



Don't  
give tree pests  
and diseases  
an easy ride

# Before you leave a forest or green space today remember to...



## Think kit

- Always make a clean start before you visit woodlands, and remove soil and debris from boots and clothing when you've finished your outdoor activity.
- Give all boots, clothing and other outdoor equipment, such as walking poles, a **thorough clean before making longer journeys** for holidays or sporting events.



## Think transport

- **Car:** Avoid driving vehicles off-road and park in designated carparks or on hard standing. Remove any soil and plant debris from your car before leaving, including in footwells and the boot.
- **Bicycle:** After cycling through our green spaces please wash off any mud or plant debris from your bicycle to help limit the spread of pests and diseases between areas.
- **Buggies** can pick up lots of mud and plant debris when pushed around our greenspaces and forests. Remove any build up of soil and debris before leaving site.



## Think trees

- **Don't risk it!** Never travel back with plants, trees, or other organic material from your holidays abroad. Live plants, trees and organic material pose a huge risk to our biosecurity as they may harbour quarantine pests and diseases not established in the UK.
- **Keep an eye out** for signs of tree pests and diseases and report them to the Forestry Commission through TreeAlert.

Find out more  
about biosecurity:  
[www.gov.uk/forestrycommission](http://www.gov.uk/forestrycommission)



Tell us if you see any signs of ill health in trees:  
[treealert.forestryresearch.gov.uk](http://treealert.forestryresearch.gov.uk)

We're all responsible for the nation's biosecurity  
**Remember to #KeepItClean**