to help the Trust eliminate animal pests from Pomona and Rona Islands. The Trust is now focusing on maintaining the islands as pest-free sanctuaries for endangered and threatened birds such as kiwi, saddleback, mohua, kakariki and NZ falcon.

How can you help us to protect Pomona and Rona Islands?

- ☐ Check your boat and packs for rats and mice before setting foot on the islands.
- ☐ Do not leave any rubbish on the islands.
- ☐ Do not take any animals, including pets to the islands, as they can have a devastating effect on native wildlife
- ☐ Keep to tracks and minimise disturbance to birds.
- ☐ Report any sightings of animal, plant or insect pests to the Trust immediately

Help the Trust to restore Pomona and Rona Islands by keeping them pest-free

“Help us to protect
Pomona and
Rona Islands”



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Become a Friend of Pomona

You can help us to realise our island dream by becoming a Friend of Pomona. As a Friend you will help us to keep the islands free of pests, restore the islands to a pristine environment and you will be contributing directly to the survival of flora and fauna native to Fiordland.

For details on how to become a Friend of Pomona visit our website at:

www.pomona-island.org.nz/friends.html

Contact details

For further information on the Trust's work please visit our website at: www.pomona-island.org.nz

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**STOP, CHECK...
AND PROTECT**

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Remember to check your boat

All boaties and kayakers are asked to help prevent rodents from re-invading Pomona and Rona Islands. To reduce this risk:

- Before leaving any shore check all obvious rodent hiding places for unwanted stowaways e.g. fenders, cuddies.
- Have rodent poison baits or rodent traps laid on your boat.
- Rodents are most active at night. To reduce the risk of rodents getting onto your boat please ensure that all doors and hatches are closed. Please ensure gaps and vents are screened.

Remember to check your packs

People often, inadvertently, carry rodents on to islands in their packs. To reduce this risk:

- Check your packs and containers for rats and mice before leaving shore.
- When packing and unpacking check for rodent signs e.g. droppings, gnaw marks.
- Check packs and containers again BEFORE getting off on Pomona or Rona Island.

Remember to check for plants, seeds and insects

Help prevent unwanted plant material and insects from invading Pomona and Rona Islands. To reduce this risk:

- Check your boat and packs for unwanted plants, seeds and insects.
- Take particular care that the soles of your footwear, your socks, pockets and packs are free of plant material.
- Do not discard seeds or plant material on or near the islands.



Restoring a pristine environment in New Zealand's most beautiful lake

In the 1970s New Zealanders fought hard to save Lake Manapouri for the nation. The Pomona Island Charitable Trust is now restoring the largest islands in the lake to a pristine environment for future generations to enjoy.

Pomona and Rona Islands are open sanctuaries with public access, so the risk of re-invasion by rats and mice is high. As a quarantine measure, the Trust maintains traps and bait stations, however, for the islands to remain rodent-free, there will need to be a genuine commitment from the public. Protecting both Pomona and Rona Islands from introduced animal and plant pests is everyone's responsibility.



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Why is it so important to protect Pomona and Rona Islands?

Pomona and Rona Islands are the largest islands in Lake Manapouri and offer a sizeable habitat for flora and fauna native to Fiordland. In the past, introduced predators such as rats, mice, stoats, possums and deer have seriously ravaged Pomona Island. Eradication of all animal pests is resulting in regeneration of the bush which is hugely benefiting the birdlife on both islands. The Trust is now providing an accessible location for people to see, hear and learn about the flora and fauna native to Fiordland.