

HS2 Capital Item – Squirrel Management

How much will be paid

Squirrel Management Cage Trap	£15 / unit
Squirrel Management Multi Catch Cage Trap	£89.50 /unit
Squirrel Management Spring Trap Mid-Range	£46.93 / unit
Squirrel Automatic Self Setting Trap ¹	£120.83 / unit

Where to use this item

To be undertaken within the target area for PAWs restoration, where the Forestry Commission Woodland Officer has identified that squirrel control is required based on both a site visit and site condition assessment.

In red squirrel areas only live trapping is permitted.

Requirements

The agreement holder will need to:

- Use the traps in the areas agreed with the Forestry Commission
- Traps must meet legal specifications, including the [spring trap approval order](#)
- The agreement reference must be marked on the side of the trap to aid identification during inspection

¹ Trap currently not available. This trap can be funded once it is on the trap approval order.

- All traps will be set, operated and maintained as per good practice guidance throughout the period of the agreement.
- The cage trap will be a spring loaded metal trap. The trap will be large enough to hold a squirrel. Typically dimensions are 450mm x 120mm x 110mm
- Monitoring will be undertaken annually to ascertain which areas should be used for trapping each year
- Traps are to be maintained during the agreement and obligation period

Further information

Examples of the minimum mid-range spring traps include the DOC 150 and DOC 200 traps. This list is not exhaustive. Simple spring traps are not to be used under the mid-range payment rate.

Squirrel traps must be legally compliant. Please be aware that the rules are changing and what is currently compliant may not be in future.

Timing

To be purchased and installed within the first year of the agreement.

Keeping records

Agreement holders will need to keep the following records and supply them on request

- any consents or permissions connected with the work
- receipted invoices, or bank statements where a receipted invoice is unavailable