

DWIGHTS – LAKESIDEPITCHING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Find a suitable site and make sure the ground is clear of all sharp objects and stones. Try not to pitch your tent under trees because tree sap and bird droppings can both damage the fabric and can be very hard to remove.
- 2. Spread out your tent, and face it the way you want. If possible, have the doorway facing away from any prevailing wind. Open door and windows before you pitch the tent to allow air to circulate. Find and sort the frame bars. (Their numbers are permanently stamped on one end.)
- 3. Keeping the tent completely square, securely peg down the corners, followed by the centre wall loops, driving the pegs in at 45°. Now peg the remaining wall loops.
- 4. Assemble the side bars (1, 24B, 1) through the canvas loops along the eave on each side of the tent.
- 5. Make sure the 1 bars go through the sleeve on the awning trim. To tension the tent, place the loops over the rivets on bar 1. Now assemble the four leg bar sets (9 & 5) and connect one into the end of each no. 1 bar.
- 6. With one person standing at each end of a side bar, lift the tent and position the legs so that they are angled approximately 45° towards the centre of the tent, with the spiked feet in the ground. Go to the other side of the tent, and repeat with the other side bar. Adjust as necessary so that the sides of the tent are evenly tensioned.
- 7. To avoid damaging the front zips, do not overstretch tent when positioning the leg bars. Assemble the roof bar (8, 24B, 8C) and take it inside the tent with the 8 end facing towards the rear. Slide the bar through the hole in the top of the centre wall until it touches the back wall. Position the pins of the adjustable legs (6 & 15) through the holes at both ends of the roof bar and put the eyelets in tent roof. To prevent water dripping down the pole, place the white witch hats provided on top of the No. 15 bar pins outside your tent.
- 8. The tent roof can now be raised to its correct height.
- 9. Fit one long guy rope to the rear roof pin on top of your 15 bar and peg this to the ground to counter the pulling effect of the awning guy ropes and for extra stability in stormy conditions.
- 10. Fit the awning roof bar (12 & 7) into the end of 8C bar and support this with the leg bar (6 & 15). The awning itself is supported on its sides by four sets of (10 & 30) bars which are held out with guy ropes ensure the corner guy ropes are pegged at 45°. Now peg out the front corners of the awning, taking care to align them with the side and square with the tent along the front. Make any necessary adjustments to the legs and roof height.

Packing your tent away

- At the end of your holiday make sure that the windows and doors are slightly unzipped.
 Drop the awning leg sets and take out awning and roof bars. Remove the side bars
 and collapse the tent. Pack away the poles. ENSURE FRAME BARS ARE DRY BEFORE
 STORING. DO NOT STORE 15 BAR INSIDE 6 BAR.
- 2. Unpeg the center wall loops, and then the corner loops. Fold the tent into itself ready to go into the storage bag.
- 3. Remember that if your tent is wet it will need to be dried out as soon as possible to avoid mildew damage