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KEEP YOUR GEAR CLEAN IN THE WILD

Make it second nature

Keeping Australia's wild places safe from weeds, feral animals and diseases is hugely challenging.

What can you do?

Use the simple tips in this guide to help stop smothering weeds and killer diseases spreading into our wild places.

Support us!

The Invasive Species Council campaigns to protect Australia's native plants and animals from the growing threats of weeds, feral animals and diseases.

With your help we can do more!

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Nothing beats getting out and exploring Australia's wild places – camping, bushwalking, boating or fishing.

And what a place we have to explore! Australia is home to some of the most remote, pristine and beautiful places on the planet.



But while we have a strong ethos of 'treading lightly' when out in the bush, it's all-too-easy to unwittingly spread weeds and diseases that can kill wildlife and destroy wild places.

Leave hitch-hikers behind!

Weeds, pests and diseases are major threats to Australia's native plants and animals.

They can hitch a ride on muddy hiking boots, in wet fishing gear or even hidden on the dirty rims of your car.

- **Chytrid** is a fungal disease blamed for frog extinctions both here and overseas.
- **Phytophthora** is a root rot that destroys native plants. It is spread in mud and soil on walkers' boots, bikes and vehicles.
- **Didymo**, also known as 'rock snot', has not yet made it to Australia but can be transported on wet fishing gear. It has devastated riverbeds in New Zealand.
- **Weeds** radically alter natural ecosystems, smothering and outcompeting native plants, robbing wildlife of food and shelter.



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What you can do

Here are some simple techniques you can use to keep your gear clean and our national parks and other wild places free of deadly pests and diseases:

- **Thoroughly check** footwear, waders, equipment, bikes, boats and vehicles for mud, soil, algae and plant material before arriving at or leaving each location.
- **Clean your boots, socks**, waders, equipment, bikes, boats and vehicles by scrubbing in local or town water before arriving at and leaving each location. Ensure all mud, soil and debris is removed and left on site.
- **Disinfect** the soles of your footwear using a spray bottle filled with disinfectant before entering and leaving a location. Use methylated spirits (70-100%), bleach (dilute to 25%) or F10 solution. Wait for one minute then step forward to avoid recontaminating footwear.
- **Before use at another location**, completely dry all waders, footwear, equipment, boats and vehicles.
- **Avoid clothes or footwear that capture weed seed.**

By keeping your bushwalking gear clean you can do your bit to help keep diseases out of wild places like Mt Anne, part of Tasmania's stunning Wilderness World Heritage.

'Sock protectors' are widely available these days.

- **Keep to walking tracks** to avoid spreading diseases into untracked areas, especially on wet ground.
- **Pick off seeds from shoes and clothes**, and check your gear to make sure seeds are not hiding in pockets or on Velcro straps.

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