



Motorcycle Camping with Lone Rider Tents

For many bikers, motorcycling means freedom. Motorcycle camping is the ultimate expression of that freedom, giving you the chance to go where you want and set up camp in remote areas inaccessible by car. Nothing beats camping for re-energizing your spirits, especially when you combine it with riding and exploring.

The gear you need for motorcycle camping is quite different to what you'd take on a car camping trip. If you're planning to go motorcycle camping, you'll need a light, durable tent that can keep you and your bike dry and protected from the elements. Lone Rider's MotoTent v2, which is new for 2015, and its MiniTent do just that and more. Lone Rider's tents are built by bikers for bikers, and therefore have lots of features that make them perfect for motorcycle camping.

MotoTent v2

When travelling by motorcycle it's very important that what you carry is lightweight and compact. The MotoTent v2 weighs just 5.9kg (13 lbs.) and has a packed size of 60 x 20cm (2ft x 7.8 in), making it easy to take along while touring. In fact, it's the lightest tent with a motorcycle canopy on the market.

The tent's canopy protects your bike from the elements and hides it from prying eyes, making the MotoTent v2 a better option for bikers than buying a regular tent. The motorbike canopy keeps your bike out of sight helping you sleep soundly knowing your bike is safe, and is big enough to store most motorcycle models including the Honda Goldwing.

The MotoTent v2 has plenty of room, and can shelter one or two riders with additional space for riding gear and a motorcycle with panniers. The tent has a center height of 1.90 meters (6' 3"), meaning you can stand up and easily change into your motorcycle gear when the bike's outside. There's also a spacious vestibule where you can leave your gear to dry, cook, or just sit and relax.



The MotoTent v2 is extremely durable, with rip-stop, fire-retardant fabric with 10,000mm waterproof coating. The tent's poles and pegs use aircraft grade aluminum, making them exceptionally sturdy. The inner tent fabric uses breathable material allowing for ventilation, and you can even open windows within the tent without removing the mosquito netting.

The tent can be set up in as little as 10 minutes with some practice, helped in part by its color-coded pole system. The tent is easy to set up even in windy conditions, which makes a huge difference when you need to set up camp in bad weather.

The MotoTent is a great investment, costing just 399 Euros on Lone Rider's [online shop](http://www.lonerider-motorcycle.com).

MiniTent

The MiniTent is a compact one-person tent that weights just 1.2kg (2.69 lb), and is perfect for both solo motorcycle tours and backpacking. It is small enough to fit into almost any motorcycle's panniers including those of the Honda Goldwing. Despite the tent's small size it still has room for bags. It features a rainfly and an inside tent, so if it's a warm dry night you can just use the inside tent and gaze at the stars as you drift off to sleep.

When packed up the MiniTent's size is just 40x13cms (or 15.7x5.1 inches), meaning you can always take it along on your travels even when you think you won't need it. The tent costs just 199 euros on Lone Rider's [online shop](http://www.lonerider-motorcycle.com).

Motorcycle camping is a great way to get back in touch with nature. Taking along a tent rather than sleeping in hotels on a long biking tour will not only save you money, it will also allow you to experience the natural world more closely. Of course your experience of motorcycle depends a great deal on the tent you choose. Any old tent won't do—you need a tent made with bikers in mind. A poorly built tent will ruin your experience of motorcycle camping, while a high-quality tent such as the MotoTent v2 or the MiniTent will allow you to really enjoy your trip.

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