



Your Sierra Designs ASP 3 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

Look for a level spot that is protected from the wind in order to ensure sleeping comfort. Clear the area of debris such as sharp stones and sticks which might abrade or puncture the tent floor. Choose an area that will drain well when it rains.

Unfurl the Tent and Assemble the Poles

Unfurl the tent and lay the tent floor flat on the ground with the door unzipped. Carefully unfold the shock corded pole sections and allow them to slide together. Do not allow the poles to snap together: This can lead to serious pole damage. Make certain that the insert of each pole section is fully inserted into the next pole section (Figure 1). You will have one main pole that is connected by the Sierra Designs Quick Pitch Swivel Hub, as well as, 2 shorter poles that are of equal length. These poles are used as ridge poles for the rainfly.

Stake Out the Tent Floor

Although the *ASP 3* is a completely freestanding tent, we suggest that you always stake out the floor for greater safety and stability, especially in high winds. First stake down the webbing loops at points A and C (Figure 4). Then move to the opposite side of the tent and pull the webbing loops at points B and D until the floor is square and semitaught, and then stake them down.

Erect the Tent

The pole should be laid out parallel to the length of the tent, A-B axis. Rotate the poles so that the tips of the poles



are separated (Figure 3). Insert the tips of the poles into the grommets at points B & D. Move to the other side of the tent and grab each pole end & insert the tips into the grommets at points A & C. Starting at Point E clip all of the Sierra Designs RCT swift clips to the poles along the A - D & B - C axis.

Fly Sheet

Drape the fly sheet over the tent and position the double track vestibule zippers over the front stash door. Make sure that the royal blue fly attachment on the flysheet is aligned with the royal blue stake loop on the tent at point A (Figure 4). By clipping the blue webbing strap on the flysheet to the blue webbing strap on the tent, you are guaranteed a fast, proper rainfly set up every time. Attach the Velcro to the poles at points F-I (Figure 5) At points A-D are 3/4" side-release buckles (Figure 5). Clip all of these buckles into the corresponding mates on the tent body. Before pulling the flysheet straps taught, first insert the first of the two shorter ridge poles into the external pole sleeves along the L-M axis. The dome tip should be inserted first, follow this step with the second pole. Now working your way around the tent pull the straps on the flysheet until the fly is taught. Now pull out point P on the back vestibule and stake to the ground. Go to the front vestibule and pull out points N & O until the vestibule is taught and stake it down in that position. You can guy out points F-I for increased stability and ventilation.

Ventilation

With the rainfly on, several things can be done to increase airflow. The front vestibule is a double track vestibule that can be unzipped from the bottom and tied up out of the way or used as an awning. It can also be unzipped from the top down which allows you to use the vestibule as a vent when rain maybe a factor. Pitching your tent so that it is oriented to take advantage of the wind direction will go a long way to providing a comfortable night's sleep in hot weather.

Figure 1: Correct Pole Assembly

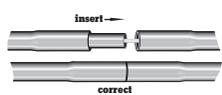


Figure 2: Quick Pitch Swivel Hub side view



Figure 3: Quick Pitch Swivel Hub top view

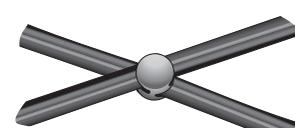


Figure 4: Tent Body (top view)

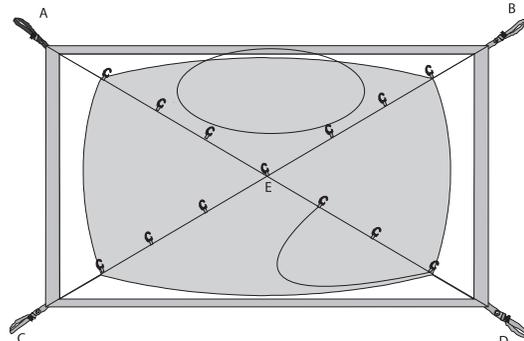


Figure 6: Fly Clip

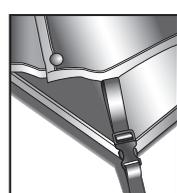


Figure 5: Tent Fly (top view)

