

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING FISHER SNARES:

Make sure to take with you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> GPS unit                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighter                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ziplock bags for bait and lure | <input type="checkbox"/> Data sheets                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trash bag for flagging         | <input type="checkbox"/> Map                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vials w/desiccant              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pen/pencil and a Sharpie                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latex gloves                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Leatherman or screwdriver & wire cutters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wet wipes                      |   |

1. Use your map to navigate to your grid cell and individual snares.
2. Look for flagging and use GPS to locate snare. **WATCH OUT!!** for lure hung in trees. Once there record condition - take any photos. Instructions for using GPS to locate snare on backside.
3. Examine gun brushes for any signs of hair. With latex gloves on remove any brushes with hair on them and place in a vial w/desiccant (1 brush per vial). Instructions for labeling vials on Fisher Snare Field Form, Note 3. Any brushes without hair burn for 5 sec.
4. Fill in remaining blanks on data sheet (for example: date collected, genetic samples (if applicable), and comments (if any)).
5. Remove bait and wire from snare and collect lure and wire and place in Ziplock bag. Please do not toss remaining bait into the woods.
6. Wipe down snare with wet wipe.
7. Fold remaining gun brushes back down and deconstruct snare.
8. On the way back out remove any flagging and place in trash bag

## HOW TO LOCATE A POINT USING YOUR GPS UNIT:

### Blue Garmin E-trex units:

1. Turn GPS unit ON (power button on lower right side of unit)
2. Press PAGE button (top right) until you get to the screen that says "Main Menu"
3. Using the toggle button (on front of unit) to move up and down, highlight "Find", then press toggle button to select it (like hitting Enter)
4. Using toggle button find/select "Waypoints".
5. Using toggle button to enter desired data point and select "OK", then select the data point.
6. Select "Go To".
7. Press PAGE button (top right) until you get to the screen that gives you bearing and distance.
8. Using the bearing given on GPS turn dial till white line matches the number.
9. Holding GPS against body rotate your body till red half of needle lines up with red half of the arrow. Walk in the direction your body is pointed.