



GUIDELINES FOR GUESTS VISITING FLINDERS ISLAND

Flinders Island - Know Before You Go!

Island visitors are key partners in protecting Flinders Island from unwanted pests and diseases. By following some simple steps, you can help us keep the island pest-free and protect our important safe haven.

Biosecurity helps prevent the transport of exotic animals, plants, insects, and seeds to Flinders Island in personal luggage or freight. Each person travelling to Flinders Island plays a crucial role in managing the biosecurity risk their trip poses and must meet certain obligations. Preventing pests from making their way to the island is the most effective step in the biosecurity chain. The simple steps that you take make all the difference.

Before Leaving the Mainland:

CHECK

- Luggage and Gear: Especially items usually stored in garages or sheds (e.g. surfboard bags, wetsuit bags, camping equipment). Shake out bags and check items for pests, attached soil, or organic matter. No deck chairs or beach shades allowed, these will be provided.
- Pockets and Velcro: Inspect for seeds or soil. These areas often harbor small pests or plant material.
- Food Items: Ensure all food, particularly fresh produce, is free from pests. Inspect packaging for signs of pest damage or stowaways.

CLEAN

- Remove Pests: If you find large pests or signs of invertebrates (like spider webs), remove them and use a 'knock-down' spray on items or luggage of concern.
- Footwear and Equipment: Clean all soil and seeds from boots, walking poles, and clothing. Use a stiff brush and a cleaning solution (70% methylated spirits to 30% water is effective).
- Fresh Groceries: Check and wash thoroughly if necessary to remove any potential pests or soil.

CLOSE

- Secure Storage: After checking and cleaning, securely close all luggage. Store in a clean, indoor area off the floor e.g. the kitchen table, to avoid any new pests accessing your checked items before departure.
- Food Storage: Pack food items in sealed airtight containers or tubs, especially if bringing a significant amount of groceries. Do not bring open shopping bags or cardboard boxes. Tubs such as fish bins with tightly closing lids, eskies for perishable foods, or stacking tubs with closing lids are all suitable options. If you are unable to suitably pack your luggage we will check and repack all items into approved tubs at Elliston prior to departing. Your preparation and cooperation will speed up this process considerably!



Complete the Visitor Pre-departure Checklist:

Please complete the checklist in preparation for the biosecurity inspection upon arrival at our premises. Crew will inspect and prepare all cargo and provisions according to specific guidelines prior to loading to ensure they are free of pests and contaminants before departure.

VISITOR PRE DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

Item Checked	Action Required	Completed (✓/✗)
1. Prohibited Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Confirm there are no live plants, mulch, soil, or live animals without prior approval.	
2. Luggage Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Check all luggage, especially bags and items that are seldom used, or stored in sheds or garages.Shake out and visually inspect all bags and equipment for insects, spiders, seeds, or any organic matter.	
3. Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clean all dirt and seeds from shoes. Scrub soles and check laces and tongues if previously used outdoors. Use a stiff brush and disinfectant solution if necessary.	
4. Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Inspect and clean all items of clothing, paying special attention to pockets, cuffs, wooly items or velcro areas, removing any seeds or plant material.	
5. Equipment and Gear Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clean all outdoor and camping equipment, especially items stored in bags. No deck chairs or beach shades.Check and clean any equipment like fishing gear, and surfboard bags/covers. Bring only what is necessary!	
6. Food and Perishables Check	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensure all food items are sealed in pest-proof containers, e.g. tightly closing fish bins or eskies. No open shopping bags!Inspect all packaging for holes or signs of pest interference.	
7. Invertebrate Biosecurity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Apply any insect repellent sprays or treatments to gear and personal items that show signs of pests before departure.	
8. Final Packing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Securely close all bags and containers after packing.Store all luggage in a clean, dry place off of the ground until departure.	

Additional Guidelines

Upon Arrival at Flinders Island:

- Guest luggage and equipment will be transferred to the biosecurity room upon arrival, to be re-inspected for any signs of pests that might have been missed or picked up en route.

Report Any Concerns During Your Stay:

- Help us keep the island pest free - immediately report any signs of pest activity. Provide details, location, and if possible, take photographs.

Why Your Efforts Matter

From the moment you pack your bags to when you step ashore, every action you take can contribute to conservation. Pests like mice, rats, spiders, beetles, and seeds can significantly impact the unique ecosystem of Flinders Island. Your diligence in following these guidelines helps protect the biodiversity that makes this island so special.

Contact and Support

For assistance or queries related to biosecurity measures, please contact the Flinders Island team. We are here to support you in ensuring that your visit does not compromise the ecological integrity of Flinders Island.

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Thank you for your commitment to protecting Flinders Island. By following these guidelines, you help us maintain the island as a pristine natural haven for future generations.