

Supporters Newsletter



From the trustees

Thank you for your ongoing support. Your contribution helps us with trap maintenance, bait purchase and other expenses we incur to do our volunteer work in a professional way. Thanks to your input, we are making a difference! If you are in the Nelson Lakes area and you see something that could interest Friends of Rotoiti members, then please take a photo and email it to us. We are always open for you to join our happy trappers as a chance for you to make new friends and see our backyard.

Highlights from 2023

- Kiwi: translocated 8 into the Nelson Lakes area and monitoring of these taonga is ongoing.
- Kea: 6 fledged in 2022 and sightings are spreading out into the park.
- Volunteer Hours: 2017 to 2023 has hit 18 000 hours!

Catch data summary

July 2022 to October 2023

Feral Cats	10	Rats	1744
Rabbits	37	Mice	1306
Hedgehogs	81	Stoats	95
Possums	88	Ferrets	5
		Weasels	14

Our current traplines

	Km's approx.	Number of traps
Rainbow Rd/ Ski field	23	220
Whisky	8.5	130
Mt Robert Rd	3.5	28
Speargrass	3	60
Lakehead/ Coldwater Loop	10	150
Village Ratting	15	300
Honey Dew	1.5	25
RNRP Loop	2	19
Link (skate ponds to Teetotal)	2	19
Top House	4	43
Travers Valley/ John Tait	15	140
Blue Lake/ Sabine Valley	26	180

These are some of Friends of Rotoiti volunteers carrying out some of the activities we do.

Kiwi release day



Travers Valley trapline



Robin/Toutouwai



Just below Blue Lake



Clearing traplines



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Deploying traps



Traps ready for helicopter pickup

