

HOW TO

TRAP FERRETS

This quick guide is for anyone keen to help save New Zealand's native wildlife by setting and managing ferret traps.



What equipment will I need?

DOC 250 traps.

Make sure you **always wear gloves** when handling your trap or catches.



Where should I put my ferret traps?

Along **ridges, tracks, roads, farm buildings, and creeks/ivers** - basically, anywhere that's easy to reach.

Set them on lines about **1km apart with a trap every 100m** (1km x 100m).

Put a number on each trap and keep track of how many you've set, when and where.



When should I check my traps?

Traps should be left out permanently. Checks will depend on the season (ferrets are easier to trap in late summer and autumn) and how long your bait/lure takes to rot.



Lures/baits

Serve up some meat (e.g. rabbit, hare, beef, possum), Erayz, salted rabbit and/or fish. Fresh hen eggs can also be used if stoats are being targeted.

Lures should be changed regularly (exactly when and how often will depend on where the traps are) and disposed of away from the trap.

For more information or to buy a trap, visit:
www.predatorfreenz.org

