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GeerTop PYRAMID Tent - HELPFUL NOTES

Congratulations on your purchase, we hope that you will be very happy with this Ultralight Tent.

For your information, this is the two entrance Geertop PYRAMID tent that features the new waterproof, self-sealing flysheet zippers. The new inner tent also features a sewn-in bathtub floor that has corner uprights.

Sewn-in corner uprights nicely raise bathtub sides and better tension the inner tent. This new feature of the bathtub floor automatically pulls the uprights up by 100mm (4") when staking out the inner tent. We found that we did initially have to untie and slightly adjust the top line length to get the upright nice and vertical, but it only took a couple of minutes and only really needs to be done on the first time setting up (see photos).

Once you've done it a few times, the PYRAMID tent is quick and easy to erect. With the four corners of the inner tent floor pegged out, the inner tent will self support once your walking pole handles have been located in the fabric sleeves at the top. It is then simply a matter of throwing over the flysheet and pegging out accordingly. We found it easier to rough peg initially, and then adjust each flysheet peg to provide a taut, nice even shape.



The PYRAMID tent has large air vents mid-way up the two sides. The two air vents on the side of the flysheet are both held open by the side guylines. You can close up the vent by simply running the guyline attached to the top of the vent through the loop on the lower vent material (although with a little thought and ingenuity other methods could be used). **Note:** The lower material of the air vents will sag very close or even onto the mesh inner tent if you do not peg out the four corner guylines. **Pegging out the four corner guylines rectifies this immediately as this naturally pulls taut the lower air vent material and instantly resolves the issue.**

Another thing that we realised about the PYRAMID tent is that if we did add a few centimetres to our walking poles height, we could effectively raise the outer flysheet slightly allowing greater air flow into the tent should conditions warrant it. The manufacturer recommends a walking pole height of 120cm, however, we ended up actually preferring our walking poles set at 125cm. This does two things: firstly it tensions the inner tent slightly more and so reduces sagging, and secondly it slightly raises the flysheet from the ground, which when pegged evenly allows for better ventilation. Obviously the angle at which you set the walking poles into the ground also affects the height. Just set the pole heights and angle to suit your personal preference. It is worth erecting this tent before you actually need to use it in order to get a measure of it.

Every tent will suffer from condensation in certain situations, this is simply a fact of life, but as long as it runs down the inside of the outer flysheet rather than dripping onto the inner, then all is fine. And this is where the pyramidal shape of the PYRAMID tent works extremely well. Condensation only becomes an issue if it drips onto or down the inner tent. To date we have suffered no real condensation issues with this tent.