

How to trap & kill ferrets



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

Where should I put ferret traps?

- Along ridges, tracks, roads, farm buildings, and creeks/streams - basically, anywhere that's easy to reach.
- Set them on lines about **1km apart with a trap every 100m** (1km by 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.

What equipment will I need?

The DOC 250 traps.

What bait/lure should I use?

Serve up some meat (e.g. rabbit, hare, beef, possum), Erazze, 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, visit
www.predatorfreenz.org

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