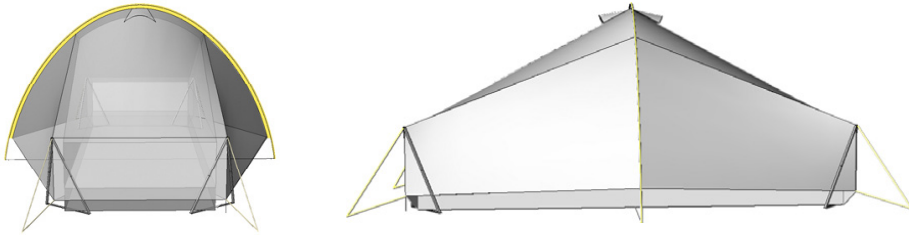


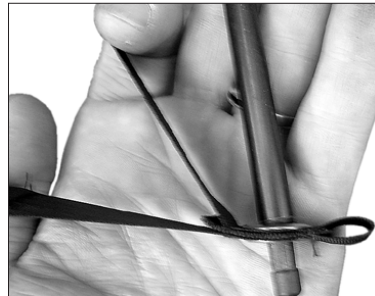
Tarptent Hogback



Basic Setup

Basic setup is very easy. It will take about 2 minutes once you get the hang of it. For additional photos, see <http://www.tarptent.com/hogback.html>

1. Spread canopy on ground, black floor side down. Remove stakes from stake bag and have ready.
2. Assemble 9-segment, main arch pole. Pole length is just over 13.5 ft / 4 m.
3. Insert pole tip into yellow pole sleeve, push pole through sleeve, and insert both pole tips into grommets.



4. Pull out one corner of the canopy, spread strut ends apart, loop guyline over stake and stake to ground. Repeat with adjoining corner so that one end of the canopy is secured. Leave center edge strut guyline loose for now.



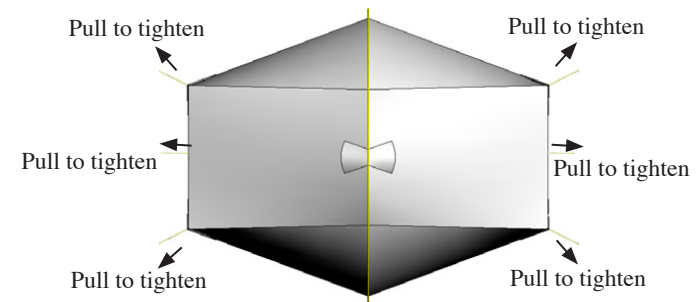
5. Now walk to the other end of the structure, lift and pull both corners to center the central arch, and stake one of the corners as shown.
6. Now pull the remaining corner guyline out and stake.
7. Adjust corner positions, center arch, and restake as necessary to ensure canopy is taut.



8. Set center edge strut to a vertical position, pull out center edge guyline, and stake. Repeat other side.



10. Use line tighteners at each corner to fine-tune tension. Line tighteners (pull cord end to tighten; lift lever to loosen) adjust tension.



Venting

Apex vents can be adjusted to suit conditions using the interior loops and clips. For milder conditions and maximum ventilation, rip open velcro and hook the interior clips together to the lower ring of the inner canopy clip. For more severe conditions, unhook and then hook both clips to apex. Push vents closed as needed using the velcro strips. In addition to the apex ventilation, each canopy door has a tie-back for full open venting and a buckle at the lower zipper opening to keep the door flap mostly closed when the zipper is open. The buckle also helps take stress off the zipper.

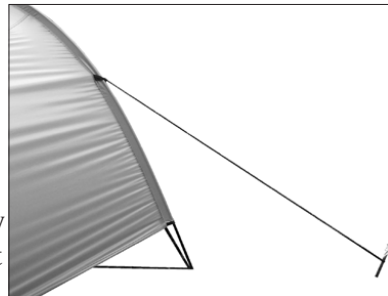


Maximum ventilation



Wind

Seek natural windbreaks in trees and behind rock outcroppings to limit wind exposure. Additional canopy support can be added using the canopy and arch sleeve pullouts as shown.



Inner Compartment

The inner compartment attaches to the outer fly structure via clips and rings. The compartment is completely detachable and the outer fly can be used standalone.



Seam-sealing and Repair

Seams must be sealed with a **silicone**-based sealer such as GE Silicone II clear sealer. In a well-ventilated location, mix about **three tablespoons** into a tuna can with about 6 tablespoons mineral spirits (paint thinner) or Coleman fuel/white gas. Stir to dissolve and form a semi-viscous solution. Set up the tent and seal the outside/topside seams over your living space. Paint the solution on with a small foam brush for easy, smooth application. It's also a good idea to paint thicker swaths of silicone on the compartment floor in the area of your sleeping pads to help reduce sliding, especially if you use inflatable pads. Small fabric tears can be patched with pure silicone and scrap fabric.

Condensation and Sag

Ventilation and fabric warmth are your best defenses against condensation. Keep doors open as much possible and try to set up where it's breezy. Look for warmer and drier microclimates under trees and out of valleys and lake basins.

Nylon stretches (and sags) when the humidity goes up, night is falling, and/or when it starts to rain. **Use the line tighteners to tighten the fabric.**

Key points to consider

- Push the arch poles out of sleeves and loops. Pulling the pole will result in pole segment separation.
- The fabric will resist much stress but neither flame nor abrasion. Treat it accordingly.

Thank you for your purchase and we sincerely hope that you enjoy your Tarptent. Feedback is always welcome.

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