Exposed Bait

You cannot legally:

• place, set or maintain any leghold trap within 30 feet of bait placed in such a manner or position that is not completely covered and concealed from sight, except that this shall not apply to water sets.

• bait means any bait composed of mammal, bird or fish flesh, fur, hide, entrails or feathers. Leghold traps set on land may not be placed around exposed bait, such as animal carcasses.

Beaver, Badger, River Otter, Weasel, Mink, and Muskrat (Trapping Only)

You cannot legally:

• harvest beaver, badger, river otter, weasel, mink or muskrat except by trapping. However, beaver, river otter, weasel, mink, and muskrat can be shot with a firearm, pistol, or airgun of a caliber not larger than a .22 long rifle to remove the animal from the trap.

Trapper Education

Illinois Trapper Education Manual

Illinois Trapper Education Classes
www2.illinois.gov/dnr/safety/Pages/Counties.aspx

Rabbits and Squirrels Cannot Be Trapped

It is only legal to trap furbearing mammals and woodchucks. No other game mammals or birds may be trapped.

Trapping Near Dwellings

You cannot legally:

• trap within 100 yards of an inhabited dwelling without first obtaining permission from the owner or tenant.

Written Authorization to Handle Traps of Another Person

You cannot legally:

• remove mammals from, move, or disturb in any manner, traps owned by another person without written authorization of the owner to do so.

Permission from Landowner

You cannot legally:

• trap furbearers on another person’s property without his or her permission. This includes waters flowing over and/or standing on the land of another person.

Damaging Property While Trapping

You cannot legally:

• destroy or damage another person’s property while trapping on his or her land.