

Weta motels work!

In the forest weta move in within 3 months and after a year there are about four weta in each motel.

They move in at different times too. Winter spring or summer. The season doesn't seem to matter.



Bind or nail your two bits of timber together and you can even add a roof. Hang your motel in a tree and wait for your tenants.



Entrance tunnel holes should be 18 mm or slightly less in size to stop mice.

10mm is too small.

Tunnels should be quite long and sloping down from the top or the side.

Weta don't like vertical tunnels heading up from the bottom.



Build a weta hotel



This motel for the backyard was made from a piece of willow tree.

Tests show that weta like willow better than pine and they like aged pine better than fresh pine. (It could be the smell).



Chisel out a gallery. This is where the weta live.

Weta like to renovate and enlarge galleries. They like deep galleries and they don't really like rotting wood.

Weta will live in motels with more than one gallery but you'll probably get more weta if you have more single room motels.

