

Expedition Handout campcraft key points: 1

Pitching your tent

Choose a place to pitch your tent where the ground is level and if possible sheltered from the wind by a wall or hedge. Do not pitch directly under a tree.

Check ground and remove anything like stones and twigs which could puncture your ground sheet or make sleeping uncomfortable.

Put up your tent with the door away from the wind - If there is no wind, what did the weather forecast say? look at the way trees and bushes are growing to see if the wind regularly blows in a similar direction.

Always push tent pegs in at a 45% angle to prevent them working loose.

Peg out **all** guy lines as you never know when the weather will change.

During the camp

Regularly check that the tent's flysheet and guylines are at the correct tension as this can change with weather variations. Especially check that everything is secure last thing at night.

Taking your tent down

Shake off any excess water and clean the bottom of the ground sheet before packing your tent.

Safety

Always place tents at least 2 metres apart so that fire cannot easily spread from one tent to another.

When putting up tents with jointed fibreglass or aluminium poles always make them up as you feed them into the pole sleeve. **Do Not** make them up first as this can result in very long poles being waved about which could poke somebody in the eye!

Never allow a naked flame within 3 metres of any tent (this applies to cookers, cigarettes, candles, matches and lighters).

Always keep the tent entrance clear to enable quick and easy exit in an emergency.

