

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF WEED SEEDS TO THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

Invasive species and weeds have been identified as one of the biggest threats to our National Parks. Weeds arrive via wind, water, by boat and visitor, on boots, and backpacks. Wait a minute! Backpacks? Not mine! That's right, not yours because there is a protocol to prevent unintentional spread of weeds.

Here's a photo of the contents of the outer pockets of a backpack after 5 hours in the field.

YIKES! Weed seeds found among the leaves!



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

STEP 0

ALL BACKPACKS and BOOTS should be CLEANED before coming out to the island.

STEP 1

Backpacks without exterior pockets or pouches are preferred to hinder hitchhikers.

STEP 2

Walking through weed patches should be avoided. Be proactive about not spreading weeds.

STEP 3

At the end of each day – backpacks should be emptied and contents thrown into the trash. SHAKE OUT YOUR PACK.

STEP 4

At the end of each day – STOMP YOUR FEET. Pull seeds out of boot laces. Shake out gators. Brush off clothes, shake your jacket. LOOK for debris.

STEP 5

Be conscientious and thorough! NO UNINTENDED HITCHHIKERS ALLOWED!