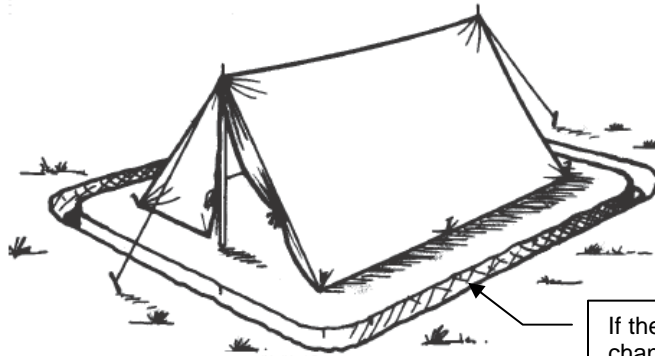


Expedition Training

Tent Erection



If the weather is very wet dig a channel round the tent to prevent water entering the tent if it rains. **This is to be filled in before leaving the site.**

Check Kit

Make sure you have everything needed to construct your tent.

Choose a good location

Find a flat area, ideally on ground higher than that around it. This means your tent won't flood when it rains and you won't be sleeping on a slope.

Don't pitch beneath trees as this can be dangerous. Falling branches pose a risk, as do lightning strikes in bad weather.

Don't put your tent too near to somebody else's. Sound travels easily between tents, and you may need some space for guy lines and cooking. Give yourself a 6 metre berth from any neighbouring tents. If you are forced to pitch on an incline or uneven surface, ensure the door faces downhill to prevent the tent flooding.

Prepare the area

Clear away any stones, sticks or other sharp objects that may damage the floor of your tent and make the ground uncomfortable to sleep on.

Lay out your tent

Spread the tent on the prepared ground. Make sure the door is positioned where you want it.

Peg it out

Push or hammer pegs into the ground at a 45 degree angle so that the end of the peg is facing away from the tent. This stops the wind uprooting them.

Pull the guy ropes as far as you can away from the tent. The further you peg it, the more secure your tent will be. If space is an issue, the guy ropes are adjustable. It is essential that the rope is taut.

Final Check

Check that the flysheet doesn't sag and that it is not touching the inner part of the tent. Make sure that each guy rope is secured and that the pegs are sunk into the ground. If anything looks wrong, correct it.