

PITCHING INSTRUCTIONS

NORTH STAR

Preparations

Try to find a level site. Avoid pitching the tent in hollows or other areas where rain water may collect or run through. Make sure that there are no sharp objects on the ground. Unpack the tent. In windy conditions you should secure all loose parts (stuff bags, inner tent, fly) to keep them from getting blown away.

Poles

When assembling the poles, do not let them snap hard against, or into each other as this may damage the ends of the sections. Make sure that the pole sections are fully inserted into each other.

Inner Tent

Lay out the inner tent. In windy conditions you can peg it at the corners. Feed the green poles into the black mesh sleeves crossing the roof of the tent. The pole sleeves are colour coded at their openings to facilitate matching each pole to its designated sleeve. Place one pole end into the eyelet next to the peg loop at a corner of the tent, curve the pole and place the other end into the eyelet diagonally across the tent. Repeat with the second pole. Fasten the clips to the poles.

Feed the yellow pole through its sleeve above the entrance. Ideally let this pole run underneath the green poles at either end of the pole sleeve. Place one end of the pole into the eyelet at the side of the tent, curve the pole at the other end and place it into the eyelet on the other side of the tent. Fasten the clips to the pole. With the poles in place stretch the tent and peg it down at the six corners if you have not already done so. Make sure that the ground sheet has an even tension and lies flat.

Pitching the inner tent by itself will suffice in warm, dry and calm conditions. However, using the fly will save you from unpleasant surprises from sudden rain or wind, protect your gear and provide privacy. There are loops sewn into the roof area of the inner tent. These can be used to attach a clothes line or to hang a small torch.

Fly

Pull the fly over the tent and arrange so that the fly door is in front of the inner door. Attach the nine velcro tabs on the inside of the fly around the poles to keep the fly in place. Insert the side release buckles into their counterparts at the corners and sides of the inner tent. Pull the vestibule corners away from the front of the inner tent and peg these into the ground. Moving around the tent tighten the webbing straps equally at all the side release buckles to achieve an even tension of the fly over the inner tent. Peg down the shock cord loops at the side and rear of the fly.

Guy lines

For best results in strong winds peg down the guy lines as far away from the tent as conditions allow. The lines from the front of the tent and the scalloped side panel can be angled straight out from the tent side. The lines from the back corner should generally follow the direction of the poles. In prevailing wind from one direction all lines should - where possible - angle more into the direction from where the wind is coming. The tension on the lines should be just enough to support the natural shape of the tent. Too much tension will deform the tent and decrease its stability in strong winds.

Pegs

Always place the pegs into the ground at a slight angle away from the tent for greater stability. When the ground is soft you could place large stones on the pegs to keep them in place. Make sure that the fabric of the tent or the guy lines cannot chafe on the stones.

Ventilation

In warm conditions you can open the fabric panel of the inner entrance to allow fresh air into the tent. The fine mosquito netting will keep insects out. The door panel can be stashed away into the netting pocket on the inside next to the entrance. For more ventilation the top of the entrance in the fly can be opened, if not the entire entrance - weather permitting.

Taking down the tent

Make sure that the inner tent is clean of sand or dirt to avoid unnecessary wear to the fabrics. Empty the inner pockets. Close all zips. Pull up the pegs from the guy lines and the fly. Loosen the webbing at the side release buckles and detach them from the inner tent. Remove the velcro tabs from the poles and take off the fly. After taking the pole ends out of the eyelets, **push** the poles out of their sleeves. Do **not pull** since the pole sections may come apart and make it more difficult to get the poles out.

Undo the clips from the poles of the inner tent and pull up the pegs holding the inner tent. In windy conditions you may want to leave one peg in the ground to keep the tent from blowing away. Poles are best taken apart in the middle first. Put both halves together. By then taking apart two sections at a time you evenly distribute the tension on the shock cord inside the pole.

