



Owner's Manual

Clark NX-150, NX-250

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Clark NX-150 and NX-250 Jungle Hammocks

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Thank you for choosing the Clark Jungle Hammock for your outdoor enjoyment. Please visit our website at www.junglehammock.com for the latest tips, information and accessories available for your hammock.

About your hammock

Your Clark NX-250 Jungle Hammock should have come with the following:

Hammock Body (1)
RX-250 (or 150) Rain Fly (1)
Small ropes bundle (1) *There are 8 ropes in the bundle. All are used to tie up your rain fly.*
Fiberglass pole sections (6) *These sections are used to build 2 poles..*

Each of the materials used in your hammock has been chosen because of its durability and other special qualities.

The Rope

The thick ropes that hold your weight are specially designed to be low-stretch and easy to untie. This special rope also helps keep you dry. Unlike generic rope, Clark's rope repels water. The NX-250 ropes have tested to break at 1710 lbs. The NX-150 ropes break at 1200 lbs.

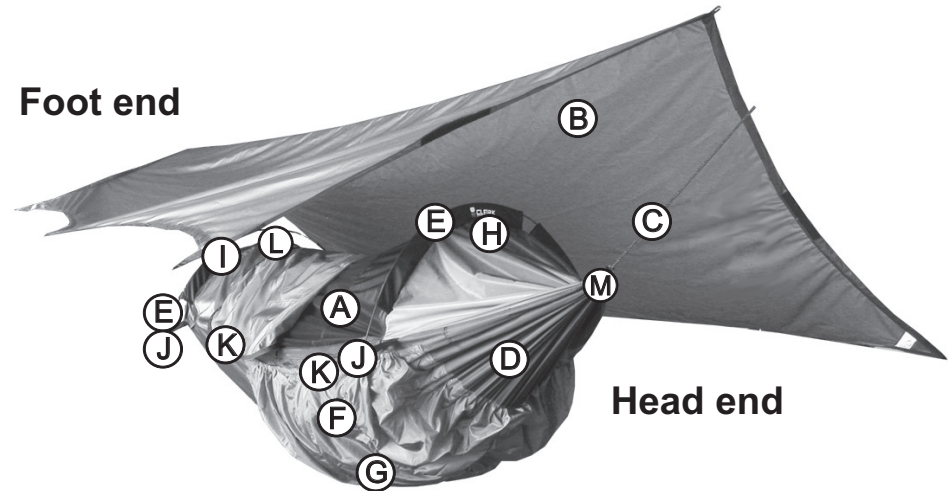
The Fabric

Clark hammocks are made with at least three types of high-quality fabric that comprise the netting, base, rain fly and pockets. The mosquito netting is a nylon No-See-Um that is reinforced to take a lot of abuse. The part of the hammock you lie in is made of the strongest material— a sturdy, breathable nylon weave that has been lab-tested to be 100% mosquito-proof. We have weight tested this fabric and found it will hold more than 300 lbs. per linear inch. This means that a 10 inch (25 cm) piece of fabric will hold more than 3000 lbs (1.3 metric tons). The rain fly is a durable, lightweight, waterproof sil nylon.

The Pole

Your solid fiberglass poles are designed to allow for the flexibility that is critical when moving around inside a suspended hammock. Do not attempt to replace them with something stronger.

Note: The critical points below are referenced throughout this manual.



- A - Reinforced No-See-Um netting
- B - Sil-nylon waterproof RX-250 (or RX-150) rain fly
- C - 1710 lb. test polypropylene non-wicking rope (1200 lb. for NX-150)
- D - Mosquito-proof, breathable nylon bed is water repellent
- E - Fiberglass pole
- F - Outside, insulating storage pockets
- G - Built-in stuff bag contained in storage pocket on opposite side
- H - Square rings for attaching small ropes to hold up netting if pole is not available.
- I - Pocket holds WeatherShield and/or netting when not in use
- J - Pole holder (insert rubber tips here)
- K - Webbing loops help you set up on the ground or suspend gear
- L - Webbing loop holds pole or can be used to attach a small rope to raise netting if pole is not available.
- M - When setting up on ground, stake out the hammock here between the knot and the hammock bed. Then stake the hammock in the same location on the foot end.

Setting up this Clark Jungle Hammock

“Hanging Your Hammock” Continued

Considerations for first time set-up

1. The knots that connect ropes to your hammock could have loosened during shipping. Be sure they are tight and tied correctly before deploying your hammock. **WARNING: Failure to inspect all knots before using your hammock could result in injury to the hammock or yourself.**
2. The base ropes should be tied so that the hammock maintains a gentle curve. Do not tie the hammock so taut that it stretches between the trees. Do not tie the hammock so loosely that it sags.
3. You may tie the foot end of the hammock a few inches higher than the head end to keep you from sliding toward the middle of the hammock during the night.
4. When you sit or lie in your hammock for the very first time, the knots that connect the rope to the hammock will tighten. As these knots tighten, it may appear that the hammock is stretching, giving the hammock too much curve. You may need to re-tie one of your ropes to return the hammock to the height you intended.

Weight Distribution

The safety weight limit of the NX-250 hammock bed (black material) is 350 lbs (159 kg) and 300 lbs. (137 kg) for the NX-150 model. **WARNING: It is unsafe for more than one person to occupy a hammock at a time.**

Hanging your hammock

Four steps for setting up the Clark Jungle Hammock:

1. Make sure the trees you use as supports are alive and stable. Choose two trees that are 12-17 ft. apart (3.5 to 5 m). Choose trees with trunks that are at least 8 inches (20 cm) in diameter.
2. Tie the thick base ropes to each tree using the bowline (pg. 5). If possible, wrap the rope around the trunk twice before tying the knot. Tie the ropes so that the hammock remains high enough off the ground to easily allow you to get in and out.
3. Assemble one pole using three sections (make sure a rubber tip is on each end when done.) Insert the pole through each sleeve section on the head end. The rubber tips go inside the pole holders (point J) on each side of the hammock. Repeat on the foot end side of the hammock.

Hanging your hammock (continued)

TIP for inserting poles: The easiest way to insert the poles is to assemble two sections together, leaving the third section in your pocket. Hold the two sections together with one hand and, rubber tip first, insert them through the three pole sleeves. Place the rubber tip in the pole holder on the opposite side of the hammock. After you have placed the rubber tip in the opposite pole holder, take the third section and connect it to the middle section of the pole. Place the rubber tip in the pole holder on the side of the hammock on which you are standing.

Dealing with saggy netting / Giving your hammock the right curve

After your poles are inserted into your hammock, the netting should appear to sag. After you get inside, the netting will tighten up.

If your netting does not sag at all before you get in the hammock, your hammock has been tied too taut between the trees and needs more curve. Make sure that the netting sags a little before you get in the hammock. After you are inside, make sure that the netting isn't extremely taut along the center seam along the top of the tent. If the netting becomes extremely taut when you are inside, put more curve in the hammock to make it relax a little. This will help you avoid excessive wear and tear.

Deploying your rain fly

You may deploy your rain fly before or after setting up the hammock body. Remember that the widest part of the rain fly should cover the head end of the hammock (The head end of the hammock has pockets underneath it and has interior pockets). The tie-out points from the center ridgeline of your rain fly should be tied to the same trees as the ropes of your hammock. We recommend the Taut-line hitch (see pg. 5) for attaching your rain fly ropes to the trees. This knot allows you to easily adjust the tension and position of the rain fly. You may tie your rain fly at any height above the hammock bed you wish.

The instructions for tying a standard bowline are sewn right into the rain fly for your convenience.

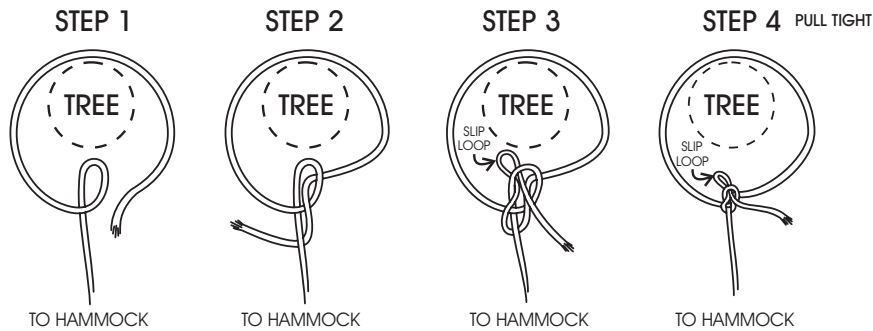


The Right Knots

Mastering the right knots can improve your hammock camping experience a great deal. We recommend practicing both of these knots until you can tie them with your eyes closed.

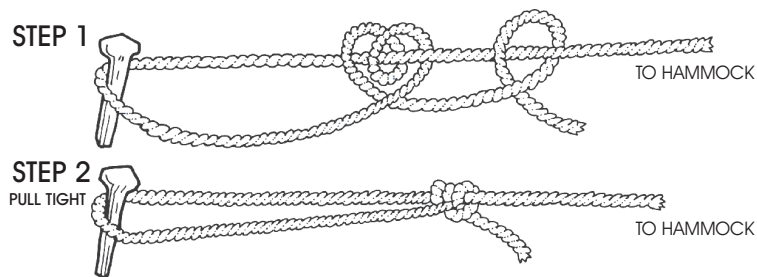
The Bowline

Although many knots can be used to tie up your hammock, we strongly recommend using the bowline to attach your thick base ropes to a tree since it is both strong and easy to tie and untie. You may want to practice this knot around a table leg before heading out into the wild. Notice in the illustration below how a slip loop is included in the final step. This slip loop will enable you to easily untie the knot after your weight has tightened the knot during the night.



The Taut-line Hitch

A taut-line hitch is ideal for attaching your small ropes to a tree. The knot allows you to easily adjust the tension of your rain fly.



Using your hammock's WeatherShield

Your hammock's WeatherShield is zipped to the mosquito netting. Unzip the WeatherShield halfway to get ventilation or an unobstructed view. When unzipped completely, the WeatherShield can store in the pocket on the foot end hood (point I).

Using your hammock with no netting

To create an open hammock, unzip the netting completely and fold it into the pocket on the foot end hood (point I).

Setting up on the ground

Your hammock is capable of being used like a ground tent, but we recommend hanging the hammock in the trees whenever possible. Since the bottom of the hammock is made of a breathable material, we suggest using a waterproof tarp below your hammock when setting it up on the ground. You'll need 6-8 stakes and two sturdy sticks (or trekking poles) that are 30-36 inches high (75-90 cm).

Follow these five steps when setting up on the ground:

1. **Remove your poles.** They are not used when setting up on the ground.
2. Stake the head and foot ends of your hammock where your main ropes connect the hammock bed (point M).
3. Attach a small rope to the D-Ring at the center of the head end hood (point H). Attach another small rope to the webbing loop in the center of the foot end hood (point L).
4. Pull each of the small ropes you attached in step 3 up to the pole or support. Then pull the small ropes down from the support to the ground where it will be staked. This will create a pup-tent effect.
5. If you wish to spread the base to its full width, simply attach small ropes to the webbing loops along the side of the hammock (point K) and stake them out.
6. If you place your sticks or trekking poles at the correct distance apart, you will be able to tie your rain fly to them, just as you would tie your rain fly to two trees. Then you may stake out the other tie out points of the rain fly as desired.

Hammock storage, care, sealing

Do not leave your hammock in the sun for many days or weeks. All types of fabric are damaged by overexposure to sunlight. Do not store your hammock wet for more than a day at a time. If your hammock gets dirty from tree sap or dirt, bathe the hammock in a bucket of lukewarm water. Use a gentle dish soap like Dawn or Palmolive. Hang it to dry in the shade.

Do not seal your rain fly unless you find a reason to do so. Seams can lose integrity from being jerked or pulled over time. If you find a spot that needs sealing, use Sil-Net by Mcnett, or another product that is formulated for sil-nylon fabrics.

Breaking Camp

If you bring dirt, leaves or anything else in the hammock bed after sleeping there, simply flip the hammock over and shake it out before you untie the thick base ropes.

Using Your Built-in Stuff Bag

Your built-in stuff bag is located in the pocket closest to the foot end of the hammock. It is on the right side when lying inside the hammock (point G).

Follow these five steps when packing up your hammock:

1. Untie the rain fly (if deployed) and place it inside the hammock. Remove the poles from each side of the hammock and put aside. DO NOT attempt to pack the poles inside your stuff bag.
2. Untie the base rope at the foot end of the hammock. Take the pocket which contains the stuff bag by both hands and turn it inside out. By turning this pocket inside out, you have created a new pocket. Begin stuffing the hammock, foot-end first, into this new pocket. When everything except the head-end base rope is inside the pocket, untie it from the tree and stuff it in as well. The hammock should now look like a pillow.
3. The stuff bag is hanging from the bottom of the pillow-like bundle you have created. While holding the bundle to your chest, reach down and turn the stuff bag right side out and pull it over the hammock like putting on a pillow case.
4. When the stuff bag is about halfway on, grab the edges and push the remainder of the hammock into the ends of the stuff bag. Try to make the fullness of the stuff bag even from end to end.
5. When the hammock is completely inside the stuff bag, take the flap and pull it over the bundle to secure it on the velcro patch. (Note: You can compress the package more by laying the full stuff bag on a hard surface and pushing down while you roll it over the flap.) After some practice you'll see that the hammock never needs to touch the ground when being packed up. The poles can be secured in the flap above the velcro.

Warning

Failure to follow the following instructions could result in injury or even death:

Never swing in the hammock. This will only damage the ropes and the trees they are tied to.

Be sure you use living, solid trees as supports. Be sure they are at least 8 inches (20 cm) in diameter. Pull on the ropes that you tie to the trees before getting in the hammock to be sure that the tree is strong and the trunk is not rotten.

Do not put more weight in your hammock than the safety recommendation given in the model's specifications (page 3).

Always check knots on main ropes to be sure they are tied properly before entering the hammock.

Always check main ropes to be sure they have not been damaged or frayed. If they are not in excellent condition, replace the ropes.

Never replace your rope or poles with anything that was not provided by the manufacturer.

Do not store hammock wet for more than one day. Mildew can form and damage fabrics.

Never tie hammock taut. Allow a little curve.

Never leave hammock out in direct sunlight for long periods of time (e.g. all summer in the backyard). The sun can cause damage to ropes and fabrics.

Never leave young children unattended in the hammock.

Never stand in the hammock. Standing makes the hammock unstable.

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