

DIY WOMBAT GATES

Important point a wombat gate needs to be simple, sturdy, and vertically swinging.

The gate must be top hung with at least a 35cm square opening which is sufficient to allow even a large wombat through. Ideally the bottom weight needs to be at least 3 kg. Lighter gates may not stop other unwanted animals. It is also thought wombats prefer to use a gate they can see through.



Photo 1

Photo 1. Courtesy Jenny Chambers-Smith taswildlife

Has a timber frame with a couple of metal pipes to give added weight and strength.



Photo 2

Photo 2. Courtesy Jenny Chambers-Smith taswildlife

Similar design using weldmesh, framed with timber off cuts and a metal pipe at the base for added weight .

Photo 3



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Again, similar design, this time without the timber frame. This design may not be heavy enough to keep out other unwanted animals.



Photo 4

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Something simple like this could be ideal to confine the family dog. A piece of pine post hung from the bottom wire of the fence using large eye hooks. Extra weights could be attached.



Photo 5

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Simply hang a long piece of timber to the bottom of the farm gate attached with wire. Allows the wombat under and keeps the dogs in.



Photo 6

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If you have welding skills this is another strong simple design that has been made from steel off cuts found lying around the farm. This gate has been successfully in use for many years.



Photo 7

If you are lucky enough to have echidnas on your property, they will also be able to access your 'wombat swing gate'. Echidnas are another of our eco engineers turning over soil with their nose pokes as they hunt for ants/termites.



Diagram 8

Another solution is a tunnel through the fence.

You will need a 1.0 – 1.5 metre length of poly drainage pipe of 30 cm diameter or larger if desired.

30cm should be large enough for most wombats as they are known to squeeze through very small openings. This size would deter most other animals. Don't put chicken wire in the bottom as claws may get caught.

If you are still looking for ideas check out 'Badger gates' on the internet. Badgers are like wombats and use the same pathways through their habitat and are known to make holes in fencing.