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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.

Basic overview of hammock set-up

Do not take anything apart when your hammock arrives. Everything is ready for set-up. All you need to do is tie the main ropes to trees on both ends. Tie them so that the rain fly is spread to its full length but not taut. Your done! Your hammock is now ready for use. You may tie the 6 small ropes that came with your hammock to the tie-out points on your rain fly if you wish.

This manual will assist you in connecting your hammock to the trees, and also the best way to connect your tie-out cords to the rain fly. The manual will also explain some features of your hammock and some tips for setting up and packing up this hammock.

What you received

Your Clark Hammock should have come with the following:

- Hammock Body with suspension ropes attached (1)
- Rain Fly (1) *Comes attached to the suspension ropes unless you ordered this model without a rain fly.
- Small ropes bundle (1) *There are 6 ropes in the bundle. They are intended to be attached to the tie-out points on your rain fly.
- Set of two Drip-Rings (1) *These are used for tying the hammock up in an easy, adjustable way, and also as an extra protection from moisture that could run down the top of the rope.

Considerations for first time set-up

1. The knots that connect the support ropes to your hammock (Point A, pg. 3) could have loosened during shipping. Be sure they are tight and tied correctly. **WARNING:** Failure to inspect all knots before using your hammock could result in injury to the hammock or yourself.

2. Do not remove the rain fly or take anything apart before hanging your hammock for the first time. Learn how your hammock works before making adjustments.

3. The knots that connect the support ropes to your hammock (Point A, pg. 3) will tighten the first time you sit in your hammock, which could cause the hammock to feel like it is stretching. After the knots are tightened by your weight, you may need to adjust the slack of your hammock once more if it is closer to the ground than you intended.

Weight Guidelines

The safety and comfort weight limit of the Clark hammock bed is 250 lbs. (113 kg). This represents the largest person that the hammock is designed to hold comfortably and safely. Although the hammock has been tested to hold more than 700 lbs (317 kg), placing any more weight in your hammock than the safety and comfort limit may damage the hammock or wear it out prematurely.

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, in the future, you find a spot on the tarp that needs sealing, use Sil-Net by McNett, or another product that is formulated for sil-nylon fabrics.

There is no reason to seal any other part of the hammock since all fabrics below the rain fly are intended to be breathable and water-repellent, but not waterproof.
Hanging your hammock

Three 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 about 12-16 ft. apart (3.5 to 5 m). **TIP:** If the trees are further apart, hang your ropes high to maintain sufficient slack on the hammock. Do not pull the hammock tightly between trees that are far apart just to keep it off the ground. Choose trees with trunks that are at least 8 inches (20 cm) in diameter.

2. Many knots can be used to tie the rope to a tree, including the bowline knot (using a slip loop). We recommend using the knot found at the bottom of this page, which utilizes Clark's Aluminum Drip Rings and is adjustable for length. The Drip-Rings can be left conveniently on the ropes when packing up.

3. You will know that the hammock is hung correctly if the ridgeline of the rain fly is spread to almost its full length, but is not taut. When you get in the hammock, the rain fly should tighten slightly along the ridgeline. Be sure to check the tautness of the ridgeline each time you enter the hammock. If it is very loose while you are inside, tighten your main ropes. If it is very taut or causes significant stretching to the bungee cords that are tied to the rope, give the hammock more slack to avoid damage.

Hanging your hammock without the rain fly

If you choose to use your hammock without your rain fly, we recommend hanging the hammock with the rain fly first. When the rain fly is set at the correct tension (Step 3), you'll know the hammock will be comfortable and function properly. Then you may remove the rain fly by unhooking it from the bungee clips on the rope.

If you did not order a rain fly, you will need to check the bungee cords on each end of the hammock when your weight is in the hammock bed. If they stretch very much, you need to tie the hammock bed with more slack. Start with the hammock loose and tighten a little at a time until you feel the canopy is sitting up nicely, but the bungees are not stretching much.

The knot below will allow you to easily tie up your hammock and adjust the slack. Watch a video of this knot being tied at www.junglehammock.com/driprings
Clark Standard Jungle Hammocks
North American, Tropical Ultra, TraceLite

HEAD
FOOT
RAINFLY
BLACK STRAP
BLACK ROPE
BUNGEE
ROPE TO TREE
A - The knot that attaches your ropes to your hammock is a bowline that was tied at the factory. There is a twisty tie placed on this knot at the factory so that it will not come untied during shipping. After using your hammock for the first time, the knot will tighten and you may then remove the twisty tie.

B - On both ends of the hammock, a bungee cord has been tied to the rope, held in place by a metal rivet. The precise distance of the bungee from the knot at point A is very important. If you replace your ropes, be sure to order some rivets from Clark to tap into the new rope at the correct distance. If you upgrade your rain fly to a larger Clark rain fly, contact Clark about the adjustments that will need to be made to the distance of Point B from Point A. The bungee cord is tied to the rope so that one end is a little shorter. The shorter end always connects to the ridge line of the rain fly. The longer end always connects to the black strap (points E and F) that hold up the mosquito netting (point J).

C - This is the connection point between the black strap (E) and the hammock. The thicker D-Ring on the hammock goes under a black webbing loop. The thinner D-Ring goes over the top of the webbing loop. The snap hook from the black strap (E) snaps both D-Rings together to secure them to the webbing loop.

D - The ridgeline of the rain fly acts as a gauge to see if the hammock has the correct curve. Simply tie each of the hammock’s main ropes to a tree. Tie them tight enough to spread the rain fly’s ridgeline to almost its full length, but not quite taut. When you sit in the hammock, check to see if the rain fly’s ridgeline is too taut or too loose. If it is stretching and taut, loosen your main ropes a little to give the hammock more curve. If the ridge line is sagging and loose, tie the hammock a little tighter between the trees.

E - This black strap should never be fully detached. If you accidentally detach this strap, do not confuse it with the black strap on the foot end (point F). To tell them apart, remember that Strap E is shorter than strap F.

F - This black strap should never be fully detached. If you accidentally detach this strap, do not confuse it with the black strap on the head end (point E). To tell them apart, remember that Strap E is shorter than strap F.

G - North American and Tropical Ultra models have a pocket here to store your mosquito netting when it is not in use. You may also use it to store your WeatherShield when not in use. The WeatherShield is optional on Tropical Ultra (see J).

H - Storage pockets: Most Clark hammocks have storage pockets attached to the hammock bed. Our drawing shows the insulating storage pockets that come on North American models.

I - Hammock bed: Our sturdy hammock bed is made from highly mosquito-resistant and stretch-resistant fabric.

J - Mosquito-netting: We use quality No-See-Um mosquito netting. This netting can be covered by a breathable zip-in WeatherShield that comes standard on North American models. The WeatherShield is optional on the Tropical Ultra.

K - Inside pockets are included here on North American and Tropical Ultra models. These two inside pockets are used for storing small items. One pocket has a velcro closure while the other pocket has two openings so that it can carry anything from a water bottle to a pistol.

L and M - Please see page 6, “Setting up on the Ground”
Connecting your tie-out cords to the hammock

We recommend a bowline knot for connecting the tie-out cords to the six tie-out points on your tarp.

**STEP 1**

**STEP 2**

**STEP 3**

**STEP 4**
PULL TIGHT

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The Taut-line Hitch

We suggest using a taut-line hitch to tie out your rain fly to bushes, branches and rocks around the hammock. You can also bring your own stakes if you think you won’t have anything to tie your cords to. This knot is ideal since you can adjust the length of the rope to get the perfect tautness. It is not necessary to tie these cords very taut, and if you do so, it may damage your tarp over time.

**STEP 1**

**STEP 2**
PULL TIGHT

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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 at least 8 stakes and two sturdy sticks (or trekking poles) that are 30-36 inches high (75-90 cm).

Follow these five steps (which use reference points from Page 3) when setting up on the ground:

1. Stake the head and foot ends of your hammock where your main ropes connect the hammock bed (Point A). Allow the hammock to be its full length but don’t pull it very taut.
2. The snap hooks at Point M on the black straps (E and F) should be disconnected from the bungee clip at Point B. Then reconnect the snap hooks (M) to the small D-Ring underneath each end of the rain fly (L).
3. A small D-ring attaches your rain fly to the bungee clip (Point B). Detach this D-Ring from the bungee clip on both ends of your hammock. Attach a small rope to each D-Ring.
4. Pull each of the small ropes you attached in step 3 up to the top of a pole or support that is set about 1.5 feet (45 cm) from Point A. Then pull the small ropes down from the support to the ground where it will be staked.
5. If you wish to spread the base to its full width, attach small ropes to the webbing loops along the side of the hammock and stake them out.
6. The tie-out points on the rain fly can be staked down at any angle you wish.

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Do not seal your rain fly unless you find a reason to do so. Seams can lose integrity from being over-tensioned or through damage, or from sun exposure. 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

Remove dirt and debris from the hammock by simply flipping the hammock bed over and shaking it out. Then you are ready to begin packing up.

Using Your Built-in Stuff Bag

If your model uses a built-in stuff sack, it will be located on the right side of the hammock (when lying in the hammock) in the storage pocket closest to the foot end.

Follow these five steps when packing up your hammock:

1. Untie all rain fly tie-out cords. 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-sized bundle.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
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 4).

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 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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