Elk Mountain Tents

YUKON TENT INSTRUCTIONS

One person can setup the tent, but it helps to have two.

Set-Up

1) You may want to place a tarp down for your tent to sit on. This will help protect the floor and make it easier to clean the tent when taking down

2) Lay tent out in a flat area that allows about 6 feet all the way around the tent for the ropes.

3) Take the small pegs and, pulling the groundsheet tight, stake down the floor.

4) Take the main straight pole through the door, find the center of the cone and push the pole and tent up until it's vertical. Make sure you have the rubber stopers on the bottom and top of the pole. Never set-up tent without the rubber stopers.

5) Attach all the ropes to the tent and stake down with the larger stakes. There should be one longer rope for the door. Do the door rope after step 5. In order to help keep the tent centered, it is best to do ropes on opposites side of each other, working your way around the tent. Do not put to much tension on the ropes at this time. If you expect high winds or rocky conditions you may consider purchasing larger stakes.

6) Put the A frame together inside the tent. Put the spike through the hole at the top of the door. Remove plastic cover that is over the spike if you want to use the rain cap.

All the guy ropes need to follow the lines of the seams in the roof.
It is important to make sure the tent stays symmetrical and that the tension is evenly spread.

7) Once all the pegs are in, adjust the guy ropes to create the desired tension.
By doing it this way, and following the seam lines, will look like this.

TIP:
If the door seems too tight move the two guy ropes either side of the door in towards the middle of the door to relieve some tension.

Walls up?

You can roll up the whole tent or just a section. We suggest you take a picture of the zipper system before unzipping the floor. It can be difficult to align all the zippers if you take the floor completely off.

Simply unzip the section you want up, roll the wall up from the inside and tie using the strings provided.

How to pack up your tent!

Here are some tips on packing up your Bell Tent after use.

Make sure your tent is dry. Its fine taking it down damp, however, make sure you get it dry before storing it. You don't have to set the tent up again, just hang it on a washing line, over a car or over some chairs. Basically, it just needs some air.

This is how to get your tent back in the bag without Hassle:

1. Take all the poles and pegs out of the tent whilst keeping the canvas off the grass - this helps keep your tent clean and grass stain free. Without standing on the canvas, fold half of the tent over so you have a half moon with the groundsheet facing up

2. Let that half of the groundsheet dry out and you might want to wipe off any mud or worm casks. If it's not a dry day you'll need to dry the tent out when you get home. The idea is that you always have canvas touching canvas and groundsheet touching groundsheet so even if the tent is wet you avoid stains. Once the condensation has dried of you need to flip the half moon over so the other half of the groundsheet can also dry out.

   (If the tent is not on a tarp, we find it's a good idea to move the tent off the original spot to avoid putting the condensation back onto the first half)

3. Once the whole tent is dry you now need to fold the half moon over on itself again and again so you end up with a strip the width of the tent bag. The best way to do this is to put the bag at the top of the tent and use it as a template to get the right width.

4. Now fold the strip in half and place the pole bag and peg bag at one end. Roll the whole thing into a tight bundle using the ties to secure the tent as a roll.

Maintenance

- Maintenance starts when setting up your Bell Tent. If a Bell Tent has not been set up correctly uneven forces will pull on the canvas. This could eventually lead to damage. To ensure your tent stays set up correctly daily guy rope maintenance is necessary.
- Poles and tent are not rated for snow loads or high winds. Please clean off snow to prevent damage. Tents damaged from snow or high winds are not covered under the warranty. You can see some deflection in the center pole due to the joints allowing some movement. This is normal and ok. If you want a more rigid pole to help with snow loads or extreme weather, you can use a 1 ¼" black pipe (thick wall pipe) that can be found in your local hardware store in the plumbing section. A 10' section will cost around $35. If you want to be able to handle higher winds, you may want to consider our 18" stakes.
- It is in your interest to keep the canvas as clean as possible and remove stains when created. Dust and dried mud are best removed once the canvas is dry by brushing with a clean hard brush like a floor scrubbing brush.
- Canvas can develop mold in high humid areas and is not covered under warranty. Our material is mold resistant, but mold can develop on any surface in the right conditions. Let tent air out as much possible. If mold starts to develop clean regularly.
- Zippers sometimes have to endure extreme tension caused by wind, incorrect tent set ups or pressures caused by people or objects leaning into the tent. In order to limit damage to any zippers.
  - close all zippers before setting up your tent
  - handle the zippers with care
  - protect them by treating them with silicones once in a while