

Raccoon Baits

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Best Raccoon Baits



Raccoons are opportunistic eaters known to dine on a variety of foods, but they favor those high in fat or sugar. Sugary foods are the best to use in a live raccoon trap, because they target raccoons without attracting other unwanted wildlife.

Favorite raccoon baits include:



marshmallows



watermelon



sweet corn



vegetables coated in honey or sugar



crisp bacon



wet cat food



fish (fresh, smoked or canned)



cooked fatty meat

How to Bait a Raccoon Trap

Selecting a raccoon bait is only the first step in catching a raccoon. Placing your bait is critical, and just as important as the type of bait you use.

The best bait placement will:

Force the raccoon to fully enter the trap (body and tail).

Encourage the raccoon to engage the trigger (step on the metal plate).

Take into consideration the trap type (1 vs. 2-door):

1-DOOR TRAP - Position bait at END



For a 1-door trap, place the bait behind the trigger plate. Ensure bait is placed away from the trap walls so the raccoon cannot steal the bait from the outside.

2-DOOR TRAP - Position bait at CENTER



For a 2-door trap, you have several options: you can place the bait just behind the trigger, bury it in the ground underneath the trigger plate/trap or hang it from the top of your trap.

Expert Baiting Tips

To prevent raccoons from knocking over your trap, secure it by placing a brick or weight on top of the trap.

Create a trail of bait from the outside that leads your raccoon into the trap.

Always wear gloves when baiting your trap; raccoons may be wary of a human's scent.

Baiting is just one step in the trapping process. Proper placement and handling are also very important. To learn more trapping tips, read [How to Trap a Raccoon »](#)