

Litter Free Oceans

Objective:

To investigate and understand the impact of marine debris on local wildlife, focusing on exploring the source of the problem, and how we can accurately assess the damage.

Programme Description:

Join the Royal Albatross Centre and Sustainable Coastlines NZ to be part of a grassroots solution to litter in Aotearoa. Students will carry out a marine debris survey at Takiharuru (adjacent to the Royal Albatross Centre) and contribute to a national citizen science project.

Students will investigate the impact of marine debris on the local wildlife, and discuss solutions to the problem as part of the programme.

Time: 2 Hours

Age Focus: Year 4 – 8

Curriculum Area: Science, Nature of Science

Cost: \$4 per person

Itinerary

0 Minutes

Arrive, meet guide at reception
Please arrive 15 minutes early

Introduction (30 Min)

- Albatross dress-up game
- Explanation of the Northern Royal Albatross breeding cycle
- Introduction to different types of litter

30 Minutes

Observatory (30 Mins)

- Viewing albatross and other wildlife from the observatory
- Discussion of human impacts

1 Hour

Takiharuru Litter Survey (30 Mins)

- Survey methods and rubbish collection at beach

1.5 Hours

Litter Discussion (30 Mins)

- Discuss the impact of our findings on wildlife and what we can do to help.

2 Hours

Depart

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THINGS TO NOTE:

- We can accommodate a maximum of 25 people (children, adults, and infants) in the albatross observatory at a time. Groups exceeding this size will need to be split into smaller groups and rotate between activities.
- Bookings typically run early in the morning before we open the centre to our other visitors. We get very busy during the tourism season (November – March) and are more likely to decline education bookings during this period.
- Please arrive 15 minutes early to give students enough time to go to the bathroom and settle in our education room. Late arrivals will cut into the education programme.

