

Quarantine procedures for children visiting Te Pākeka/Maud Island



Help keep our islands free of predators, weeds and disease

Parents: please read the following document carefully. Undertaking the following actions will ensure an easy and stress-free quarantine process for your child.

The form **MUST** be filled out and brought with the child on the trip.

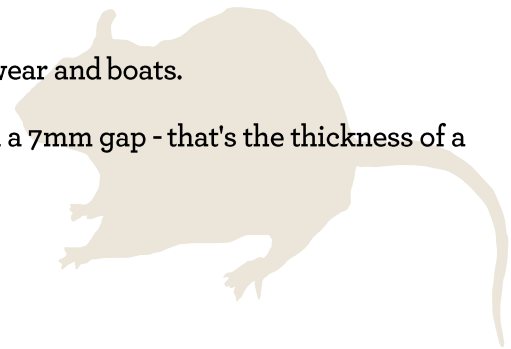
Did you know?

Pests can and do hitch rides on or in bags, clothing, footwear and boats.

Rats can squeeze through a 12mm gap, and mice through a 7mm gap - that's the thickness of a slice of bread!

Insect pests and mice can hide in bags.

Weed seeds and soil cling to clothing and shoes.



The Department of Conservation (DOC) administers island sanctuaries for the benefit of all New Zealanders to provide a refuge for some of New Zealand's most threatened species and ecosystems. One of the greatest threats to the endemic species living on these islands is the introduction of pest animals, plants, or diseases that do not naturally occur on the island. Rodents, insects, (e.g. invasive ants or white-tailed spider) and diseases that affect birds or reptiles can be easily transported on footwear, clothing and equipment taken to islands by people.

To prevent these threats reaching our islands staff will check your child's jackets, footwear and personal gear before heading to the island. Please make this process simple for everyone by ensuring that their gear is checked and cleaned before leaving home. Dirty gear will not be allowed on the island.



How to check your gear and what to look for

Bags:

Packs are an extremely good way of transporting weed seeds. They often contain numerous flaps, pockets, straps and cavities that are difficult to thoroughly clean. Because of this bags will NOT be allowed on the island. Gear will be transported in large plastic buckets.



Footwear:

Weed seeds can be carried on footwear. These are most commonly found attached to laces and at the base of the tongue where it joins the body of the shoe/boot. Check this area thoroughly. Remember to lift any inner soles and check for seeds and dirt here as well. Fungal diseases that affect frogs and lizards have been shown to be able to be transported on dirty footwear. Scrub the soles thoroughly with soapy water.

Socks:

Like footwear weed seeds are commonly found embedded in socks. Socks should be clean and checked for seeds.

Rain coats/jackets/over trousers and outer clothing (e.g. fleece tops):

Weed seeds and insects can be found in jacket pockets, flaps, seams and velcro fastenings. Thoroughly check that pockets are clean and empty. Also remove any traces of soil from these items; put them through the washing machine if they are dirty. Vacuum inside all pockets.

Clothing:

All clothing should have gone through the washing machine prior to packing. Once clean please thoroughly check each item of clothing. Pay particular attention to inner pocket seams and velcro closures for weed seeds.

Food:

Rodents and insects can be carried amongst food. Home grown and organic fruit and vegetables will not be allowed on the island.

Quantity of gear:

While we want your child to be warm, dry and comfortable please keep gear to a minimum to make quarantining and transport easier. Children do not need three library books or six pairs of socks for one night's stay!

Many thanks for your cooperation.



Please ensure this completed form is included in the child's gear.

Name:		Trip Date:	
Destination:			
<p>Prior to arrival for quarantine, all clothing and personal gear must have been recently washed, dried and cleaned of any seeds, organic material and insects. Footwear must have been scrubbed clean. Any unclean items will not be permitted to go to the island. Personal packs and bags will not be permitted on the island. All clothing and personal gear will be transferred to rodent proof bins or buckets. Items may be packed in plastic bags to make packing easier.</p>			
		Parent/guardian: Tick when cleaned	Quarantine ranger: Tick when passed inspection
All footwear			
Sleeping bag			
Socks			
Woollen or fleece clothing			
Wet weather gear			
Other clothing			
Clothing and footwear that will be worn while travelling to the island			
All other personal gear			
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