







LORD HOWE ISLAND BIOSECURITY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Lord Howe Island is home to countless unique animal and plant species - almost half of which are found nowhere else in the world.

Strict biosecurity measures are in place to safe-guard Lord Howe from plant pathogens, weeds, and introduced pest species. Everyone has a general responsibility to help protect the island's World Heritage-listed environment. Arriving clean is the most important step you can take.

Before you arrive on LHI, help prevent biosecurity risks in their tracks by following these important biosecurity measures:

BIOSECURITY RISK	ACTION
<p>Footwear</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My shoes and walking poles are free from attached soil, seeds, and organic matter • I have checked and cleaned the inside folds and flaps, tongue, and laces of shoes • My shoes have been disinfected by spraying them with 70% methylated spirits or ethanol • My shoes have been left to dry, re-inspected, and re-cleaned (if required)
<p>Clothing</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have recently washed or disinfected all my clothing, hats and jackets, turning out and checking pockets for insects, seeds and organic matter • I have thoroughly inspected Velcro for seeds and organic matter • My wool and fleece clothing has been carefully checked for seeds and spores
<p>Bags & suitcases</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have carefully checked suitcases, backpacks, camera cases, first aid kits, glasses cases, head lamps, etc. for seeds and organic matter • All of my cases and bags have been checked for stowaways such as insects, lizards, and mice • Once packed, I have stored my bags raised off the ground, fully closed
<p>Sporting gear</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have checked surfboard bags, golf bags, fishing gear, and any other sporting gear for soil, seeds, organic matter, and animals and insects (whether they were recently packed or not)
<p>Food</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any food items have been stored in a sealable container
<p>Plants & animals</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have obtained a permit to import any plants, cut flowers, organic material, or animals (NOTE: any plants from the Myrtaceae family are not permitted)

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE

On arrival at the airport, you will be asked to clean your shoes by walking across a sanitisation mat. A biosecurity dog will inspect your bag for unwanted hitchhikers and sneaky stowaways: exotic animals such as rodents, reptiles, and frogs.

For more information on why Lord Howe Island is vulnerable to biosecurity risks and how to help, visit: lhib.nsw.gov.au.

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