



# CLIMBING STICK OWNER'S MANUAL

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# **WARNINGS; ASSUMPTION OF RISK; WAIVER OF WARRANTIES**

A Full Body Fall Arrest Harness System with Lineman's Climbing Strap has not been included with this product. It is your responsibility to get one for using this product, and strictly follow the manufacturer's instructions for its safe use. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.

You must stay connected while using this product.

Be sure to read this Owner's Manual (the "Manual") in its entirety before attempting to set-up, install and/or otherwise use this Heaven's Trail™ product – it can save your life!

By using this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product, you (1) waive all warranties to the fullest extent allowed by law (including, but not limited to, implied warranties); (2) assume the risk of the activity that you are undertaking, with the understanding that elevated activities carry inherent risk, as do such activities as hunting and other outdoor pursuits. While Heaven's Trail™ seeks to increase your safety and enjoyment, we disclaim all warranties (including, but not limited to, implied warranties). By using this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product you assume all risk and liability in connection therewith, and agree to indemnify us for any third party claims in connection with or otherwise arising out of your use thereof.

We encourage you to take this free tree stand safety course, as well as getting hands-on training: <http://www.huntercourse.com/treestandsafety/>.

Failure to read and strictly comply with the product instructions contained in this Manual may result in severe injury or death to you or others, and may subject you to personal liability penalties. For your safety, please read the product instructions contained in this Manual in its entirety before attempting to set-up, assemble, install, and/or utilize this Heaven's Trail™ product. We encourage you to review these instructions at least annually. Please keep these instructions for the entire duration of ownership of this Heaven's Trail™ product.

The safe use and operation of this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product is the sole responsibility of the user. Additionally, it is the sole responsibility of the product owner to provide the Manual to any person(s) who borrows or purchases this Heaven's Trail™ product from said owner.

Falls from tree stands can occur any time after leaving the ground, which could result in severe injury or death. Always use a quality fall arrest system when using any tree stand (including, but not limited to, ascending and descending); we strongly suggest the use of a full body fall arrest harness system ("FBFAHS") that meets strict industry standards recognized by the Treestand Manufacturers Association and/or OSHA. The FBFAHS must be worn at all times after leaving the ground, including while ascending or descending the tree stand. Do not leave the ground if you are not wearing a FBFAHS that is properly attached to the tree. Always attach the FBFAHS as described by the harness manufacturer. The tether should have no slack when in a seated position in the tree stand. Slack in the tether may result in suspension without the ability to recover in the tree stand. Failure to follow these instructions may result in severe injury or death. Learn what it feels like to suspend in the FBFAHS at ground level before utilizing the FBFAHS at an elevated level. Practicing and actual use of this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product on a "buddy system" (i.e., with a trusted and responsible adult present) is recommended. Never attempt to climb up or down a tree stand with a weapon and/or gear in your hands. Always unload your weapon before ascending or descending a tree. Know your physical limitations and do not take any chances. Do not rush while ascending or descending a tree stand, and make sure to maintain three points of contact at all times.

Prior to hunting and use of this or any other Heaven's Trail™ product, we strongly suggest: (1) having a plan of recovery or escape in place; (2) informing someone of your location; (3) informing someone of your expected return time; and (4) you have a working signaling device in your possession (e.g., a mobile phone, radio, signal, flare, whistle or Personal Locator Device). Please keep this device within easy access in case of an emergency. If you are in a situation where you are suspended for a period of time before help arrives, exercise your legs with continuous motion by pushing against the tree.

Do not remove, mechanically modify, misuse, substitute, and/or omit any portion of this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product or its assemblies in any manner. Any removal, modification, misuse, part substitution, or omission shall immediately void any warranty. If you suspect that a part(s) is missing and/or defective, please contact us immediately at [info@htoutdoor.com](mailto:info@htoutdoor.com). Do not modify your stand in any way by making repairs, altering, adding, or attaching anything to it except if explicitly authorized in writing by Heaven's Trail™. Use of any replacement parts that do not come directly from Heaven's Trail™ shall immediately void any warranty. Do not attempt to make any adjustments to this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product while elevated. All adjustments should be made when you are at ground level.

Always use this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product with reasonable and due caution. Do not jump or bounce on any tree stand platform and/or the seat. Never exceed the weight limitations on this or any other Heaven's Trail™ product. These strict weight limitations have been set for each product to ensure your personal safety. Note that the indicated weight limitations of this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product includes the user(s) and all equipment.

Do not use this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ products during inclement weather or unsafe conditions (including, but not limited to, thunderstorms threatening and/or present, winds, lightning, rain, snow, sleet, and/or any other atmospheric condition which may impede the user's ability to operate the product in a safe manner as described in the product instructions). If inclement weather should arise during your use of this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product, return to ground level immediately and seek safe shelter.

Do not use this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ products if you have a history of heart problems, back problems, impaired vision, joints that lock-up, spinal fusions, equilibrium problems, high blood pressure, are not well-rested, and/or any other physical impairment that may limit your ability to use and/or operate this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product in the safe manner outlined in product instructions. Do not use this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product if you are currently taking medication (including prescription) and/or using and/or consuming any substance, including alcohol, that may limit your ability to use and/or operate this and/or any other

Heaven's Trail™ product in the safe manner outlined in the product instructions. Never use this or any other Heaven's Trail™ product when feeling ill, nauseous, or dizzy.

No one under the age of 18 years of age should attempt to use this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product without direct adult supervision.

Prior to hunting and use of this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product, always check that all straps and other devices are tightened per the product instructions contained in this Manual. All tree stand contact points must be in contact with the tree before you step onto the stand. The correct adjustment and tightening of attachment hardware is essential to the stable installation of a tree stand.

Prior to each use of this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product, thoroughly inspect the product, its components, and all safety devices for signs of wear, rot, corrosion, cracks, deterioration and/or any other type of defect. Make certain all nuts and bolts are tight and secure prior to use and that no damage has been caused by weather, animals, tree growth, or any other outside agent. Protect your Heaven's Trail™ product from extended exposure to direct sunlight, excessive heat or freezing temperatures by storing inside when not in use. Do not use this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product if it shows evidence of wear, rot, corrosion, cracks, deterioration, and/or any other type of defect.

Never wear jewelry or loose fitting clothing while using this or any other Heaven's Trail™ product as such items may get caught in your equipment. Always wear the appropriate foot wear when using this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product. A good non-slip safety boot is important for your safety. Be especially careful that boot laces do not get hooked on the tree stand (or any of its components) or climbing aids (tuck shoelaces into boot before climbing).

Prior to attempting to use this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product you must take a moment and become familiar with its assembly and installation. You must practice assembling, installing and using all such products at ground-level prior to attempting to use it at heights above ground-level.

Once you have become thoroughly knowledgeable and comfortable with the product's assembly, installation, and use at ground-level, you are now ready to use it at heights above ground-level.

Never hunt out of a tree stand at heights at which you are not completely comfortable. Depending upon the tree and hunting conditions, choose the minimum height that allows for safe, effective hunting.

Never use this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product for any use other than its intended use as provided in the Manual, including, without limitation, to climb utility poles, telephone poles, structural columns or any other man-made structures. Never use this and/or any other Heaven's Trail™ product around power generations (transformers, generators, substations, etc.) and/or power transmission equipment (power lines).

Climbing aids (e.g., stick ladders, steps, etc.) must extend above the tree stand standing platform (at least 24 inches) to allow the user to step down onto the platform. Never step up to your tree stand from a climbing aid.

Some or all of Heaven's Trail™ tree stands are equipped with a footrest, armrests, handrails, and/or shooting rails. None of these have been designed to support the users' weight. Under no circumstances shall you lean on, hang from, stand on, or place any more than fifteen (15) pounds of weight on these components. Doing so may result in severe injury or death.

Always thoroughly inspect the tree before installing this or any Heaven's Trail™ product. Never use this or any other Heaven's Trail™ product on a dead, diseased, unstable, or loose-barked tree. Do not use this or any other Heaven's Trail™ product on a tree branch, or any portion of a tree to support any portion of weight or as a hand hold. Heaven's Trail™ tree stand products(s) are designed for installation on sturdy trees with a minimum of ten (10) inches in diameter.

 <p>Heaven's trail™</p>	<p>Assembly Break Strength: <b>1,500 lbs (680 kg)</b></p> <p>Work Load Limit: <b>500 lbs (226 kg)</b></p>	<p><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Failure to comply with this warning may result in damage to your stand and personal injury.</li><li>• Inspect assembly prior to each use.</li><li>• This tie down assembly is NOT to be used for lifting.</li><li>• Tie down should be removed from service if there are signs of burning, melting, cuts, fraying, abrasions to fibers or alterations are present.</li><li>• Hardware strength will be reduced if load path in area of hardware is not in a straight line.</li><li>• Always protect webbing from sharp edges.</li><li>• Refer to federal, state, or provincial regulations for proper tie down methods.</li></ul> <p><small>*CAUTION! Do not over tighten on climbing sticks! Bending the vertical tube will void warranty.</small></p>
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# INSTALLATION PROCESS

*Let's face it, it's way past time someone designed a process to improve the safety and efficiency involved here.*

## ITEMS INCLUDED:

5 HANG AROUND™ CLIMBING STICKS

1 TETHER SYSTEM

10 CUSTOM RATCHET STRAPS IN 2 CUSTOM BAGS (5 IN EACH BAG)

## ITEMS REQUIRED:

### SET OF CLIMBING STICKS AND TETHER SYSTEM

1. Put one Climbing Stick on the tree with the bottom rung at about knee height. Orient the stick on the tree about 60-90 degrees to your right around the tree from the direction you want the stand to face.
2. Each Climbing Stick includes 2 ratchet straps and tabs on the vertical tube for those straps. It is important to get the ratchet straps snug but not so tight that it bends the vertical tube. Bending this vertical tube will void your warranty.



3. Arrange the remaining 4 Climbing Sticks on the ground floor on your right side and attach the Tether System with the graduated s-clips. Take the (short) tabbed end of the Tether and attach it the Climbing Stick already on the tree. That puts the Tether in an easy position for you once you are ready to start your climb.

4. Place the Climbing Stick ratchet straps in the tabs on the Climbing Sticks. The s-hook on the ratchet end of the strap should go on the right side of the tab. The opposite end of the strap should be placed in the left side hole of the same tab on the Climbing Stick.



5. Now it's time to put on your Safety Harness. We encourage the use of the Hunter Safety System Hanger Harness. It's great!

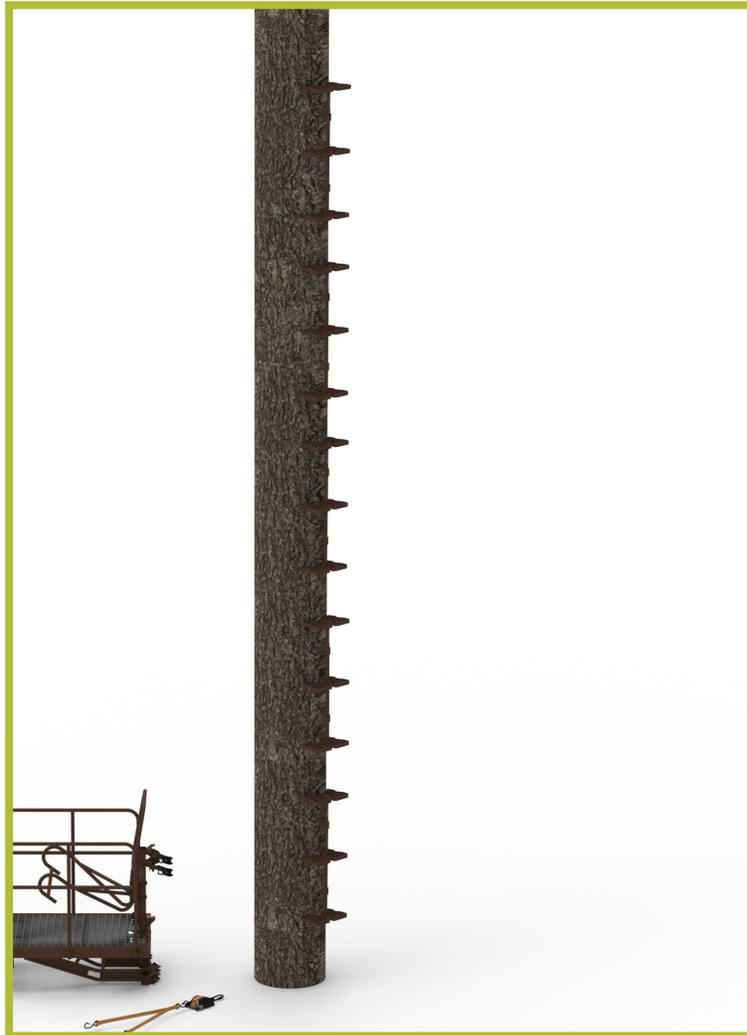
6. Attach the Climbing Stick Tether system to your Safety Harness.

7. Using the lineman's climbing strap of your Safety Harness, start climbing the sticks.

8. Once you're at the top of the first Climbing Stick, use the Tether System to lift the next Climbing Stick to your position. Install it with the bottom rung at about knee height. Remove the Tether System s-clip from the stick and clip that to the first sclip on your Safety Harness.

9. Using both hands in the provided hand pockets of the installed Climbing Stick, pull down on the Climbing Stick to ensure the webbing seats properly and the Climbing Stick will have minimal slide down the tree when your weight is added.
10. Climb to the top of this second Climbing Stick and repeat this procedure until you've reached your desired height.
11. Take a picture of your installed Hang Around™ Climbing Sticks and post it to your favorite Social Media page. Make sure to tag htoutdoor.com in it!
12. Find Your Trail™

## INSTALLATION COMPLETE



# UNINSTALLATION PROCESS

## ITEMS REQUIRED:

### TETHER SYSTEM

### FULL BODY FALL HARNESS SYSTEM WITH LINEMAN'S CLIMBING STRAP (NOT INCLUDED)

1. Starting with the highest Climbing Stick, while wearing your Safety Harness with Lineman's Climbing Strap, attach the longest graduated section of the Tether System to the Climbing Stick to be uninstalled.
2. Position yourself on the Climbing Stick below the first Climbing Stick to uninstall.
3. Each Climbing Stick section has a top and bottom location for ratchet straps. Uninstall the bottom ratchet strap first, if applicable. Then the top ratchet strap.
4. Use the Tether System to lower the uninstalled Climbing Stick to the ground floor.
5. Repeat this process until you have uninstalled all Climbing Sticks from the tree.

NOTE: Do not drop Climbing Sticks to the ground floor. Use the Tether System to lower them and prevent damage.

6. Properly organize the Climbing Sticks. Taking a few minutes to organize these items now will save you time and frustration the next time you need them.

Should you have any questions about this product or its intended use, or any other Heaven's Trail product(s) please do not hesitate to call a customer service representative at (800) 383-2332 or visit us online at [www.htoutdoor.com](http://www.htoutdoor.com).