

Kauri dieback disease is killing our forests. It can be spread in just a pinhead of soil.



Here are a few simple steps to help stop the spread.

Kauri dieback disease is a deadly disease affecting kauri trees in many areas of Auckland, including Great Barrier Island. It is also present in Northland and some spots in the Coromandel.

The disease is spread by soil and infects a kauri tree's roots, causing its food supply to be cut off. Symptoms include bleeding gum at the base of the trunk, yellowing leaves and thinning canopy.

To protect kauri, there are a few simple steps to take:

- 1. Clean your gear before and after** visiting kauri forest, including footwear, walking poles and bike tyres.



First, remove all soil. Do this at park cleaning stations with brushes provided, or at home with a brush.



After soil is removed, spray shoes and equipment with disinfectant at park cleaning stations to kill remaining disease spores. If you're cleaning at home, hot soapy water is sufficient.

- 2. Stay on the track** and off kauri roots. Do not enter tracks that are closed - they may be closed to protect healthy trees.

Visit www.kauridieback.co.nz for more information.