

Kauri die-back is a fungal disease which infects only kauri trees. Infected trees die and large parts of some NZ kauri forests are being wiped out because of it. It is now present in some of Northlands forests.

There is little evidence that waterways and animals are responsible for transmitting KDB. The spread of the disease has followed tracks and paths that humans walk, so we are the biggest risk factor for allowing it to spread.

As frequent users of areas in Northland where kauri trees are present, we need to take responsibility as individuals and a tramping club to help prevent further spread.

Your boots should be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned before and after each tramp. Remove all clumps of dirt.

Spray your boots with a strong disinfectant.... Trigene is the recommended product and will be available from the trip leader.

Stick to tracks and avoid standing on kauri tree roots.

Should KDB spread further, we may find that we no longer have access into the beautiful places we love.

Your trip leader may choose to reject your footwear if they are not suitably clean!