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D

Setting Fenn Spring Traps

Hold the trap so that the chain, brass release plate and safety hook are to the right hand side and the closed jaws are uppermost. The round wire jaw should then be on your right and the rectangular pressed steel jaw with the thumb pull-wire on your left. (Refer to photo A)

Ensure that the brass release plate and safety hook are hanging outwards leaving the space behind the springs unobstructed.

With your left thumb in the pull-wire and your right thumb over the round wire jaw, ease the jaws apart against the force of the springs. (Photo B) The springs are very strong, and it is a good idea to practice opening and closing the jaws slowly to improve your technique and gain confidence.

With the jaws held fully open, slip the safety hook onto the round wire jaw, leaving the brass release plate still hanging outwards. This will disable the entire mechanism and prevent the jaws from closing. (Photo C)

Even when the safety hook is on, spring traps should still be treated with caution.

To prime the trap; the brass release plate must be turned over the top of the round wire jaw and located within the brass notch on the treadle plate.

The jaws will need to be pressed open a little further and the treadle plate raised before the two parts can be engaged. (Photo D)

Always ensure that the safety hook is effectively positioned over the round wire jaw during these operations.

With the safety hook still in position, place the trap carefully inside the Fenn cage as shown below; attach the chain to the cage and close the door. Locate the Fenn cage as required and lastly, remove the safety hook from over the jaw.

With the safety hook removed, the force of the springs will clamp the jaws together when the brass release plate is disengaged by downward pressure being applied to the treadle plate.

The Fenn spring trap is very powerful and should always be handled with care.