

HOW TO SET UP A TIMBERLINE TENT

Cardinal Rules:

1. Never step on or in a tent with shoes or boots.
2. Always clean out the trash and mud/dirt/leaves before storing.
3. 99% of the time, a tent stake does not need to be fully buried to hold a tent down. Do not use force when installing stakes,
4. Always air a tent out after any use, NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. Tents need to be methodically folded, not stuffed, for storage.

Steps to set up a tent (Instructions based on a Eureka Timberline Tent):

1. Remove tent, ground cloth, poles and stakes from the bag. Lay the stakes on the bag so that it won't blow away. (Photo #15, 14, & 13)
2. Lay out ground cloth in the area that you want to place the tent.
3. Unroll the tent body on the ground cloth. If the tent is a single entry, make sure that you have the front of the tent oriented the right direction. (Photo #7, 8, 11 & 12)
4. Remove the poles from its bag. (Photo #6)
 - a. There should be 4-four section upright poles
 - b. 1 - 3 section ridge pole
 - c. 2- plastic connectors (Bones)
 - d. 1 or 2 fly extender poles (depending on what type of fly you have)
5. Unfold all 5 pole sets
6. Lay 1 set of the 4-section upright poles at each end and lay the 3-section ridge pole lengthwise on the tent.
7. Starting at one end, insert two upright poles into the plastic connector (using the outside holes)
8. Insert the ridge pole in the remaining hole of the plastic connector (Photo #5)
9. Insert the "Key" from the 2 corner ring of the tent body into the bottom of each of the two upright poles.
10. Assemble the other 2 upright poles at the other end into the plastic connector, insert the ridge pole into the plastic connector and then insert the last 2 keys into the upright poles the same way as the other end.
11. The poles should be standing in the shape of the tent over the tent body. (Photo #4)
12. Locate the elastic cord that is attached at the peak of each tent end. Stretch it over the plastic pole connectors on each end.
13. The tent should now look some what like a tent (Photo #1)
14. Start with one corner and place a metal stake through the corner ring. Push it in at an angle. Push it in as far as you can but with hand pressure only. Do not step on the stake.
15. Move to the next corner, pull gently against the first stake and insert the stake just as you did the first.
16. Move to the third corner and pull gently against the first two stakes and insert the stake as you did the first two.
17. Move to the fourth corner and pull gently against the first three stakes and insert the stakes as you did the first three.
18. Attach the hooks, two on each side of each end, to the metal upright poles.
19. Now take the rain fly and place it, shiny side down over the tent frame and locate the two reinforced areas over the plastic connectors. Orient the vestibule on the desired end (or the "Eureka" logo on the front if it is a non-vestibule).
20. Pull down the elastic from each of the four corners and hook them to the corner rings.

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21. Attach the clip under the sides of the fly (two on each side) to the corresponding "D" rings on the tents. Then pull out the elastic cord from each location and take a stake and press it into the ring. This will pull out the tent sides.
22. Pull out and stake down the vestibule, if equipped, with two stakes.
23. Your tent should now be completely set up.
24. Place the stake bag and the pole bag in the tent bag, and place inside the tent.

Steps to take down a tent (Instructions based on a Eureka Timberline tent):

1. Sweep out the tent and remove all debris and storage bags.
2. Zip up the doors completely, but leave the windows unzipped about $\frac{1}{4}$ down. (Photo #1)
3. Pull out the stakes that hold down the vestibule, if equipped and place in the stake bag.
4. Pull out the stakes that hold out the tent sides and place in the stake bag. Straighten any bent stakes
5. Un-hook the fly from the tent sides.
6. Unhook the elastic hooks from the corner rings
7. Remove the fly from the tent. And lay aside.
8. Unhook the clips, two at each end from the metal upright poles.
9. Un-loop the elastic from the plastic connectors and allow the tent to collapse on itself. (Photo #2)
10. While the tent is deflating, fold the fly in half and then fold in half again and continue until the fly is about 20" wide.
11. Kneel down and grasp the elastic loops one each end and pull the tent, first to the right and then to the left to smooth out the fabric and allow it to lay down neatly. (Photo #3)
12. Once the tent is NEATLY laid down pull remove the tent poles and collapse carefully. Slide each of the plastic connector over one end of a pole set and down to the second section so that when the poles are collapsed the plastic connector cannot be removed. Place them all in the pole bag. (Photo #4, 5, 6)
13. Remove the stakes from each of the four corners and place in the stake bag.
14. Grasp a corner of the tent and fold it over towards the other corner but stop at one third of the distance. Fold over the other end the same way. (Photo #7)
15. Take the other corner from the first end and fold back over the first side. (Photo #8)
16. The tent should now be about 20" wide
17. Place the pole bag, stake bag and folded fly across the folded tent. (Photo #11)
18. Roll the tent from one end to the other. As you roll, dust off the bottom as it rolls up. Keep it clean. (Photo #12 & 13)
19. Now fold up the ground cloth until it is about 20" wide. Place the rolled up tent on the folded ground cloth and wrap it around the tent. The ground cloth will protect the tent in the event of a puncture and allow the ground cloth to be rolled out without unfastening the entire tent. (Photo #14)
20. Place the tent and ground cloth in the tent bag. (Photo #15)