



RINSE

AMERICAN MINK

**REPORT YOUR SIGHTINGS: OUR MINK CONTROL
PROJECT NEEDS YOUR DATA!**

You are entitled to control mink on your land, and Natural England recommends trapping as the most appropriate method of control.

Trapping is most effective from Feb to March and between August and November, when mink are most active.

CAGE TRAPPING

- ◆ Place above any possible rise in water levels
- ◆ Restricted entrance to prevent entry by otters
- ◆ Camouflage to reduce interference from the public
- ◆ Baits include: fish, rabbit, pigeon, chicken heads, offal or tinned pet food
- ◆ Check once a day
- ◆ Dispatch of caught mink humanely - shoot with powerful air gun or .410 shotgun

SPRING TRAPPING

- ◆ Fenn Mk VI, the Springer No 6 Multi-purpose, the BMI Magnum 116 and the Victor Conibear 120-2 all approved under Spring Trap Approval Order 1995
- ◆ Set in artificial tunnel
- ◆ Restricted entrance to prevent otters being caught
- ◆ Camouflage to reduce interference from public
- ◆ Bait as above



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Due to their large range, it is more effective to have a trapping network

An example of one can be found in the RINSE area: The Norfolk Mink Control Strategy. Farmers and landowners volunteer to host a mink raft on their land. These mink rafts act as monitoring stations, recording the presence of mink on clay pads which preserves their footprints.



Once known to be present, the raft is converted to a trapping station and monitored for a capture. If captured, the mink is disposed of humanely.

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