

Rat trap wooden tunnel design

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Outlined below is the wooden tunnel system using a Victor Professional rat trap. In areas where weka are present, tunnels should be 550 mm long.

Wooden tunnel

Step one

Bait and set trap.

Step two

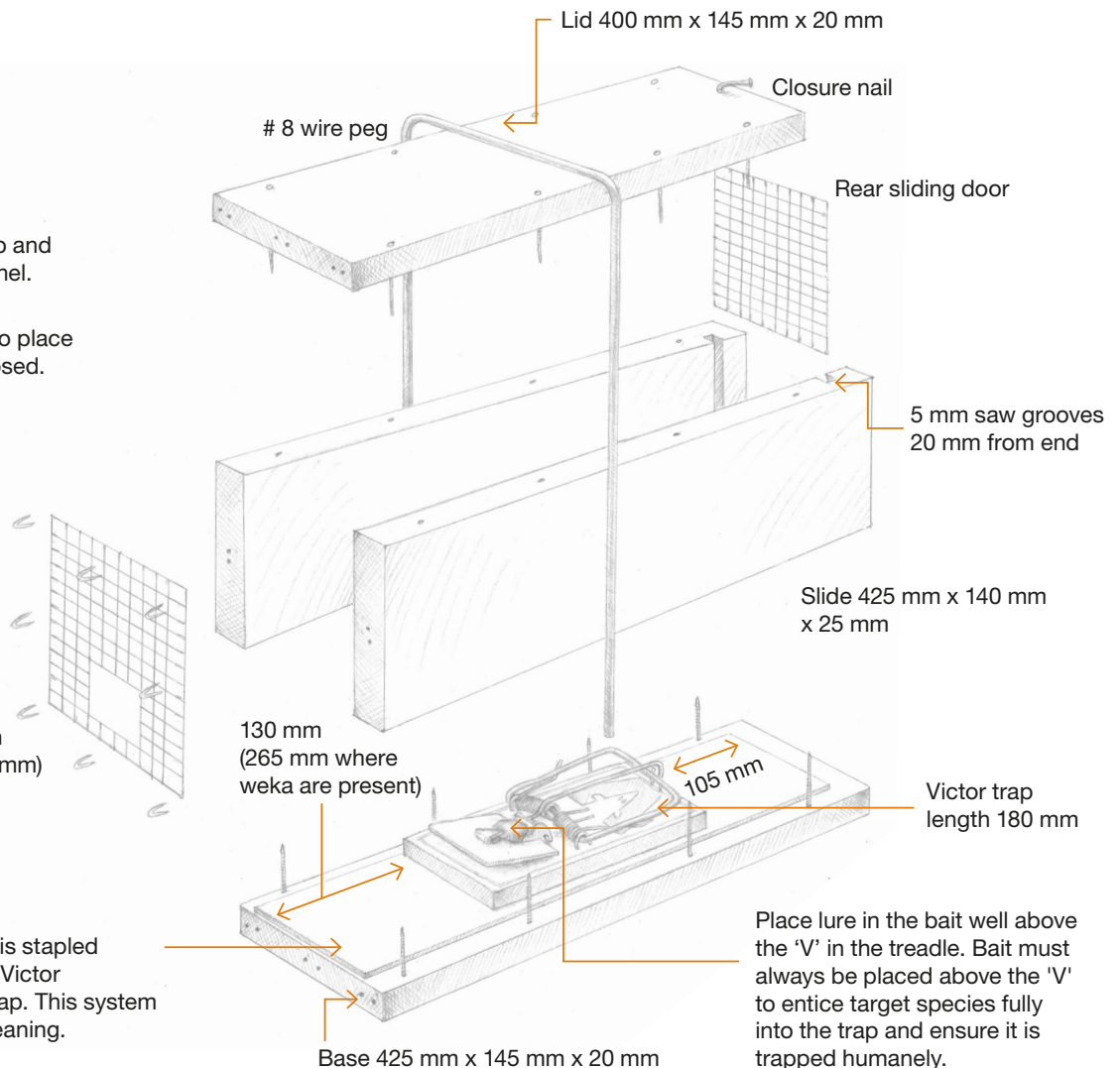
Carefully slide trap and PVC floor into tunnel.

Step three

Slide rear door into place and swivel nail closed.

Entrance:
10 mm weld mesh
(hole 40 mm x 40 mm)

1.5 mm rigid PVC is stapled to the base of the Victor Professional rat trap. This system allows for easy cleaning.



Place lure in the bait well above the 'V' in the treadle. Bait must always be placed above the 'V' to entice target species fully into the trap and ensure it is trapped humanely.

Rat trap corflute tunnel design

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Corflute tunnel

Step one

Bait and set trap.

Step two

Carefully slide trap and PVC floor into tunnel.

Step three

Close rear door and fix with peg.

