

# Yukon Bell Tent Instructions

## Starting and Storing

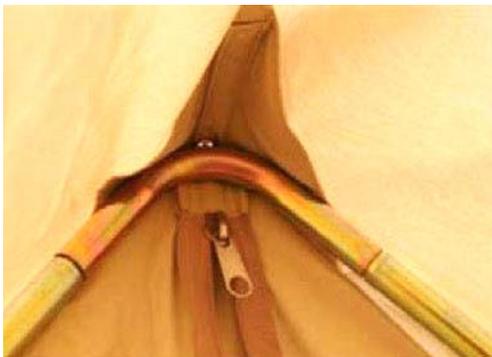
- One person can set up the tent, but it will be easier with two.
- The groundsheet and tent arrive as two separate pieces. However, we recommend you keep the two zipped together and only unzip them when you need a breeze or are trying to cut weight for hauling the tent. The tent is much faster to set up and take down with the floor attached.

## If the Floor is not Attached Yet

- 1) Unpack the Tent and lay out the groundsheet. Find the door and rotate the groundsheet so it's facing the desired direction. Make sure the tags for pegging it down are on the outside and you don't have it inside out.
- 2) Place the canvas on top of the groundsheet. Again, make sure it's the right way around and the guy ropes are outside. Line the door up with the doorway on the ground sheet.
- 3) Zip the canvas and the groundsheet together all the way around (apart from the door).

## Once the Floor is Attached

- 4) Take the small pegs and, pulling the groundsheet tight, peg it out. *The tent is designed so you use the same pegs for the groundsheet and the straps on the bottom of the walls.*
- 5) Take the main straight pole through the door, find the center of the cone and push the pole and tent up until it's vertical.
- 6) Put the A frame together and place it inside the door. *It's easier to get it through the door if you finish putting it together once inside.* Put the spike through the hole as the top of the door and fit the feet into their holding pockets.



- 7) Zip the door shut and, using the large pegs, attach the first guy rope above the door. Then attach the rest of the guy ropes around the whole tent without putting any of them under too much tension. All the guy ropes need to 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.



- 8) Once all the pegs are in, adjust the guy ropes to create the desired tension. If you've followed the seam lines, it should look like this:

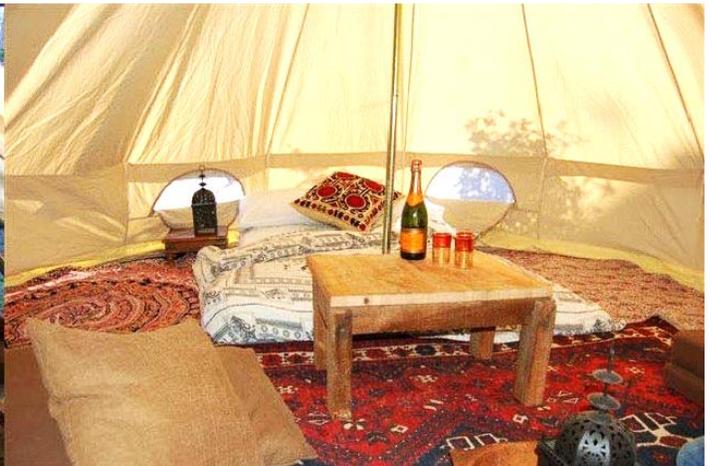
#### **Troubleshooting**

- 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.



## Want 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 whole tent 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.



## How to Pack up Your Tent like a Champ!

1. Take all the poles and pegs out of the tent while keeping the canvas off the grass. *This helps keep your tent clean and grass stain free.* Without standing on the canvas, fold half of the tent over so you have a half moon with the groundsheet facing up.



2. Let that half of the groundsheet dry out and you might want to wipe off any mud or worm casks. *If it's not a dry day you'll need to dry the tent out when you get home. Make sure you get it dry before storing it; you don't have to set the tent up again, just hang it on a washing line, over a car or over some chairs.*
3. As you take it down, always have canvas touching canvas and groundsheet touching groundsheet so that even if the tent is wet you avoid stains.
4. Once the condensation has dried off, you need to flip the half moon over so the other half of the groundsheet can also dry out. *We find it's a good idea to move the tent off its original spot to avoid putting the condensation back onto the first half.*
5. Once the whole tent is dry, you now need to fold the half moon over on itself again and again so you end up with a strip the width of the tent bag. The best way to do this is to put the bag at the top of the tent and use it as a template to get the right width.



6. Now fold the strip in half and place the pole bag and peg bag at one end. Roll the whole thing into a tight bundle using the ties to secure the tent as a roll. Next, lift one end and slip the bag over the tent.



## Maintenance

- 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 are best removed once the canvas is dry by brushing with a clean hard brush like a floor scrubbing brush.

## Zippers

- Zippers sometimes have to endure extreme tension caused by wind, incorrect tent setups or pressure caused by people or objects leaning into the tent.
- In order to limit damage to any zippers...
  - Close all zippers before setting up your tent
  - Handle the zippers with care
  - Protect them by treating them with silicone once in a while, and
- Verify zippers are ok before setting up your tent the first time, as there is no warranty on them after use.