

Trap Sets

Set	Location and Description	Furbearers
Bank Den (including Waterline Bank Den and Beaver Den)	Below water surface at entrance to a den along stream or pond side	Muskrat, mink, river otter
Blind	In a narrow opening (natural or man-made) in furbearer's travel line; trap staked in water for drowning where possible	Muskrat, raccoon, mink, coyote
Canal/Channel	In underwater channels used by furbearers	Beaver, river otter
Cubby	In an enclosure (natural or man-made; in hollow tree, rocks) with bait and trap inside	Muskrat, raccoon, weasel, mink, skunk, opossum
Den/Culvert	At the entrance to the tile	Raccoon
Dirt Hole	Upwind of a fox travel lane in open country; a dug hole with bait inside and trap in front	Skunk, opossum, red fox, gray fox, coyote
Drain Tile	Along natural openings and drainage ditches that feed into larger streams	Raccoon
Feed Bed	On a feed bed, at site where muskrats approach; trap staked in deep water for drowning	Muskrat
Flat	A variation of the dirt hole set; instead of burying bait, place an object on the ground to lure the canine	Coyote, red fox, gray fox
Float	On a floating log or man-made platform	Muskrat
Latrine Site	In the area where the river otter habitually returns for toileting, set a foothold trap with branches around it	River otter
Mound	On an elevated structure (anthill, straw bale) with large bait on ground below	Red fox, gray fox, opossum, skunk
Obstruction	Variation on a blind set, where an obstruction forces the furbearer to leave the bank and enter the water; trap staked for drowning	Mink
Open Water	On stream bank near water's edge; bait placed on mud mound, trap under water below mud	Beaver
Overhanging Bank	Below water surface under overhanging bank with a drag attached for drowning; lure placed on the bank under the overhang	Raccoon
Pocket	In a tunnel dug into steep bank of stream or pond, with bottom sloping upward from 2" below water level to 3" to 4" above water level; bait and lure at back of hole, trap at opening	Raccoon, mink, river otter
Pole	Under ice; pole set on pond bottom at right angle to bottom, extending upward through ice; bait and trap attached to pole	Beaver
Post or Flat	In a trap bed located about 6" from a stick, post, tuft of grass, chunk of wood, or similar attractor; urine is placed on the post	Coyote, red fox, gray fox, opossum, skunk
Runway	In shallow water where muskrats travel back and forth; box trap used when drowning is possible; bodygripping trap used when water is too shallow	Muskrat
Scent Mound	On stream bank near water's edge; lure placed on mud mound, trap under water below mud	Beaver
Scent Post	Along the canine's typical path, erect a post over the trap and put urine on the post	Coyote, red fox, gray fox
Slide	Just under water at point where furbearer enters or leaves water	Muskrat, beaver
Spring Run	At the point where a small stream enters a larger body of water; foothold trap staked for drowning	Muskrat, mink
Trail	Along trails where the furbearer usually travels, especially where the trail narrows; set the trap in the existing groove or dig your own	River otter