

Tarptent ProTrail Setup

With practice, setup is less than 2 minutes. For additional photos and videos visit: <http://www.tarptent.com/protrail.html>

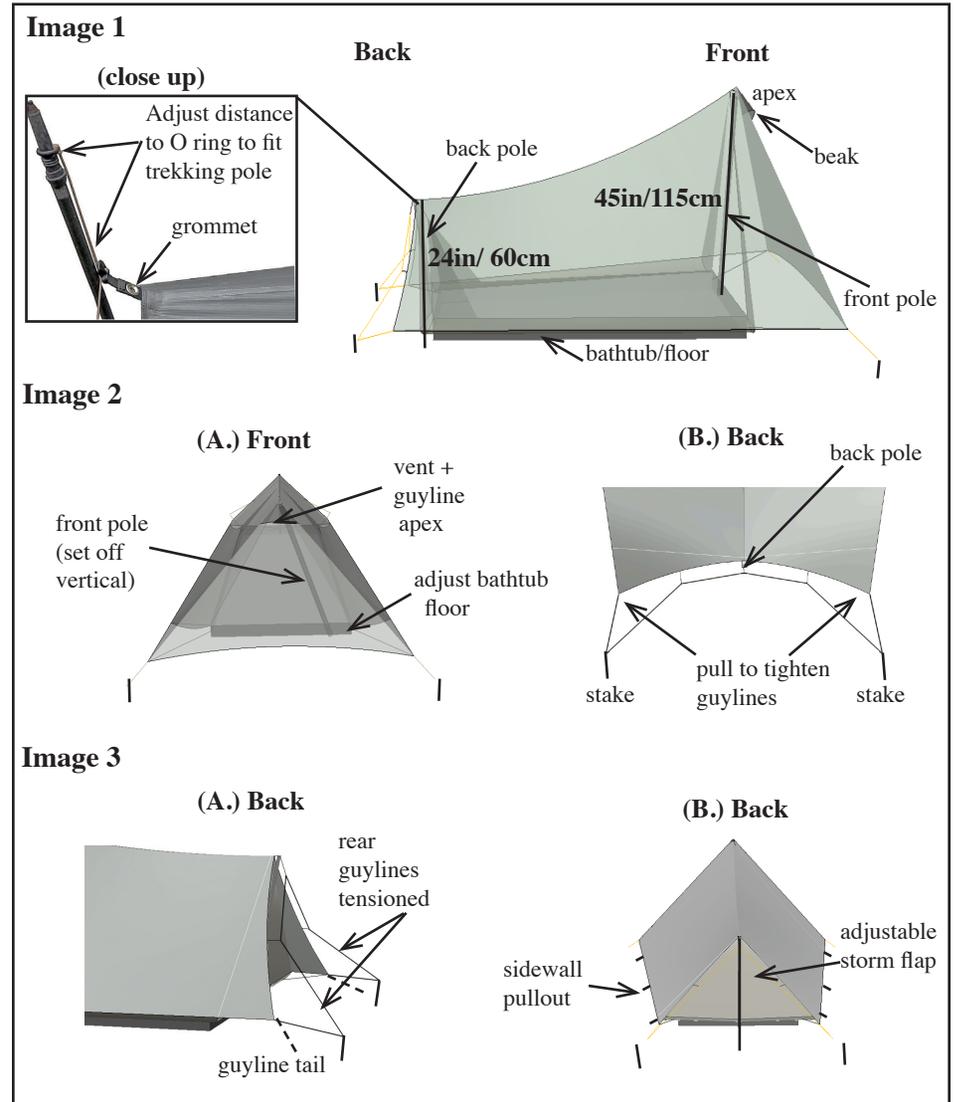
Your ProTrail order includes: stuff sack, tent body and 4 blue stakes. You will need trekking poles OR substitute poles which can be ordered from Tarptent.

I. Layout and Positioning

1. Once you have found an ideal place to pitch your ProTrail, spread out the tent body so the black bathtub floor is facing the ground. If you are using a ground sheet, lay it down first.
2. Remove 4 blue stakes from the bag and have them ready to place in guyline loops (2 stakes in front and 2 in back).
3. Set one trekking pole to the lowest setting (approx 24in/60cm)--this will serve as the back pole. Set the other (front) pole to 45in/115cm (Image 1).
 - If you are not using trekking poles, assemble substitute poles: back pole=24in/60cm & front pole=45in/115cm. ground.

II. Pitching the ProTrail

1. Stretch out rear tent edge to prepare for back pole and stake placement.
 - Place substitute or trekking pole tip into grommet hole and pole head on the ground (Image 1).
 - Trekking pole tip can be placed in the extendable O-ring if the length is greater than 60cm/24in (Image 1 close up).
 - If using O-ring, adjust guyline so the distance from the grommet to the ground is 60cm/24in (Image 1 close up).
 - Loop guyline over stake body and pull out both corners of the tent to give guyline tension. Approx. 12in tail of guyline should remain unless using higher trekking poles. Push stakes into the ground (Images 3A & 2B).
2. Locate the grommet under the apex vent at the front of the tent (Image 2A).
 - Pull grommet firmly forward and wiggle it from side until it is centered between the rear corners of the tent, creating a symmetrical ridge line.
 - Insert optional pole or trekking pole tip into grommet hole and place bottom of the pole on the ground **slightly off vertical** (Image 2A).
3. With one hand support the apex/top of the tent and with the other hand pull out corner guyline with stake until tent body and guyline is taught. Push stake into the ground and repeat with the other corner (see image 2A).
4. Adjust guyline tighteners and stake placement as needed—first at the back, then at the front to ensure the body of the tent is taught without creasing.
 - For further tension and shape, increase pole height OR decrease the angle of the front pole by bringing it closer to vertical.



III. Additional Adjustments and Features

1. Beak rolls away and storm flap can be opened or closed from inside the tent (Image 3B).
2. Use sidewall pullouts to further tension fly edge in bad weather (Image 3B).
3. Bathtub/floor height can be adjusted by line tighteners located at the front corners of the interior (Image 2A).
4. Front apex guyline can be used for extra support in high winds or tied to a fixed support as an alternative to the front pole (Image 2A).

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IV. Seam-Sealing

Tarptent shelters need to be seam-sealed with **silicone** only!

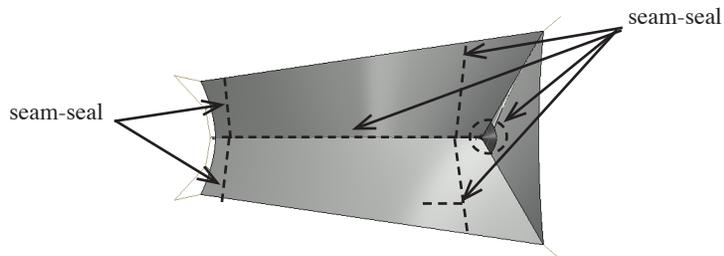
Please refer to the seam-sealing instructional video:

<http://www.tarptent.com/ttvideos.html>

Seam-sealing is a quick, inexpensive way to ensure your shelter is fully water proof. You can order the Tarptent seam-sealing service OR order a seam-sealing kit from the Tarptent online store OR buy the materials at your local hardware store. We recommend GE Silicone II clear sealer, available at most hardware stores in a squeeze tube.

Here's how to seam-seal your Tarptent ProTrail:

1. Set up tent in a cool, dry, well ventilated area.
2. In a well ventilated location prepare silicone sealant by squirting approx. 3 tablespoons of silicone into a tuna can (or a similar disposable receptacle) and mix with approx. 6 tablespoons mineral spirits (paint thinner) or Coleman fuel/white gas. Mix until the solution resembles the consistency of a thick olive oil.
3. Using a small foam brush or rolled up paper towel, paint the solution onto the seams as shown in the image below. After the solution is applied, run a paper towel over the seams to help push the solution into the seam holes and to wipe up the excess solution.
4. We recommend painting several thick lines of silicone on the interior floor of the shelter to form an anti-skid mat.



V. Condensation and Sag

- Ventilation and fabric warmth are your best defenses against condensation. Keep doors open as much possible and try to set up where it's breezy. Look for warmer and drier microclimates under trees and out of valleys and lake basins. The fabric will resist much stress but neither flame nor abrasion. Treat it accordingly.
- Nylon stretches (and sags) when the humidity goes up, night is falling, and/or when it starts to rain. Use the line tighteners and/or boost trekking poles from inside to tighten the fabric.

VI. Key Points to Consider

- The fabric will resist much stress but neither flame nor abrasion. Treat it accordingly.
- To prevent the rear pole from sinking in loose or wet soil, place it on a thin, flat rock.

Thank you for your purchase. We sincerely hope that you enjoy your ProTrail. Feedback is always welcome.

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