



YUKON BELL TENT INSTRUCTIONS

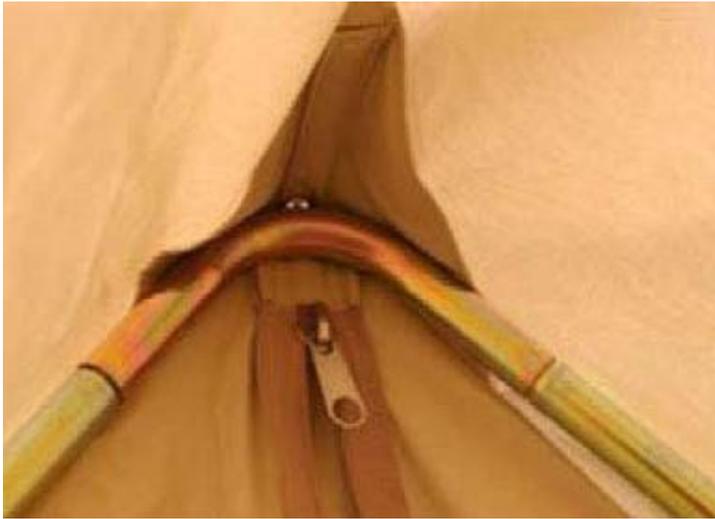
STARTING TIPS

- One person can set up the Yukon bell tent, but **it helps to have two people.**
- Even though you can zip the floor apart from the tent, we recommend keeping them attached and only unzipping when you need a breeze or when trying to cut down weight for hauling the tent. **The tent is much faster to set up and take down with the floor attached.**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Lay the tent out in a flat area** large enough to allow for the diameter of your tent (13', 16', or 20') plus an additional 6 feet on all sides for the ropes.
2. Using the small pegs, pull the groundsheet tight, and **stake down the floor.**
3. **Take the main straight pole** through the door, find the center of the cone, and **push the pole and tent up** until it is vertical.
4. **Attach all the ropes** to the tent and, without putting too much tension at this time, **stake down the tent** with the larger stakes.
 - a. There will be one rope longer than the others. This is for the door. Wait until **after step 5** to attach it to the door.
 - b. TIP: To help keep the tent centered, it is best to stake down ropes on **opposites sides** of each other, working your way around the tent.

5. **Assemble the door A frame together** *inside the tent* and set it in place. Assembling from within the tent will make placing it easier.
- a. **Put the spike through the hole** at the top of the door and tie the pole along the top on each side and the first tie down the wall. *Do not use the tie closest to the floor.*
 - b. The pole should **angle away** from the door as shown in the picture below to allow proper fit along the top of the pole.



6. Ensure that all securing guy ropes follow the lines of the seams in the roof. It is important to make sure the tent stays symmetrical and that the tension is evenly spread.



7. Once all the pegs are in, adjust the guy ropes to create the desired tension. With proper tension on guy ropes that correctly follow the seem lines, your tent should look like this:



TIP:

If the door seems too tight, move the two guy ropes either side of the door in towards the middle of the door to relieve some tension.

Putting the Walls Up

If it's a hot day, there is nothing better than rolling the walls up and letting the breeze brush over you. You can roll up the tent wall or just a section.

Simply unzip the section you want up, roll the wall up from the inside and tie using the strings provided. We usually use a slip knot (loop through loop) to save time and effort when it's time to roll them back down again.



Packing Your Tent Back into its Bag

1. **Make sure your tent is dry.** It's fine to take the tent down damp, but make sure you get it fully dry before storing. *You don't have to set the tent up again to dry it; just hang it on a wash line or over a car or some chairs.*

2. Remove all the poles and pegs from the tent **while keeping the canvas off the grass** to keep your tent clean and free of grass stains.



3. Without standing on the canvas, **fold half of the tent over** so you have a half-moon with the groundsheet facing up
4. Let the half of the groundsheet that's facing up **dry out**. *Now is a good time to wipe off any mud or worm casks.*
5. Once the condensation has dried off, **flip the half-moon over** so the other half of the groundsheet can **dry out**. *Consider moving the tent off its original spot to avoid putting the condensation back onto the first half.*

If it's not a dry day, you'll need to dry the tent out when you get home. That's ok! However, make sure to always have canvas touching canvas and groundsheet touching groundsheet to avoid stains.

6. Once the whole tent is dry, **fold the half-moon over on itself again and again** so you end up with a strip the width of the tent bag. Put the bag at the top of the tent and use it as a template to get the right width.



7. Now, **fold** the strip in half, **place the pole bag and peg bag** at one end, and **roll the whole thing** into a tight bundle using the ties to **secure** the tent as a roll.

Keeping Your Tent in Pristine Condition

THE CANVAS

- Maintenance starts when setting up your bell tent. If a bell tent has not been set up correctly uneven forces will pull on the canvas. This could eventually lead to damage. To ensure your tent stays set up correctly **daily guy rope maintenance** is necessary.
- It is in your interest to **keep the canvas as clean as possible** and remove stains when created. Dust and dried mud is best removed once the canvas is dry by brushing with a clean hard brush like a floor scrubbing brush.

THE ZIPPERS

- Zippers must sometimes endure extreme tension caused by wind, incorrect tent setups, or pressures caused by people or objects leaning into the tent. To limit damage to any zippers:
 - Close them all before setting up your tent.
 - Handle them with care.
 - Protect them by treating them with silicone occasionally.
- Verify zippers before setting up your tent, as there is no warranty on them after use.

THE CENTER POLE

- You may see some deflection in the center pole due to the joints allowing some movement. This is normal and ok.
- If you want a more rigid pole to help with snow loads or extreme weather, you can use a 1 ¼" black pipe (thick wall pipe) that can be found at your local hardware store in the plumbing section. A 10' section will cost around \$35.