

What is a Digging Bar?

A digging bar is a long, straight metal bar used as a post hole digger, to break up or loosen hard or compacted materials such as soil, rock, concrete and ice or as a [lever](#) to move objects. Known by other names depending on locale, structural features and intended purpose such as a hop bar or crowbar in Britain, Australia and New Zealand and slate bar, shale bar, spud bar, pinch point bar or San Angelo Bar in North America, or just a bar. Not to be confused with a [crowbar](#), which is short, curved and designed to provide leverage rather than to dig. Common uses of digging bars include breaking up clay, concrete, frozen ground, and other hard materials, moving or breaking up tree roots and obstacles, and making holes in the ground for fence posts. They are often used where space would not allow the use of a pickaxe.



- [From Wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org)

The Spooky Beavers utilize digging bars for things like digging post holes, a lever for moving heavy rocks or a fulcrum for moving hiking bridges back in place along with a winch or come-along. These tools are very heavy to carry long distances as they are 5 to 6 feet long and can weigh between 15 and 25 pounds.

Check back here often as we will be describing various tools that the Spooky Beavers utilize when doing trailwork in Prince William Forest Park, VA.