

Hammock Bliss

How To Hang Your Sky Tent 2

1. Locate two strong trees about 13 feet apart. You may be hanging up to 2 hammocks from these trees so make sure they will not bend under the weight. Do not try to hang your Sky Tent from trees that are too far apart. The best distance would be trees 12 to 14 feet apart. 13 feet would be optimal

2. Hang your Sky Tent so that the ridge of the tent is at eye level, nearly 6 feet high. Tie both ends of the ridge line to the trees using Tree Straps if you have them. (Tree Straps will increase your ability hang Sky Tent from larger trees and protects sensitive bark.) Check the tension on the rainfly to ensure that it is correct. If loose, grab the prussic knot that is tied around the ridge line at the corner of the rainfly and pull toward the tree. If too tight, pull away from the tree. It is only necessary to adjust one side. You only want to remove any noticeable slack in the rainfly. Do not over tighten. Too much tension can tear the rainfly.

3. Insert your hammock ropes through the funnel shaped opening holes in the netting part of the Sky Tent. From the inside of the Sky Tent push the ropes through the funnel openings. If you are hanging one hammock only, choose the lower set of exit holes for better air flow and the upper set for better coverage in rain. If hanging 2 hammocks, start with the lower set of holes. After completing set up of the first hammock, move on to the second.

4. When tying your hammock to the tree use these guide lines. Ropes coming from the lower set of holes should be attached below the ridge line. Ropes coming from the upper set of holes should be tied above the ridge line. Your lower hammock should be hanging so that it does not touch the floor when you are in it, 6-12 inches is great. The upper hammock will be nearly 2 feet higher in the Sky Tent than the lower. After both hammocks are set, tighten the cinches around all ropes to keep bugs out. Remember to hang your hammocks with approximately 30 degrees of slack for an optimal lay. Test hammocks before getting in for the night. You may need to readjust the tension based on your body weight and ensure optimal position inside the Sky Tent.

5. Sky Tent has Lineloc adjustment buckles on each of the 4 corners of the rain fly. To tie out the rain fly you will need to affix the end of the black cords to a fixed point near the ground - tent stakes (not included), rocks or branches. Pull the knot end of the cord next to the lineloc to tension. Pull up on the small flat end of the lineloc to release.

6. To bring gear into the Sky Tent with you, hang heavier bags or packs from the suspension ropes of your hammock. Place lighter items on the floor if suspended in the air or use floor to store heavier things if the entire floor is resting on the ground. Caution: putting heavy items on the floor of the Sky Tent while suspended is not recommended and may damage your Sky Tent.

7. When getting into the Sky Tent, it is beneficial to have the smaller person on the top. In most cases the lower person will help the upper person into position before getting into their hammock. Your head can be on the same side or on opposite sides. Both work fine but find what works best for you.

8. Since 2015 Sky Tent features a new V shaped door. You can roll up the door and use the loop and toggle to keep the door for easy access when setting up or when you want to enjoy the open view while hanging out.

9. Since 2015 Sky Tent features a rectangular shaped base layer or floor which mirrors the shape of most inflatable camping pads. If you want to use the Sky on the ground more like a conventional ground tent, there is a loop at each end of the rain fly to help secure the ends of your Sky Tent with a hiking pole or other vertical support. The four corners of the base layer or floor features exterior loops to make it easy to stake the base layer to the ground.

10. When taking your Sky Tent down, you have a couple of options. You can remove everything from the tent and stuff everything individually or leave the hammocks in place, with the suspension ropes in place and stuff them inside of the Sky Tent stuff sack. Since 2015 the stuff sack is not attached to the Sky Tent so it can be used as a separate gear bag. The Sky Tent stuff sack has been made oversized to accommodate both the Sky Tent, your hammocks & your straps.