



Protect against invasive species

Invasive species are introduced animals or plants that harm their new environment.



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Aquatic invasive species can also cause damage to your craft and/or equipment, disrupt your boating activity and causing wider environmental and economic damage. They can be transported into new areas on equipment, boat hulls or clothing. A simple way to reduce the risk of spread is to follow Check Clean Dry.

Check:

Check your equipment, boat and clothing after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals or plant material. Remove everything that you find and leave it at the site.

Clean:

Clean everything thoroughly as soon as you can, paying attention to areas that are damp or hard to access. Use hot water if possible.

Dry:

Dry everything for as long as you can before using elsewhere as some invasive animals and plants can survive for many days in damp conditions.



Pirri-Pirri Bur

Our dunes are however under threat from an invasive plant called pirri-pirri. Their seeds easily attach to clothes, shoelaces and particularly onto dogs. This plant takes over large areas of the dunes, taking away space from our native wildflowers.

There are a few simple measures you can take to help the dunes and to prevent you or your dog getting tangled up with pirri-pirri burs.

- If you stay on the main paths there is less risk of you picking up the seeds and spreading them to new areas.
- Check your clothes after walking through the dunes for pirri-pirri burs. Take care to prise them from your clothing put them into a rubbish bin. Do the same for your dog if you have one with you. If you visit Lindisfarne this is particularly important as pirri-pirri bur has colonised large areas of sand dunes, so please refer to on-site signage when visiting.



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