

GopherHawk Instructions

The Gopherhawk Probe makes locating tunnels fast and effortless. Remove the Probe tool from the Wedge handle to begin inspecting for tunnels. Probe the area surrounding the mound, but not into the mound itself. Puncture the soil feeling with the tool as you perforate the ground. A gopher tunnel will feel like the solid ground suddenly gives way, or becomes loose and hollow when struck by the sinking probe.

No shovel means there is no digging involved with no need to handle dirt.

After locating the tunnel with the probe tool, rest the Wedge in the small hole left after removing the probe. With the Wedge open the hole in a stirring motion rotating the wedge outwardly while also pushing down. Continue compressing the soil outward until the Wedge is forced down far enough to break through reaching the gopher tunnel.

Be sure to use a stirring motion to loosen the soil. Do not push or hammer the Wedge straight down, as this will cause the tunnel to collapse.

With the hole enlarged by the wedge you can now insert the Gopherhawk trap. Holding the outer sleeve, push the trap to the bottom of the tunnel. Do not set the trap until it is in the ground. Once in place hold the cap steady and pull upward on the outer sleeve to activate the trap.

To deactivate a primed trap, after removing it from the ground, simply hold the spring end of the device in one hand and firmly tap the outer sleeve with the other to set off the mechanism. Always keep fingers out of and away from the trap snares.

Troubleshooting

If a newly purchased trap will not set, and stops abruptly before the snare straps are fully exposed (as pictured), it might not be defective at all. This is an easy fix, hold the spring end and slap the black outer sleeve like deactivating a trap. This should free the trigger mechanism and allow the trap to function properly. Contact us if the trap still will not set.

If the trigger seems to have become less sensitive, or will not activate at all, it may not mean the trap is defective. After many uses of a trap it is possible for the trigger mechanism to get clogged with dirt or dust. In this case the trigger simply needs to be sprayed out with a strong jet of water. Spray directly into the trap opening (as pictured) to clean out the trigger mechanism and return trigger sensitivity.

Do not attempt fixing snare straps without following these directions.

The first step in correcting bent or misshapen snares is to twist off the spring and relieve the pressure on the outer sleeve. Start by turning the spring backwards till it clicks into the diagonal opening on the cap (as pictured).

Once the end of the spring is in the groove, turn the spring the opposite direction and unscrew it over the cap until the base of the spring has passed the yellow catch indicator (as pictured).

At this point the trap can be set without risk of of being activated as you bend the snare straps back into shape. Depending on the severity of the misshapen straps use fingers or a pair of pliers to return the snare straps to their original shape (as pictured).