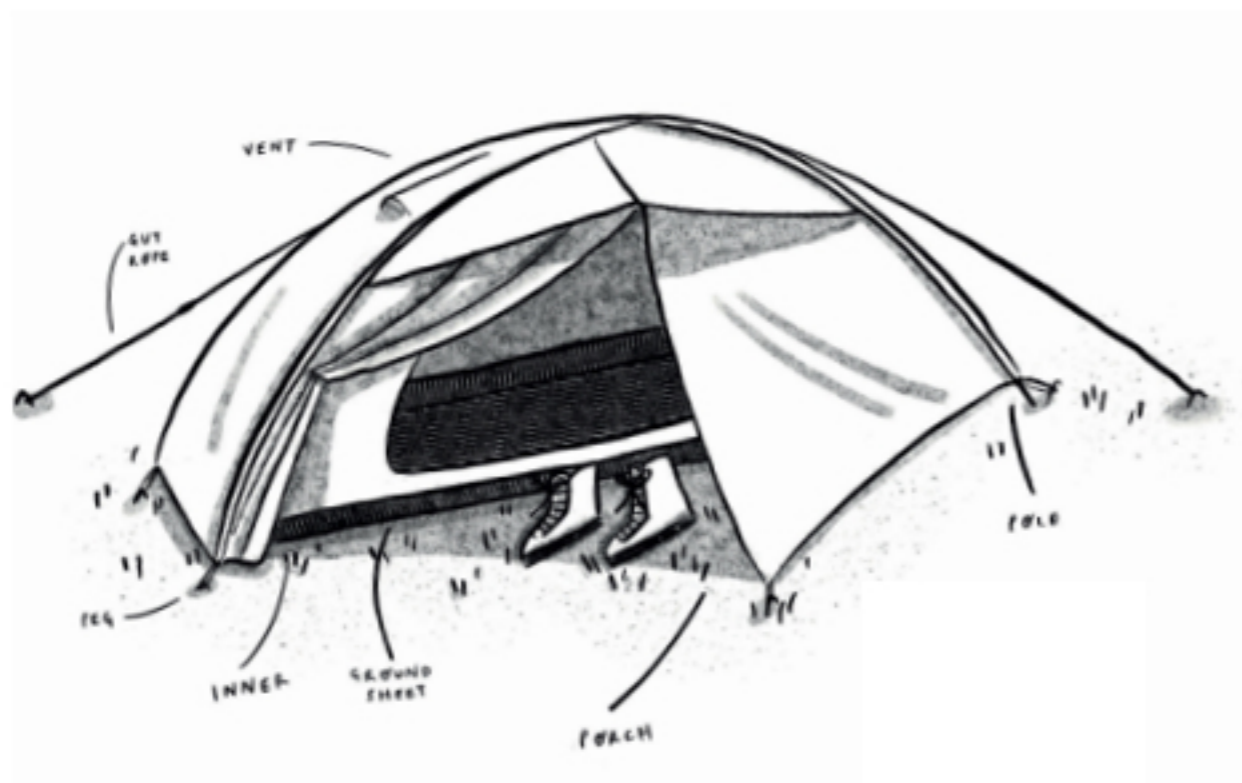


The Anatomy of a Tent

Before you spend a night in one, it's good to know what you're sleeping in.



Pitching Your Tent

When it comes to tent pitching, your best friend is the humble tent peg. This is what stops you blowing away in a gale. But as with most things, there's an art to hammering them in. You need to put your peg into the ground at an angle of 90° to your guy lines, then make it extra safe by pegging that down with another peg at the opposite side. In extreme conditions, you could also place large rocks (or piles of smaller rocks) on top of your pegs to make them even more secure.

In Case of Rain

- Dig a trench along the outside of your tent (but only if you have the landowner's permission).
- Inside your tent, hang a 'drip string' from the top of your tent into a bowl or bottle to collect water.
- Duct tape is a good temporary fix for a rip or leak in your canvas.

EXTREME CAMPING

Tommy Caldwell and Kevin Jorgeson successfully scaled El Capitan's infamous 'Dawn Wall' in Yosemite National Park, USA, in 2015. This is a vertical granite rock face considered 'unclimbable' by some – but not by these intrepid mountaineers. Not only did they reach the top, they did so without ropes – an extremely daring (not to say dangerous) form of climbing, called 'free climbing'. During the attempt, they slept on something called a 'portaledge'

