
tree camping

Posted by lizardman - 07/26/2006 04:01pm

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Posted by moss - 07/26/2006 06:57pm

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Larger image
-moss

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Posted by lizardman - 07/27/2006 11:40am

thankyou moss that gives me something to think about.

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Re:

Posted by Sokitts - 08/10/2008 02:54am

moss wrote:

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Re:

Posted by moss - 08/12/2008 08:23pm

Sokitts wrote:

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Check out the hammock add-ons available from New Tribe:
Treeboat Shelters

Hanging the 'boat under a branch you'd have to get a little more creative to stay dry.
-moss

Re:Tree Camping Issues

Posted by oldtimer - 08/13/2008 11:31am

I have not done extensive tree camping so I do not pretend to be an expert on the topic. The few times I have installed my tree boat and sleep inside it I find it difficult to feel comfortable for my legs. I am sure that others with more night-outs find it totally normal and comfortable and part of the experience. My legs bend in a weird uncomfortable position and I usually slide down to the middle of the boat into a "fetal position" that with my frame and being as old as I am.....OK you get the picture.

I have seen great reviews from other users that have better experiences in a treeboat or tree hammock and they totally enjoy the experience. So your level of satisfaction varies with the user. I am fine camping on the ground on a tent on a thermal rest and have had many great nights camping but I will have to give tree camping another trial to see if I get right or if I just move on into the next adventure.....Holiday Inn Camping! hehehehehehe:laugh:

Re:Tree Camping Issues

Posted by Culinarytracker - 08/23/2008 11:25am

Rain could be quite easy to deal with if a treeboat was mounted to a single limb. So long as there are not other branches growing up or out over the hammock, you could set a tarp up with the branch as a ridgepole.

This looks like a pretty tipsy setup to me. But then again, you'd be tied off pretty close :)

Also, Portaledge is making a tree model now that looks like it might have a lot flatter "floor" to it.

Carl

Re:Tree Camping Issues

Posted by mdvaden - 09/04/2008 01:38am

Speaking of rain cover, any of you use mosquito nets with your Treeboats?

Re:Tree Camping Issues

Posted by moss - 09/04/2008 08:49am

mdvaden wrote:

Speaking of rain cover, any of you use mosquito nets with your Treeboats?

In anticipation of the Atlanta Rendezvous "tree village" I picked up an inexpensive single point suspension mosquito net from REI for my treeboat, now to see if it can be set up effectively.

-moss

Re:Tree Camping Issues

Posted by tengu12 - 09/04/2008 02:08pm

The new buzzz...
there is a new mozzie net for the treeboat in development.

After spending many nights in the tropical rainforest, dodging flies and mosquitos, I came back to New Tribe with a new design.
Result - the prototype is awesome

The premier showing will be next month at the Rendezvous, in Atlanta, during Viola's treeboat workshop.

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Re:Tree Camping Issues

Posted by oldtimer - 09/04/2008 05:43pm

Tengu, I am looking forward to see you guys in a couple of weeks and to see some of your photos from your South American Adventures. Also, to get the heck away from this oppressing heatwave that we have 'round here for the last six months.

More info by private message (Included arrival times)

Hope we do not get another hurricane by Rendezvous time!

Take care and see you soon:cheer:

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Re:Tree Camping Issues

Posted by caldera - 09/22/2008 06:41pm

wow ~

:cheer:

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Re:Tree Camping Issues

Posted by moss - 09/22/2008 10:04pm

caldera wrote:

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Check out the photos of the treeboat on the New Tribe web site:

Basic tree boat setup

Most tree climbers who sleep up in trees are using an NT Treeboat or some variety of a portaledge (originally designed for big wall climbers on overnight pitches). Either works well, the portaledge is more expensive and weighs more but only requires a single attachment point.

-moss

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Re:tree camping

Posted by rocknroll - 10/22/2008 09:26pm

Any one have plans for homemade rainfly for longboat.

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Re:tree camping

Posted by moss - 11/03/2008 01:05pm

rocknroll wrote:

Any one have plans for homemade rainfly for longboat.

I would like to make a lightweight fly for backpacking. The one that New Tribe makes is excellent but I'd like to go with a ripstop version.

I think you have to go ahead and make your own design, do you know any one who's good at pattern making?
-moss

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Re:tree camping

Posted by moss - 11/03/2008 01:17pm

lizardman wrote:

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I found the solution for hanging a tree boat under a limb, don't do it! Just kidding, on a recent white pine climb I did my first conifer treeboat settings. The solution for this particular tree was to find a limb that curved downward, anchor the foot of the boat there and then anchor the head of the boat on a second limb close to where it joins the trunk.

Theoretically if the limb is long and strong enough with a downward curve you could anchor the foot out on the limb and the head at the trunk below where the limb joins the trunk.

The head end of the boat, the anchor limb is to the left just outside the photo
http://farm4.static.flickr.com/3211/2998372726_f1540f7e3b.jpg?v=0

The foot end, the branch was not long enough to go straight back to the trunk so the boat direction is offset to the side of the trunk
http://farm4.static.flickr.com/3149/2997535149_d5fb87392b.jpg?v=0

The useful thing about the downward curved limb besides that it gives you room under the branch for the hammock is that you can adjust the height of the foot of the hammock there to make it level with the other anchor branch where it meets the tree.

Tree camping photo series
-moss

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Re:tree camping advise

Posted by oldtimer - 11/03/2008 08:43pm

Good advise Moss. I think that(WEW) Whatever Works as explained by Jungle Joe applies here. The Camper needs to try to figure the specific situation and cope with the situation. Trees are not made to order as you may have learned from camping in many conditions so you develop your own ways of doing it.

Nice teaching photos. :)

thanks

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