

What is a Kukri?

The kukri or khukuri is a knife, originating from the Indian subcontinent. This knife has an inwardly curved blade, similar to a machete and is used as both a tool and as a weapon. Researchers trace the origins of the blade back to the domestic sickle and the prehistoric bent stick used for hunting and later in hand-to-hand combat. Similar implements have existed in several forms throughout the Indian subcontinent and were used both as weapons and as tools, such as for sacrificial rituals.



The Gurkha are soldiers of Indian and Nepalese descent. All Gurkha troops are issued two kukris: a Service No.1 (ceremonial) and a Service No.2 (exercise). The kukri is designed primarily for chopping. The shape varies a great deal from being quite straight to highly curved with angled or smooth spines.

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

The Spooky Beavers do not utilize kukris. However, they are utilized by some trail maintainers associated with other trails such as the [Mason-Dixon Trail System](#) in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. This tool is ideal for cutting new trail through dense woods as it is lighter and easier to carry and utilize than a machete. It can cut branches, limbs bushes and small trees up to a few inches in diameter. Anything larger would require a hand saw or chain saw.

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.