



Pitch an Icelandic Skills Card

1. As you unpack the tent note how it was folded and what bits go in which bag - this will help when packing up.
2. Find suitable, flat ground. Check that the door of the tent does not face into the wind. Avoid pitching under trees, where possible, to avoid lasting rain water and falling branches.
3. Lay out the groundsheet to define the tent area and also help position pegs. Fit the poles together and attach them to the tent. For most ridge tents these go inside. Always ensure the doors are fastened or they won't close when the tent is pitched.
4. Get the help of two or three other patrol members to hold the tent upright while the main guy ropes are secured. Once secured you should not need to hold the tent and you can put in the rest of the pegs.
5. Set the corner guy-ropes at right angles to each other. Set other guy-ropes in line with the seams in the canvas
6. Pegs should go into the ground at a 45 degree angle and the guy-ropes should pull on them at right angles.
7. Adjust all the guy-ropes until the material of the tent is pulled tight enough to look smooth and not sag.
8. Fit the groundsheet.

