

Protecting Paradise







Biosecurity tips for your visit to Lord Howe Island

Lord Howe Island's isolation and its varied landscape are home to many unique and endemic species, including 241 species of indigenous plants, almost 50% of which are found nowhere else in the world. Your help is needed to protect the World Heritage values of the Island. Before you travel, please assist with these simple steps to keep Lord Howe Island free of weeds and pests.

What you need to do before your flight

Exotic animals such as rodents, reptiles, frogs, and insects can be extremely well suited to travelling as hitchhikers or stowaways in all types of freight and personal luggage. Ensure that you thoroughly inspect all luggage and goods bound for Lord Howe Island and remove and treat any animal or plant matter that you find.

Please complete the checklist below

Pre-departure checklist		
Items	Action	✓ Done
 Boots & footwear	Boots, shoes and walking poles are free from attached soil, seeds, and organic matter.	
	Boots and shoes have been cleaned and sprayed with methylated spirits.	
	Inside folds and flaps, tongue, and laces of boots and shoes have been checked and cleaned.	
	If required, boots and shoes have been left to dry, re-inspected, and re-cleaned.	
 Sporting Gear	Surfboard bags, golf bags and fishing gear checked for soil, seeds, organic matter and animal stowaways (including insects)	
	Any other sporting gear that is stored prior to packing is checked for soil, seeds, organic matter and animal stowaways (including insects).	
 Clothing	Clothing has been recently washed and any pockets turned out and checked.	
	All velcro and pockets have been thoroughly inspected for seeds and organic matter.	
	Woollen and fleece type clothing has been carefully checked for seeds.	
 Food	Any food items are packed and stored in a sealable container.	
 Bags and suitcases	Suitcases, backpacks, camera cases, first aid kits, glasses cases, etc. have all been carefully checked for seeds and organic matter.	
	Suitcases have been checked for stowaways such as mice, lizards and insects.	
	Once packed, bags are stored fully closed and raised off the ground.	
 Plants & animals	Permits have been obtained for any plants, cut flowers, or animals. (To help keep Lord Howe Island free of myrtle rust, plants from the Myrtaceae family are not permitted)	

After arriving on Lord Howe there are several things that you can do that will help us to protect paradise. Please keep footwear and equipment clean, and stay on marked walking tracks – use boot wash stations every time. Importantly, **Rat on a rodent** by reporting rats, other pest or *suspected plant disease* by calling 6563 2066. For further information: www.lhib.nsw.gov.au