Bug Shelter⁴ Pitching Guide

Pitching with an a-frame tarp or the Cirriform Tarp

Before you begin, install the rigging as outlined on the product page. For 'Approach 2', also install the tensioners.



Approach 1 - Using stakes

Use this approach if you want the tautest pitch or want the option to pitch the Bug Shelter without a tarp.

- 1. Clip the shock cord at the Bug Shelter's apexes to points above on your tarp.
- 2. Using the cord lock, adjust the length of the shock cord to raise the apexes to the desired height.
- 3. Stake the four corners to the ground to spread the floor taut.

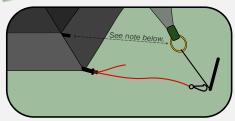
Approach 2 - Using tensioners

Use this approach if you don't want to carry extra stakes for your Bug Shelter.

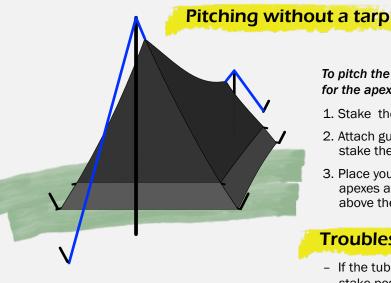
- 1. Install tensionlocks, shock cord, and mitten hooks at the floor's corners as per the instructions on the product page (one time initial setup).
- 2. After pitching your tarp, clip the shock cord at the Bug Shelter's apexes to points above on your tarp.
- 3. Using the cord lock, adjust the length of the shock cord to raise the apexes close to the desired height.
- 4. At each of the floor's corners, clip the shock cord to the stake (end of the guyline) used for the tarp's associated corner.
- 5. Tension the cord at each corner to pull the floor taut and centered.
- 6. Adjust the apex cords as necessary.

When breaking camp, you may want to leave the Bug Shelter clipped in to your tarp so that it's ready to go the next time you pitch it.





NOTE: There are also webbing loops at the top corners of the tub. You can connect these to the tarp's corners to get a more shapely pitch or to create a floating tub where the top corners of the tub are suspended and the bottom hangs loose.



To pitch the Bug Shelter on its own, you'll need 6 stakes and some guyline for the apexes.

- 1. Stake the four corners to the ground to spread the floor taut.
- 2. Attach guylines (blue; not included) to the Bug Shelter's apexes and stake them out.
- 3. Place your poles under the guylines and tension the lines to raise the apexes and tub. To secure the line, wrap it around your trekking pole above the basket, or use our "guyline grommets" (not included).

Troubleshooting

 If the tub wants to flop over, it's usually due either to an imbalance in stake position or cord tension between the sides or to the apex not being high enough.