

Help keep our Hauraki Gulf islands pest-free



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Prepare for your trip to Pest Free Islands by being alert for **stowaways** such as Argentine ants, rainbow skinks, soil, seeds, mice or rats.

The rule of thumb is to seal up all your gear and food as soon as it is checked and packed (at home or school) and leave it closed till you reach your island destination.

Have you

- made sure all packs, bags and boxes have no holes in them, are not left open and unattended whilst packing and are completely sealed when packing is complete?
- cleaned all footwear and gear?
- checked that all stored camping gear is opened, checked for stowaways and repacked and sealed? Gear that has been stored is high risk.
- put everything you are taking inside your overnight bag or pack (eg sleeping bags, tents, raincoats, pillowslips, food in plastic rodent proof container with a lid)?
- put additional gear that does not fit inside your overnight bag in a sturdy plastic bag and sealed it?

*“One pregnant mouse, seeds in clothing, or a dirty shoe . . .
It is your job to make sure they don't hitch-hike with you.”*

If you have any doubts or questions about biosecurity, please ask.

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