

Pest Free Kaipātiki - Tracker Tunnel Guide



Why use a Tracker Tunnel?

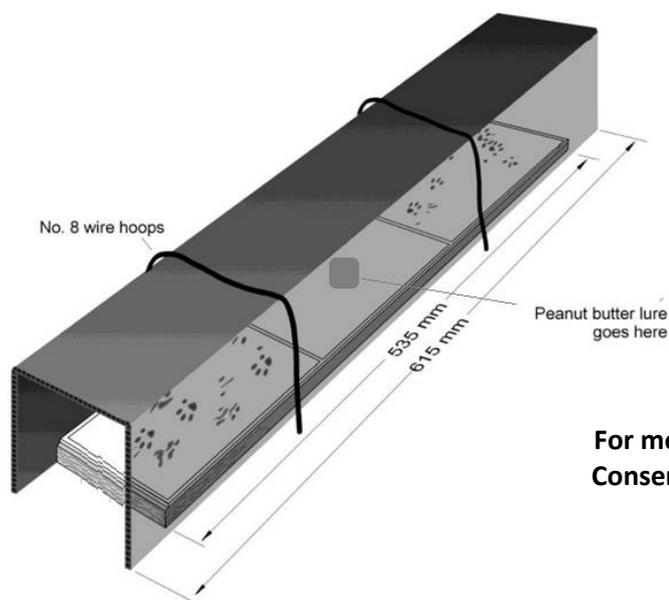
Conservators around New Zealand use tracker tunnels as a method of finding out what rodents and other animals are in your area. When these animals walk over the ink pad they leave footprints. With our footprint guide you can find out what animals are living around your neighbourhood.

What equipment do I need?

1. Flagging-tape
2. Tunnel
3. Pegs
4. A lure eg. peanut butter or banana or chocolate sauce (if you have nut allergies)
5. Tracking Card
6. Plastic gloves
7. Plastic sealed bag

How do I set my Tracker Tunnel?

1. Decide on where you want to undertake your study and that you can repeat it regularly.
2. If you are using more than one Tracker Tunnel make sure that they are spaced every 20 metres.
3. Mark the tunnel location with a flagging-tap (bright blue tap provided).
4. Write each tunnel number on the flagging-tape.
5. Assemble your tracker tunnel by bending the corners into a box shape.
6. Site the tunnel at the most suitable spot along your line, on a flat area where water will not flow through the tunnel and peg the tunnel down to prevent it from moving.
7. Check that access to both ends of the tunnel is unobstructed.
8. Unfold the tracking card
9. Place the lure into the middle of the card
10. Place the tracking card inside the tunnel



For more information please visit the Department of Conservation website to download [the official guide](#).

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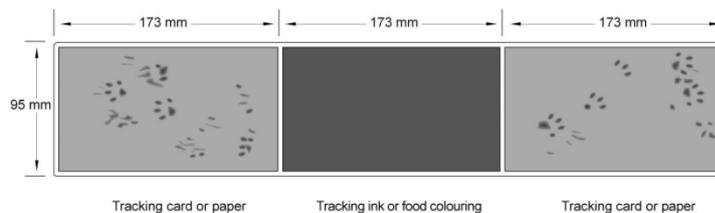
How long should I leave the tracker tunnel out for?

The tracking card should be left out for just one night. After that, please put on your gloves and collect the card and place it into a plastic bag.

How do I identify and report what I find?

Use this helpful footprint guide to identify what you have found:

Mice	
Rat	
Possum	
Weasel	
Stoat	
Hedgehog	
Forest Gecko	



For more information please download the amazing track guide from Warren Agnew from [our website](#).

Take a photo of your results and email them to: enquiries@pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz

How often should I do this?

You should run surveys at least for one night in January, March, July and October. Repeat this every year to monitor the animals in your back neighbourhood.

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