



TENTSILE

Connect Tree Tent

OWNERS MANUAL

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WARNING

TENTSILE IS NOT A TOY

RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY

A VISUAL AND TACTILE INSPECTION OF YOUR TENTSILE'S FLOOR, STRAPS AND RATCHETS SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE EACH USE.

FOR SAFETY REASONS, STRAPS AND RATCHETS SHOULD BE REPLACED EVERY 2 YEARS.

DO NOT LEAVE OUTSIDE UNATTENDED FOR MORE THAN A WEEK.

CHECK THE HEALTH AND STRENGTH OF THE TREES CHOSEN TO BE ANCHOR POINTS BEFORE USE.

Recommended set up height 1.2m / 4 feet
MAX LOAD 400kg / 880lbs.

DO NOT EXCEED MAXIMUM WEIGHT LOAD CAPACITY.

CONGRATULATIONS

YOU ARE NOW THE PROUD OWNER OF A

Tentsile Connect Tree Tent

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Introduction

The Tentsile Connect provides a unique opportunity for you and your friends to experience the great outdoors with a whole new level of freedom and comfort.

Tentsile invented Tree Tents as treehouses you can take anywhere; combining the versatility of a hammock with the comfort and security of a tent.

The Connect comprises of a double hammock, suspended in tension above the ground and enclosed in an elegantly simple insect mesh top and fly sheet cover.

The unique design creates a comfortable base camp, irrespective of ground conditions, as well as providing increased protection from insects, snakes and other predators – if you venture somewhere more exotic.

This product was created because Tentsile loves trees and believes that if we're all hanging out in trees, they can't cut them down!

3 trees are planted for every Tentsile Tree Tent sold. :)

PLAY, CAMP, EXPLORE...

Terms of Use

Tentsile Tree Tent should be set up only as outlined in this manual.

NEVER jump into, onto or use it as a trampoline or swing. It is not intended to be used for rock climbing, cliff faces, overhangs or above or next to large drops.

DO NOT attempt to use this product for anything other than its intended purpose, and always observe height and weight limits.

DO NOT use walls, fences, street furniture, roof racks, movable platforms, posts or trees less than 25cm/10inches in diameter as anchor points, as they may not be strong enough.

DO NOT use tensioning components other than those supplied with this product.

DO NOT set up higher than 1.2 metre / 4 feet from the ground or above hard, sharp or pointy objects.

Tactile and visual checks should be made to ALL tent components and ALL anchor points before each use.

Replace any damaged elements if any are found.

Keep away from fire and sharp objects.

DO NOT use after the consumption of any intoxicating substances.

Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

DO NOT attach to trees or branches that show signs of structural weakness.

DO NOT adjust/open ratchets whilst tent is occupied.

DO NOT use during lightning storms or high winds.

DO NOT use in areas of unstable ground.

Tentsile does not offer protection from all animals.

Specifications

Size:
2.7 x 4 x 4m / 9 x 13.5 x 13.5ft

Height:
120cm / 4ft

Floor area:
5sqm / 53sqf

Tent weight:
7kg / 16lbs

**Dry porch area
at ground level:**
6sqm / 65sqf

Poles:
x2 8.5mm diameter
anodised aluminium alloy.

Entry Points:
x 4

Ratchet & straps:
3x Heavy duty, plated,
industry grade buckles - 2.5
ton minimum breaking strength

Bag Size:
58 x 23 x 23cm / 23 x 9 x 9"

Roof:
Tear resistant insect mesh.

Flysheet:
70D PU coated waterproof
polyester, 3000HH

Floor:
240D polyester-nylon
composite, reinforced with
15 metres of 25mm webbing.

Maximum capacity:
2 adults.

DO NOT EXCEED MAXIMUM LOAD 400kg / 880lbs

Warnings & Disclaimers

Installation and use of the Tentsile Tree Tent may involve heights, can be dangerous and may lead to injury and/or death.

The installation must never be executed by minors, and extreme care and caution must be taken when executed by adults.

Do not use any other components, parts, tools or materials other than those included in the Tentsile Tree Tent package, recommended in this manual or in other Tentsile literature.

A hanging and/or suspension system is only as strong as its weakest link and all instructions and guidelines must be followed.

The Tentsile Tree Tent must only be used in the manner described in this manual. When assembled and installed, the Tentsile Tree Tent places significant force on the anchor points,

great care must be exercised when using it to decrease the risk of injury and/or death.

Overloading the Tentsile Tree Tent with more than 485 pounds (220 kg) increases the forces and may cause anchor, tree tent and/or any parts to fail, resulting in injury and/or death.

The manufacturer and resellers of the Tentsile Tree Tent explicitly disclaim any and all responsibility and liability for any death, paralysis, injury, and/or damage to any person or property that may occur that arises out of or is in any way related to the use of this product.

Using any equipment that is suspended above ground can be a dangerous activity that may result in serious injury and/or death even when used properly. Use at your own risk and always use common sense.

Positioning the Connect

Tentsile tents need 3 secure and strong anchor points to suspend from. The distances are marked here. Once the location is found, lay out the main Flite+ on the ground as the reference point for the straps.



Connect Tent



Flysheet



x2 Poles



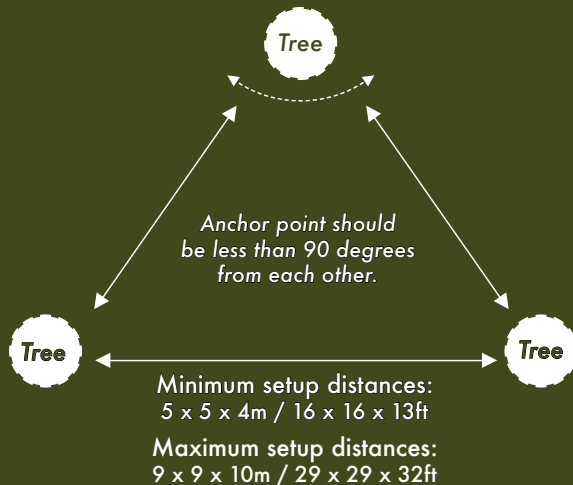
x3 Ratchet



x3 Straps



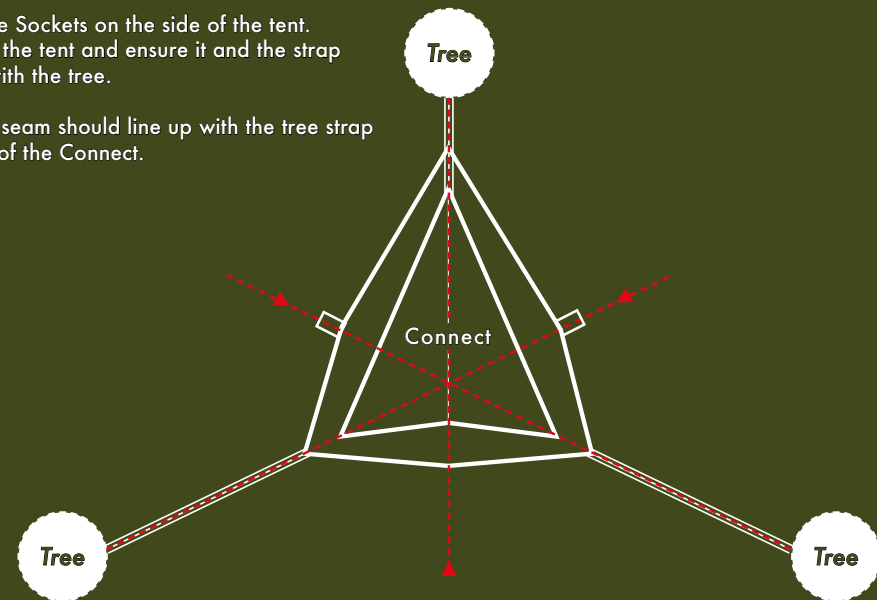
x3 Screw Pegs



Alignment Sight Tag

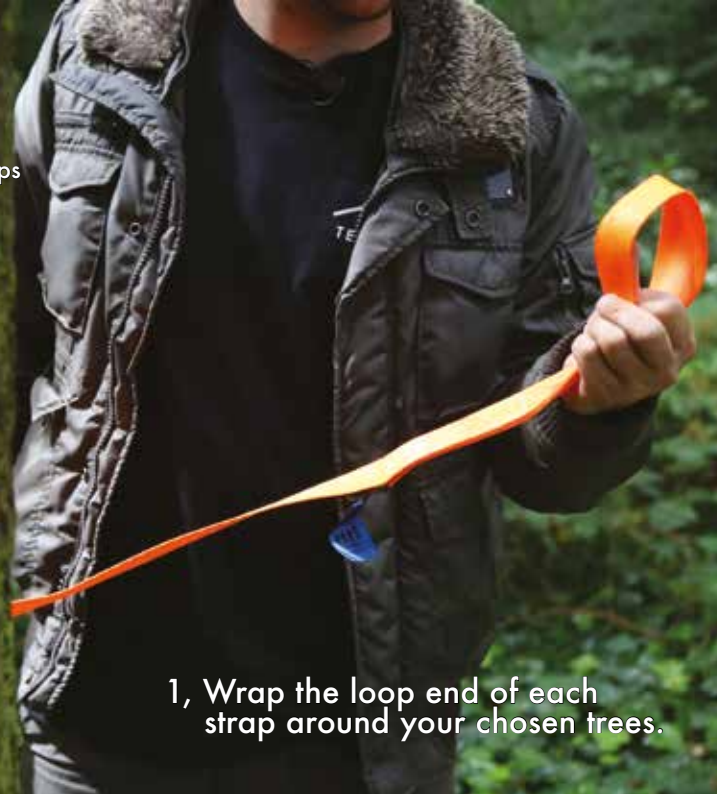
Use the Pole Sockets on the side of the tent. Look along the tent and ensure it and the strap are inline with the tree.

The central seam should line up with the tree strap at the rear of the Connect.



Tree Straps

With a location found, start by wrapping the tree straps around the chosen trees.



1, Wrap the loop end of each strap around your chosen trees.



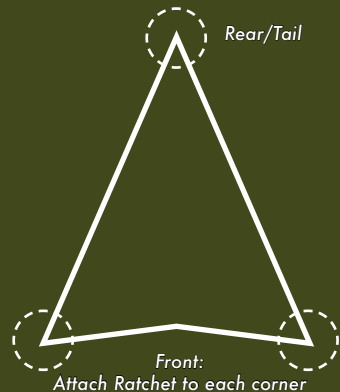
2, Once around, thread the strap and pull it all through towards the tent.



3, Ensure the strap is flat against the tree and not twisted.

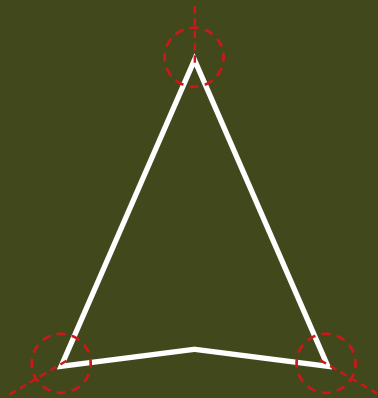
Attaching the Ratchet

With the tree straps attached and the Stingray laid in position, you can now attach the 3 ratchet straps to the D-rings at each corner of the tent.



Fitting Strap to the Ratchet

With the Ratchet strap attached to the D-rings, it can now be connected to the tree straps. Once attached, check the overall position of the Stingray and that it is centrally aligned to each anchor point.



10, Ensuring there's enough length, bring the Ratchet and tree strap together.



11, Feed the tree strap end through the spindle.



12, Feed it in and pull it through making sure it does not twist.



13, Lift the tent off the ground by pulling through excess strap at each point.



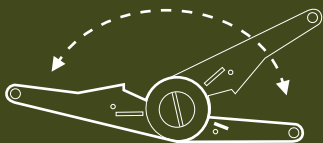
14, Give a strong pull before cranking the Ratchet.

Tightening the Ratchet

Cranking the Ratchet will give the tension needed and allows for easy adjustment. Ensure the Ratchet is correctly in the Locked position before entering the Stingray.

Attention - Ratchet Locking

Crank the Ratchet handle back & forth 7-9 times to increase tension to straps.



UNLOCKED

LOCKED



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15, Release the Ratchet lock by pushing the inner latch upwards.



16, This will release the handle and allow it to be cranked.



17, Pull the handle back and begin cranking it back and forth.

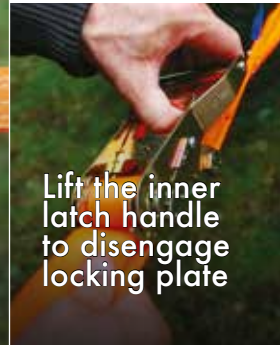


18, Do this until the handle has strong resistance.

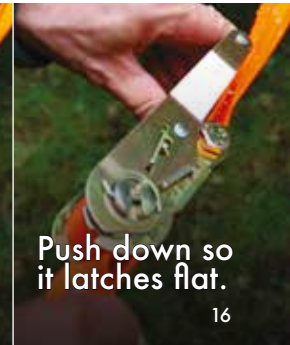


19, Once achieved, move the handle to the closed position and lock.

LOCKING RATCHET



Lift the inner latch handle to disengage locking plate

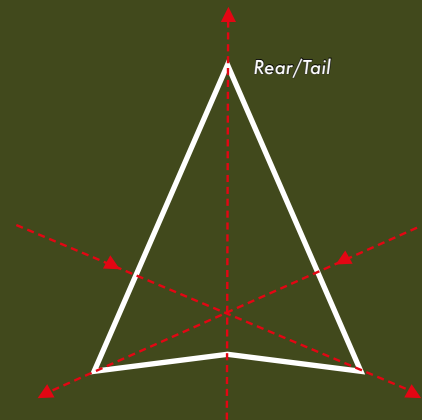


Push down so it latches flat.

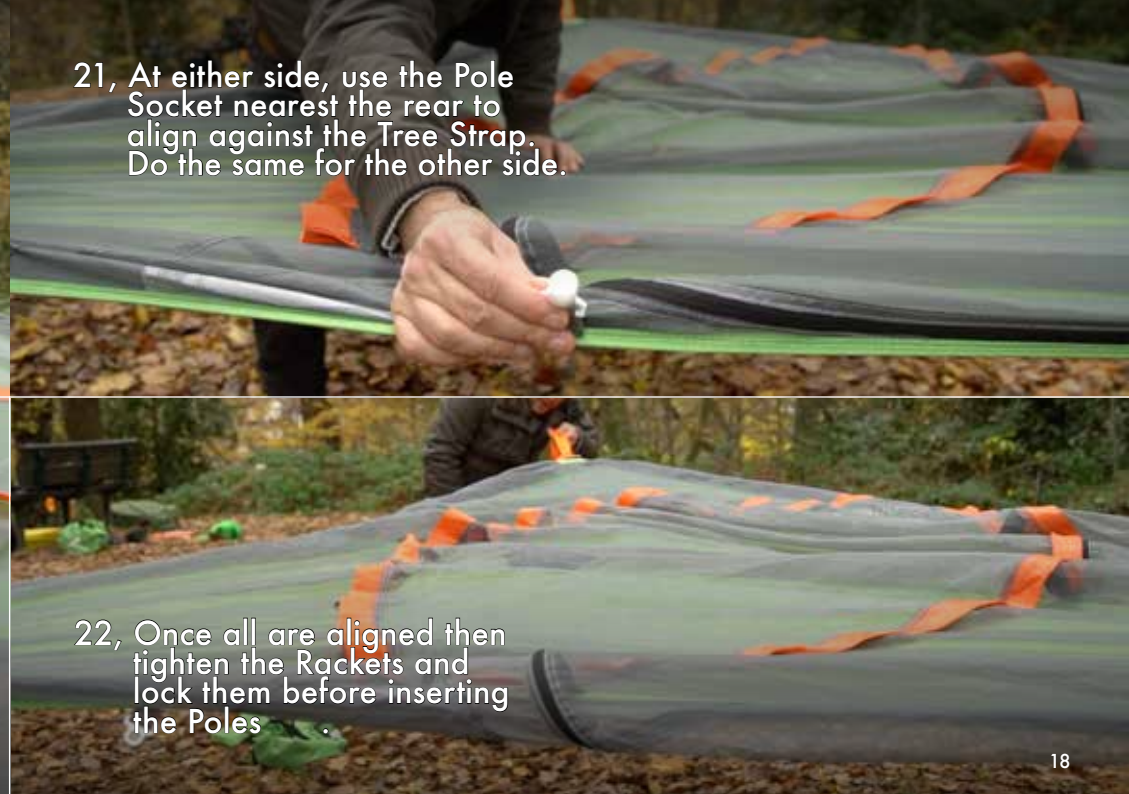
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Aligning the Connect

Now the Connect is raised it needs to be aligned. This is adjusted by slacking the other Ratchets and re-adjusting the tension between them to pull it in the desired direction. Once aligned ensure all Ratchets are tight and locked.



20, With the tent off the ground, stand at the front to align. The central seam should line-up with the tree strap at the rear.

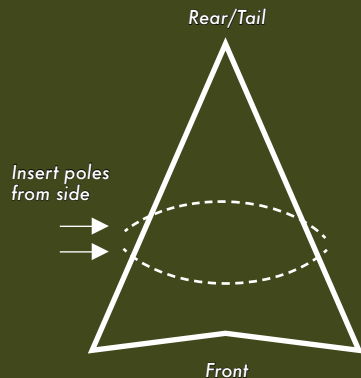


21, At either side, use the Pole Socket nearest the rear to align against the Tree Strap. Do the same for the other side.

22, Once all are aligned then tighten the Rackets and lock them before inserting the Poles.

Inserting the Poles

There are 2 poles supplied that simply need to be extended and then inserted into the Pole Sleeves that run across the top of the Mesh. Once through, secure the ends into the Pole Pockets and move around to the other side.



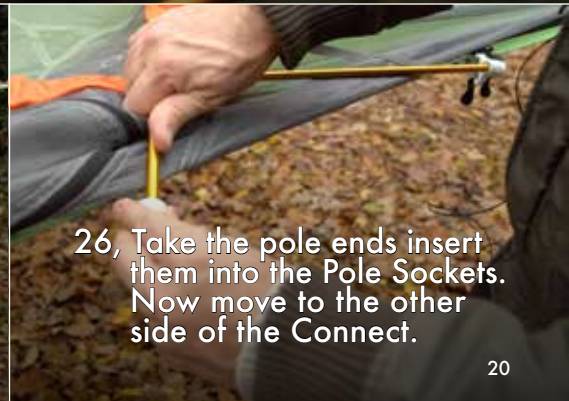
23, Take the 2 poles and unfold them to their full length before inserting.



24, On either side are 2 Pole Sleeves that run across the top of the Mesh. Insert the Poles into the Poles Sleeves.



25, Push them through until they are visible from the other side.

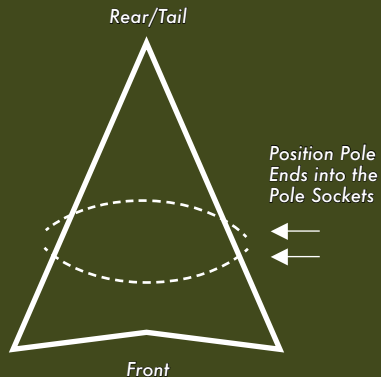


26, Take the pole ends insert them into the Pole Sockets. Now move to the other side of the Connect.

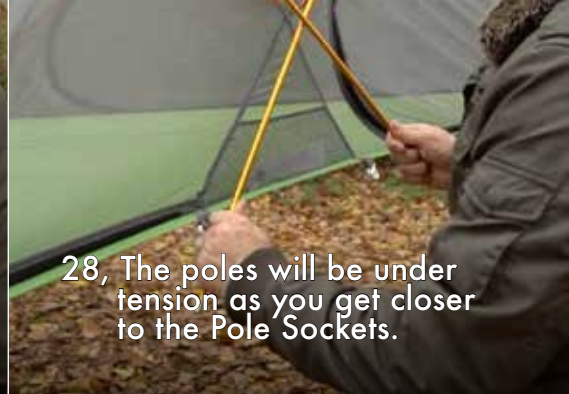
Inserting the Poles

Take the Pole Ends and carefully push them towards the Connect so that the lengths move upwards. Take the Pole Ends and secure them in the Pole Sockets.

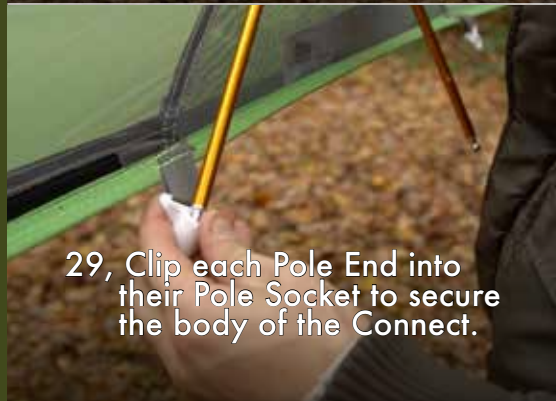
The main body of the Connect is now complete and ready for the Flysheet.



27, Take each Pole End and push them towards the Pole Sockets whilst the lengths move up to raise the roof.



28, The poles will be under tension as you get closer to the Pole Sockets.



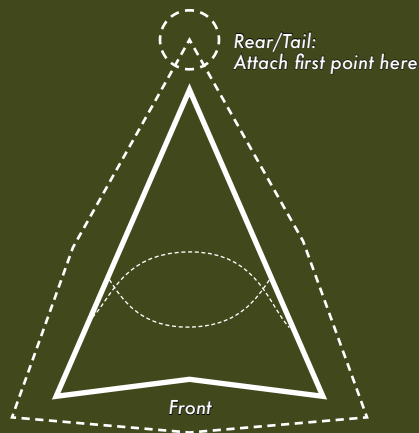
29, Clip each Pole End into their Pole Socket to secure the body of the Connect.



30, Ensure all Pole Ends are secure and Ratchets are locked before entering.

Fitting the Flysheet

The flysheet is easily added to the Connect. Each corner it is tied to should be approx 6"/15cm along the Connect strap to ensure rain does not penetrate. The flysheet has elastic ties to be used with the ground pegs.



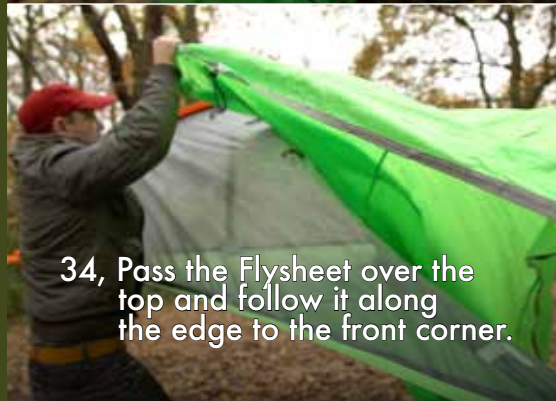
31, Locate the rear of the Flysheet. This is where the 3 seams meet.



32, Start at the rear and place the Flysheet 6"/15cm along the strap.



33, Take the 2 hooks and attach them to the under plate of the Ratchet.



34, Pass the Flysheet over the top and follow it along the edge to the front corner.



35, Overlap the strap again with the Flysheet and ensure it covers the Connect.

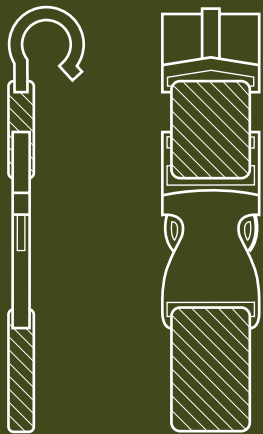


36, Lace the cords around the strap and connect the hooks to secure. Repeat for the final corner.

Updated Flysheet Fixing

For 2017 we have introduced a new fixing method to replace the Bungee fixings.

They feature 2 removable C-clips that attach to the Ratchet handle as shown.



Start with the Tail end piece.



Take the C-clips and pull towards the Ratchet handle.



Simply clip both C-clips over the handle.



Ensure that the C-clip straps are not twisted and laying flat.

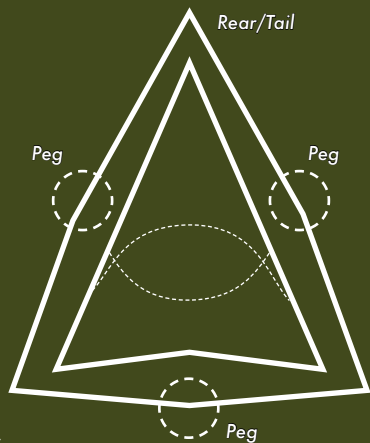


Repeat for the remaining corners of the Flysheet.

Pegging out

The final part is to peg it out using the bungees and pegs provided.

Simply attach the bungee loop to the peg, pull until firm and then screw them into the ground to secure.



37, In the middle of each edge is a loop with a bungee attached.



38, Loop the bungee on to the peg so that it will securely hold it.



39, Position so the flysheet can have good water runoff and minimise sagging.

You're done

At each corner underneath the Flysheet are hooks that allow it to be pegged out to provide the best rain protection.

Check all Ratchets are in the locked position before entering.



40, At each corner, connect the Flysheet hooks together to secure it down.



All done. Double check the straps, ratchet and knots and roll up any loose strap ends.

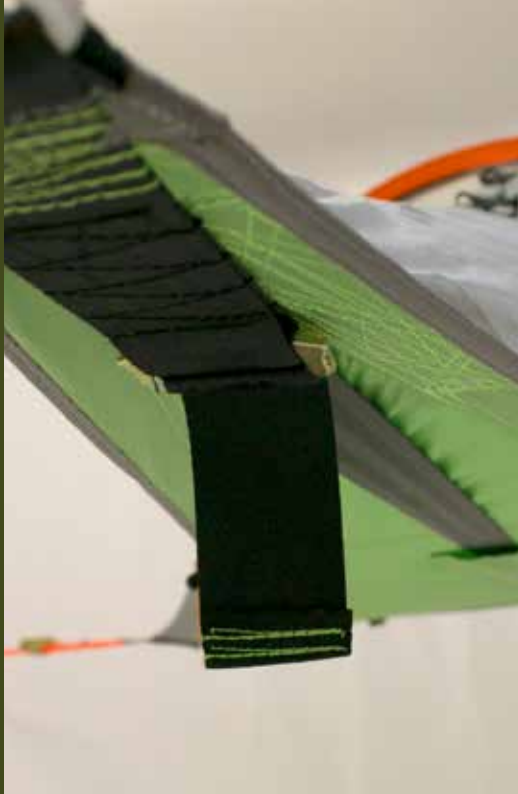
Floor Strap Calibration

Tentsile Trees Tents come pre-calibrated, but stretch over time so will need you to tighten the under floor strap, using the buckle every so often. Here is how.

When the tent is up, the centre (underfloor) strap should provide a clear delineation between both hammock berths. To increase this tension (and therefore separation between the two hammocks) just tighten or loosen the adjuster buckle strap on the underside of the tent.

This re-tensioning will need to take place every so often as the materials stretch into full size over time.

If you are using the Tentsile Connect, you can slack off this strap completely and have the whole floor as a large single hammock berth to yourself.



How to use the Ratchet

1) Take tail end of the long strap around your trees and thread through the loop and away from tree, towards your Tentsile.

2) Thread loop of the ratchet through the D-Ring at each corner of your Tentsile and take the buckle through the loop.

3) Take long strap tail and thread it through the ratchet buckle spindle, pulling through all excess orange strap. Crank ratchet until the orange strap has gone around the spindle at least 1.5 full revolutions to under lock it. This will prevent any slippage before moving to the next corner.

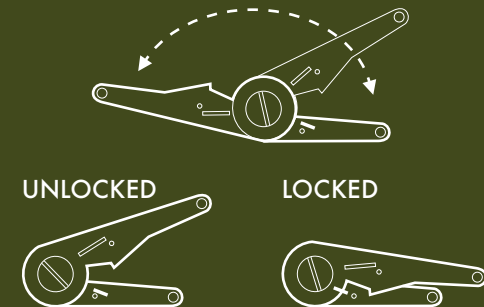
4) Repeat step 3 at each tent corner, trying as much as possible to keep the tent corners pointing towards their respective anchor points.

5) Revisit all corners and adjust as necessary. Use line of sight down each strap to centralise your Tentsile between your chosen anchor points. You have about a 7° degree margin of tolerance in each direction.

6) Tighten ratchets as much as you can. **ENSURE RATCHETS ARE IN LOCKED POSITION BEFORE ENTERING THE TREE TENT.**

7) Roll and tidy up strap ends to avoid any possible trip hazards.

Crank the ratchet handle back & forth 7-9 times to increase tension to straps.



Policies

Maintenance

Visual and Tactile inspection of all components for structural damage before every use and dry out Tentsile thoroughly before packing away. Tentsiles should be stored safely in a dry environment.

Returns

You can return this product, unused, within 4 weeks of purchase and expect a full refund or replacement. If a manufacturing defect occurs within 1 year of reasonable* use, the product can be returned for repair or exchange.

Weather

The Tentsile Tree Tent is not intended to be used in severe weather. If there is weather that creates dangerous conditions, such as storms, heavy rain, high winds, and/or lightning, do not use or remain in the Tentsile Tree Tent in or during those conditions. It is recommended that the Tentsile Tree Tent is taken down and stored to avoid remaining inside and being subject to such conditions. Leaving the Tentsile Tree Tent out and installed in bad weather can lead to potential destruction and/or damage to it (not covered by warranty). If the Tentsile Tree Tent is subject to such

conditions, it and its anchor/hanging system should be inspected in detail prior to any future use. Be sure to thoroughly dry the Tentsile Tree Tent before storing.

Customer Service Charter

Quality first – We will manufacture, sell and distribute the best possible quality Tree Tents in the World.

Customer focus – We will provide prompt, courteous and efficient service, with honesty and integrity and expert, clear, and timely information to customers and colleagues.

Tentsile Promise - We will strive for a 'get it right first time, every time' in all our dealings in manufacturing, distribution, sales, and service.

This policy does not cover damage incurred by environmental conditions, weather conditions, or apocalyptic events.

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Warranties

This one year warranty covers all manufacturing faults of fabrics, parts and workmanship. This warranty covers the functionality of the product for its normal, intended use as specified in Tentsile's consumer literature, incl. website.

It does not cover poles or malfunction of any component that has resulted from improper or unreasonable use or neglectful maintenance, the user's use of undersized or unhealthy trees, sharp objects or fire near the tent or the use by more than the recommended number of persons, at the recommended set up height.

This policy does not cover damage incurred by environmental conditions, weather conditions, or apocalyptic events.

The warranty herein will not be honoured for products that are purchased through an unauthorised dealer or secondary reseller.

Unauthorised and/or resold products are not backed up by the high quality standards and dependability of original products sold by authorized dealers. By buying from an unauthorised dealer you could get a product that is counterfeit, stolen, or re-manufactured, and being listed as new.

To redeem any potential warranty you will need to provide proof of purchase with the product.

Other than as described above, the manufacturer, sellers, and resellers of this product make no other representations and/or warranties, either express or implied, regarding the product, including without limitation, any warranties as to merchantability, quality, or fitness for a particular purpose.

The manufacturer, sellers, and resellers shall not be liable in any way whatsoever for special, indirect, consequential, or incidental damages, whether based on breach of contract, breach of warranty, tort (including negligence), product liability or otherwise, even if they have been advised of the possibility of such damages. Violation of the instructions and warnings herein operates as a waiver of claims by the user.

The Tentsile Tree Tent user agrees that his or her full remedy against the manufacturer, sellers, and resellers for any liability, claims, or damages, shall be limited to the purchase price of the Tentsile Tree Tent, and irrevocably waives all claims for any other damages that such user may have.



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