

If this is the first time that you have been camping then the following tips and information may help make your trip more enjoyable.

BEFORE USING YOUR TENT.

1. Get to know your tent before your trip by practising pitching and familiarising yourself with its component parts and features. This will also double check that it is complete and undamaged and will not spoil your holiday.
2. Whilst there is a small repair kit included with the tent, it contains only basic items so it may be worth considering taking a more comprehensive kit; such spares are available through your local Wynnster stockist. It is also advisable to assemble a spares and tool kit so that should any accidental breakage occur then this will enable the repair to be effected without delay.

Items that should be considered are: additional pegs (to cover varying soil types such as very hard ground or even loose sandy soils); extra/spare guy ropes (to cover losses or to be used in adverse weather conditions to strengthen the structure); extra seam sealer (as whilst every effort has been taken to ensure that they are adequately taped, leakage may develop during heavy or prolonged rainfall); spare pole sections; shock cord elastic etc.

3. A multi tool of some description (or pliers, a pen knife and a junior hack saw), plus a roll of water proof tape and some quick drying, multi-purpose glue will get you out of most difficulties.
4. A rubber mallet will help you cope with very hard ground plus a tent peg extractor for the end of your holiday.
5. We suggest that you have some form of insurance cover against theft, accidental or storm damage.

Should you have any queries then in all instances these must be directed to the retailer from whom the tent was purchased.

CHOOSING A SITE.

1. Ideally this should be as flat as possible for both your comfort and the stability of the tent.
2. Avoid low lying ground or other such areas that may flood in heavy rain, the presence of long green grass will help you spot these places.
3. It should also be clear of any object that may puncture the ground sheet or give you discomfort in the night.
4. Avoid pitching under trees as they may drip sap or water (long after the rain has stopped falling) and aim for sites that are in shadow at the height of the day as you may wish for some shade during the hotter months. For extended use it is advisable to seek a shady site, as most tent materials will be weakened by prolonged exposure to strong sunlight; this

is manifested in a fading of colour and a weakening of the fabric. The amount of fading is not an indicator of the degree of weakening. The polyester fabric used in the manufacture of this tent as opposed to nylon will deteriorate significantly more resistant to the affects of ultraviolet light.

5. Make use of natural windbreaks such as walls and hedges etc.
6. For Fire Safety it is advisable to site your tent at least 6 metres from adjacent tents.

ERECTING YOUR TENT.

1. Whenever possible try to pitch the tail or the lowest part of the tent into the wind as this will help the wind blow over the structure more easily, and with the door facing away from the wind so that rain cannot be blown inside.
2. As the assembly process requires the poles and other component parts to be put under tension, care must be taken at all times.
3. If pitching the tent in windy conditions then extra care and precautions must be taken to guard against personal injury and to ensure the tent does not become damaged. Whilst the poles are being installed the flysheet may need to be pegged down so that it is not blown away. The most critical point when most damage occurs is when the poles have been fully installed but before the pegs have been fully put in; emergency but temporary guying and pegging may be required at this stage. Try and enlist the help of fellow campers if you are having difficulties.
4. Pitch with all zips closed and drive all pegs in at an angle (ideally of 45° or less to the horizontal) and in line with the seams. Do not overstretch the elasticated peg loops but apply sufficient pressure to tension the fabric; spend a little time to make sure all are correctly positioned. Do not peg the ground sheet down too tightly and if possible lay a polythene sheet (or similar such as Damp Proof Membrane material available from builders merchants) underneath, as this will extend the life of the tent's groundsheet and help keep it clean. Furthermore this will help alleviate the build up of condensation by blocking the evaporation of moisture from the ground.

IN USE.

1. Keep the exit(s) clear and free from obstruction to prevent accidental damage to you and the tent, especially in an emergency.
2. To help keep the doors closed, cross over the peg points at the base of zips on the flysheet. Avoid treading on the zips and keep them free from dirt, as this will maintain their smooth operation. Should the zips become difficult to operate: do not force them but adjust the pegging/guying of the tent to ease the pressure on them and lubricate with a silicon or similar lubricant to maintain their smooth operation. Specialist products are available from your Camping retailer.
3. Even though the tent's outer fabric has been coated to provide protection from the weather it will stop moisture vapour that is inside from escaping. This may result in water droplets appearing on its inner surface as condensation.

Condensation may come from moisture contained in the ground or expired from the occupants of the tent and held in the air as humidity, and it is most likely to appear upon

the on set of rain, as this will rapidly chill the flysheet fabric. This may also happen at night time when the outside air temperature drops. These droplets may fall from the flysheet and this cannot altogether be avoided but it can certainly be alleviated.

To help prevent this, increase ventilation as much as possible by opening vents and zips and promoting an airflow under the flysheet. Cooking and lighting are also sources of condensation particularly if using fossil fuels such as gas, petrol or paraffin; therefore it is obviously best to cook outside when the weather allows or in an alternative structure (and also from a safety point of view).

In an extended period of dry weather the storm cap (if fitted) may be removed to aid ventilation. If the tent has draught guards then these should be rolled up and secured to increase the flow of the air under the bottom edge of the flysheet.

Condensation should not be confused with leakage.

4. Periodically check each peg point and re adjust as necessary, especially during/after stormy weather. In adverse weather conditions extra precautions will need to be taken; more guy lines may be needed to strengthen the structure; more or alternative types or sizes of pegs may be required especially if the ground is soft or becomes saturated, double pegging some points as necessary; the communal area groundsheet may need to be unclipped in the doorways and folded back to prevent rainwater running back into the tent.

5. FIRE WARNING:

The Fire Retardant fabrics that are used for the groundsheet, inner, mesh ventilation panels and flysheet of this tent will significantly reduce the rate of flame propagation, but the tent is still flammable.

- Keep naked flames and other heat sources well away from all the tent's fabrics.
- Do not refill stoves or change fuel cartridges inside or near to the tent.
- Never leave heating, lighting or cooking appliances unattended in the vicinity of the tent.

- Think safety first -

STORAGE & MAINTENANCE.

1. **NEVER** store the tent unless it is completely dry. Storing when damp allows the formation and development of mildew. This rots natural fibres and will damage the waterproof coating to the fabric and leaves indelible stains. Poles and fitments, including tent pegs, should be cleaned, dried and stored separately from the main tent parts.
2. Light soiling may be removed either by the gentle use of a soft brush or a soft, dampened cloth. Remove dirt from the fabric by gently brushing when dry. Never use detergents or wash in a washing machine, as this will damage the waterproof coatings.
3. Should the tent show signs of leakage along any of the flysheet seams, the inner tent suspension points, lantern loops etc, seam sealant should be applied. A tube may be found in the repair kit with replacements readily available from your Outdoor Leisure retailer.
4. Tears and holes from accidental damage or otherwise may be repaired. Please contact your local Camping retailer or nearest specialist repairer.

COMPONENT PARTS

Please read the **General Information** before starting and familiarise yourself with each of the component parts. Please refer to the diagrams as you proceed.

TAKE EXTRA CARE AND PRECAUTIONS ON WINDY DAYS SO THAT THE TENT DOES NOT BECOME DAMAGED.

Your tent comprises the following parts:

(As you unpack the component parts make a mental note of how the tent was packed in the carry bag as this will help you when you come to repack it.)

The poles are stored in their own carry bag and need not necessarily be re-packed with the remainder of the tent.

1.	The flysheet, which is the outer PU coated shell of the tent that has attached guy ropes, windows and a poles sleeve by the entrance etc.
2.	The large inner tent that incorporates both the main living area and the bedrooms having an integral groundsheet, "D" shaped doors with secondary mesh insect proof ventilation panels, poles sleeves etc.
3.	A pole carry bag that contains 5 fibreglass poles that are strung in sections on elasticated shock cord. The end tips of each pole are colour coded to correspond with coloured taping on each pole sleeve on the inner tent and the one that is on the flysheet.
4.	A peg bag that contains sufficient pegs to erect the tent.
6.	An emergency Repair Kit that contains fabric cuttings, seam sealant, spare pegs & guy rope, peg point elastic and an emergency pole repair sleeve.

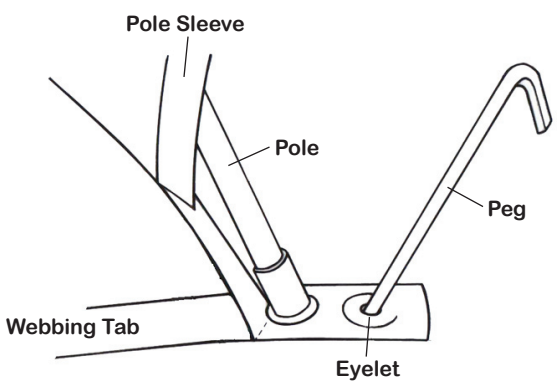
AS THE ASSEMBLY PROCESS REQUIRES THE POLES AND OTHER COMPONENT PARTS TO BE PUT UNDER TENSION, CARE MUST BE TAKEN AT ALL TIMES TO PREVENT PERSONAL INJURY OR HARM TO OTHERS.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

1.	Having selected your site, unfold the inner tent ensuring that the door is zipped closed and orientate it so that where possible this door faces away from the prevailing wind.
2.	Unfold the fibreglass pole sections and gently slot them together to form the 5 complete poles.
3.	Taking the assembled poles in turn, gently PUSH them through the relevant pole sleeves in the inner tent with the same colour taping as the end tip of the pole. Where possible avoid standing on the inner tent, as this will damage it.

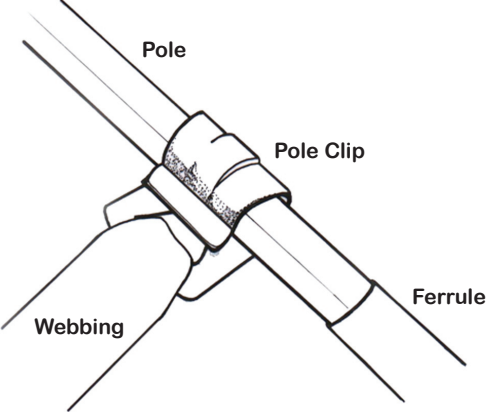
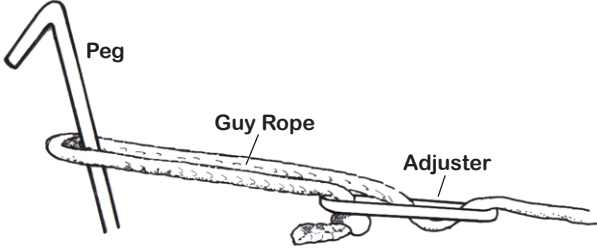
Always push the poles, never pull them otherwise the sections will come apart and the elastic shock cord will break.

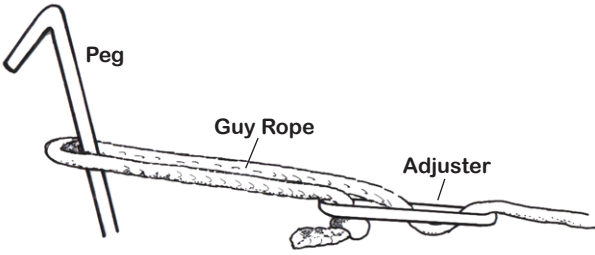
Do not continue until all the poles have been pushed through their corresponding sleeves in the inner tent.

4.	<p>Starting with the crossing diagonal poles, insert one end into the eyelet in the webbing tab at the base of and nearest to the inner tent (the outer one is always for the peg) and repeat with the other end, by grasping the webbing tab firmly and pushing the pole through the sleeve (see figure 1). To achieve this the pole sleeves must be eased over the poles, especially over the metal joints or ferrules. This initial process will be greatly eased if the inner tent is lifted and supported from inside. Repeat with the remaining poles. Do not put the remaining pole in pole sleeve in the flysheet just yet.</p>	<p>Figure 1</p> 
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5.	Before starting to put in the pegs, check that the tent's position is acceptable, adjusting if necessary. Peg down all the webbing tabs through the eyelets, including the webbing loops located around the groundsheet part of the inner tent.
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6.	Next take the flysheet and unfold it so that the outer part (the guy ropes will be visible) is uppermost, orientate this so that when it is pulled over the erected inner tent the door aligns with the door on the inner tent. This stage will require a minimum of 2 persons, as basically the flysheet has to be hauled over the inner tent. You may find it easier to leave the remaining pole out of its sleeve in the flysheet but this is not critical as it may assist you in lifting the flysheet over the inner tent.
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<p>7.</p>	<p>If the remaining pole is not now in the correct sleeve in the flysheet, do this now then put its ends into the corresponding eyelets in the webbing tabs on the inner tent. Attach it to the flysheet using the pole clips that are sewn to the outside of the flysheet between the ends of the pole sleeve and the bottom edge of the flysheet (see figure 2).</p>	<p>Figure 2</p>  <p>Pole Pole Clip Webbing Ferrule</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Located on the inside of the flysheet along the main seams that align with the pole sleeve on the inner tent are several fabric ties, these should be tied using a double bow around the poles. There are generally about two ties per pole on each of the sides of the tent.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>In the entrance to the main door and attached to the inner tent is an “apron” style ground sheet, this should be pegged through the eyelets on its corners.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>The tent is now ready to be fully pegged, ideally starting with the peg points at the base of the poles to the main domed living area followed by those at the ends of the bedroom pods. This must all be done systematically so that the tent ends up being symmetrically pitched, taking care to balance the tension at each point so that the tents fabric is stretched evenly. Remember to angle the pegs away from the tent.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Unravel the guy ropes and loosely peg out each one ensuring that they are all pegged directly in line with the seam or pole to which they will apply tension and support. Once this is achieved tighten the adjusters so that equal tension is applied to each guy point (see figure 3).</p>	<p>Figure 3</p>  <p>Peg Guy Rope Adjuster</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>The doors and window covers may be rolled back and secured using the conveniently located ties.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>The steel poles that are supplied are to enable you to support the main door to create a canopy over the entrance. They are in sections that simply push together. At one end there is a rubber cap, the other there is a short spike with a rubber grommet. To erect the porch open the door in the flysheet and push the spike through the eyelet in the corner, pushing the grommet on afterwards. Unravel the guy ropes and loosely peg out each one ensuring that they are all pegged diagonally from each corner.</p>	

14.	Once this is achieved tighten the adjusters so that equal tension is applied to each guy point (see figure 4).	<p>Figure 4</p> 
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How to take down your tent

1.	Please note that the pegs should be extracted by either using a tent peg extractor or more simply by using another peg. Do not pull them out by using the guy rope or the elastic.
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AGAIN TAKING EXTRA CARE AND PRECAUTIONS ON WINDY DAYS SO THAT THE TENT DOES NOT BECOME DAMAGED.

2.	Unpeg the guy ropes, slide the adjuster up to the flysheet and neatly tie them up to prevent them becoming tangled. Unpeg all the other remaining pegs.
3.	Unclip the pole in the flysheet and remove the pole ends from the eyelets taking great care, as these will be under tension, then gently PUSH (DO NOT PULL, for the same reasons as above) the pole through the sleeve in the flysheet.
4.	Detach the flysheet from the inner tent by undoing the bows and haul it off the still assembled inner tent.
5.	Remove the remaining pole ends from the eyelets taking great care again, as these will be under tension, and then gently PUSH (DO NOT PULL) the poles through the sleeves in the inner tent.

Keep them away from your face and children at a safe distance.

6.	To pack the poles away, simply pull each of their sections apart and fold up and store them in their carry bag. Collect the pegs together, cleaning them as you go, and put them in their storage bag.
7.	Ensuring that the tent is thoroughly dry if it is to be stored for some time, pack the tent away into its carry bag. The easiest way to achieve this is to individually fold the inner tent and the flysheet to the rough width of the carry bag and lay them on top of each other. Then slowly roll them up around the poles, ensuring that as much of the trapped air as possible is squeezed out. The more slowly & tightly this is done the easier it will be to get it back into the carry bag.
8.	If the tent is wet or dirty when you temporarily pack it away remember to fold “wet to wet” and “dry to dry”, as this will help reduce the soiling of the inner tent etc.