

SIERRA DESIGNS

BEDOUIN 6



Your Sierra Designs BEDOUIN 6 tent is very easy to pitch and maintain. Follow these instructions to pitch your tent quickly, safely and easily.

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* Sierra Designs tents include stakes for pitching the body and fly under normal conditions. Additional stakes may be required in severe conditions.

First Pitch

In order to familiarize yourself with your new tent, we suggest that you "test pitch" it before embarking on a wilderness trip.

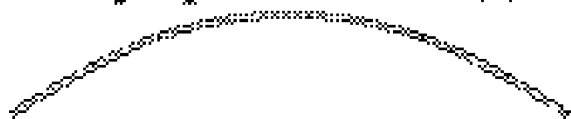
Select a Site

Pitch the tent on a level area that is protected from wind and shaded from the sun, if possible. It also important that the campsite drains well, in case of rain. Clear the area of debris such as sharp stones and sticks that might abrade or puncture the tent floor.

Assemble the Poles

The *Bedouin 6* tent comes with two main poles, and one ridge pole (Figure 1). The two main poles are slightly pre-bent. The ridge pole has two removable sections at either end of the pole.

Pole A:
Slightly Pre-bent Pole (2)



Pole B:
Straight Ridge Pole (1)

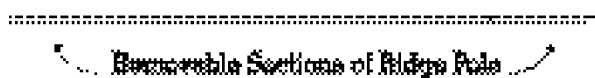


Figure 1: Tent Poles

Carefully unfold the shock corded sections and allow them to slide together. Do not snap the pole sections together, this will damage the poles. Make certain that the insert of each pole section is fully inserted into the next section (Figure 2). Failure to do so will cause your poles to crack.

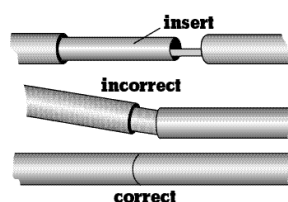


Figure 2: Correct Pole Assembly



Lay Out Tent Body

Unfold the royal blue and off-white tent body. Spread the tent out, with the off-white canopy fabric facing up. Do not step on the tent while setting it up. Spread the tent floor out and locate all four of the stake loops. The two royal blue stake loops are points B and C (Figure 3).

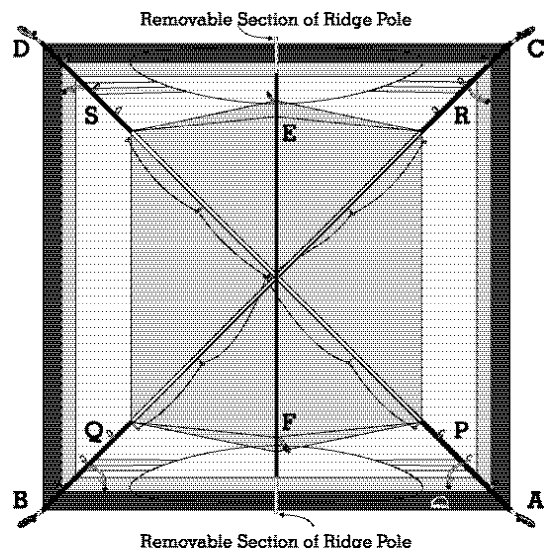


Figure 3: Tent Body (top view)

Locate the Pole Sleeves

There are two pole sleeves on this tent, running from A to D and B to C. The pole sleeves start mid way between the stake loops and the top of the tent.

Thread the Poles Through the Sleeves

The two main poles run A to D and B to C. Insert the poles into the pole sleeves, with the ends of the poles protruding equal distances on both ends of the pole sleeves.

Erect the Tent

Once both pre-bent poles (Pole A) have been threaded into the sleeves, arrange the tent body again so you can see all four stake loops. Arrange the poles so they line up with their corresponding stake loops. Working with one pole at a time, insert one tip into its stake loop grommet, and then push the pole from the opposite side into its arched position. Insert the other pole tip into its stake loop. To help push the pole into an arch, grab the stake loop in one hand and the pole in the other. Pull the stake loop towards the pole tip, while pushing the pole into its arched position. Repeat for the other pole/ pole sleeve.

Once the tent is erected walk around the tent and clip all of the swift clips to the 2 main poles. Remove the removable pole sections from the ridge pole. Insert the dome tips of the ridge pole through the attached loops sewn into the tent at points E & F.

If you are not going to use the rainfly make sure that you do not connect the removable ridge pole sections. Leave them in your storage sack so they are not lost. Also, please take care when erecting this tent as the ridge pole could cause injury.

Stake Out the Tent

Use the tent stakes to make the floor taugt and secure to the ground. First stake out the tent at points A & B. Then pull out the stake loops at points C & D until the tent floor is taugt, and then stake these points down. Drive the stakes into the ground at an angle away from the tent (Figure 4).

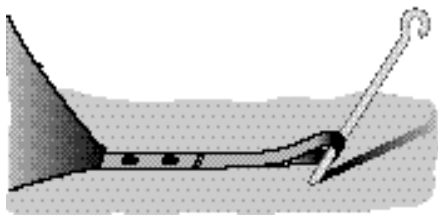


Figure 4: Stake Loops

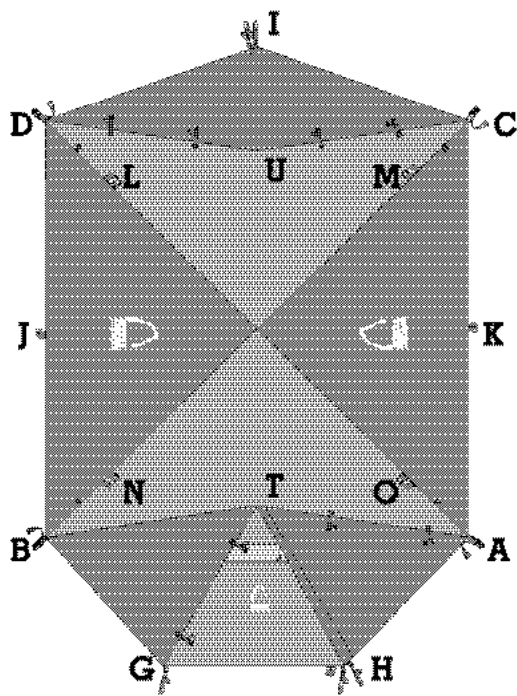


Figure 5: Flysheet (top view)

Put on the Fly

In order to utilize the rainfly correctly you must insert the removable pole sections on the end of the ridge pole. The blue and grey fly shelters the tent body from rain, wind, and sun (Figure 5). The outside of the fly has a flat finish

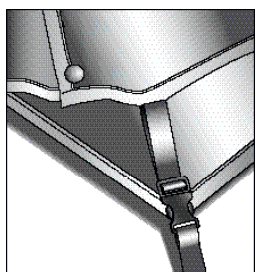


Figure 6: Fly Clip

and has a reflective Sierra Designs logo on it. The inside of the fly has a shiny polyurethane finish. Drape the fly over the tent and arrange it so the royal blue fly attachment is aligned with either one of the two royal blue stake loops on the tent, which are located at point B & C. Attach the fly to the tent poles via Velcro at points L, M, N & O. At each pole end, points A, B, C, & D, there are 1" side-release "fly clip" buckles. Clip these buckles into their corresponding mates on the tent stake loops and pull the straps until the fly is taugt (Figure 6). By clipping the blue webbing strap on the rainfly to a blue webbing strap on the body, you are guaranteed a fast, proper rainfly set-up every time. Try to align the seam lines on the fly with the poles underneath. On the underside of the rainfly, at points T & U, is a reinforced Velcro pocket. This pocket is intended to hold the tip of the ridge pole. First unfold the pocket and slide the ridge pole in from the side (Figure 7). When the ridge pole is in place fold the flap of the pocket over to close the pocket and secure the ridge pole in place (Figure 8). Stake out the fly vestibules away from the tent body at points G, H, & I. For maximum stability in high winds, guy out the tent at points J, K, L, M, N, & O.

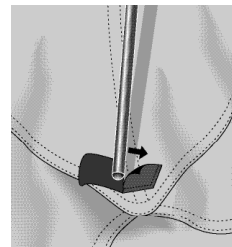


Figure 7: Velcro pole pocket

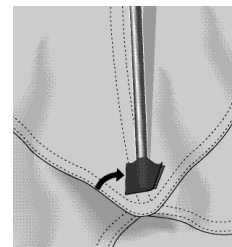


Figure 8: Velcro pole pocket secured

Ventilate the Tent

Besides staking and guying all the points mentioned before, there are a variety of ventilation options available for the *Bedouin 6*. The full-coverage fly can be changed into a partial-coverage fly that covers only the top half of the tent. To do this unclip the 4 "fly clip" buckles and roll up the fly and attach the buckles at points L, M, N & O on the fly and points P, Q, R, & S on the tent. By doing this you are allowing air to pass through the mesh on the bottom half of the tent. Additionally if you fold back both doors on your fly this will increase the ventilation.