

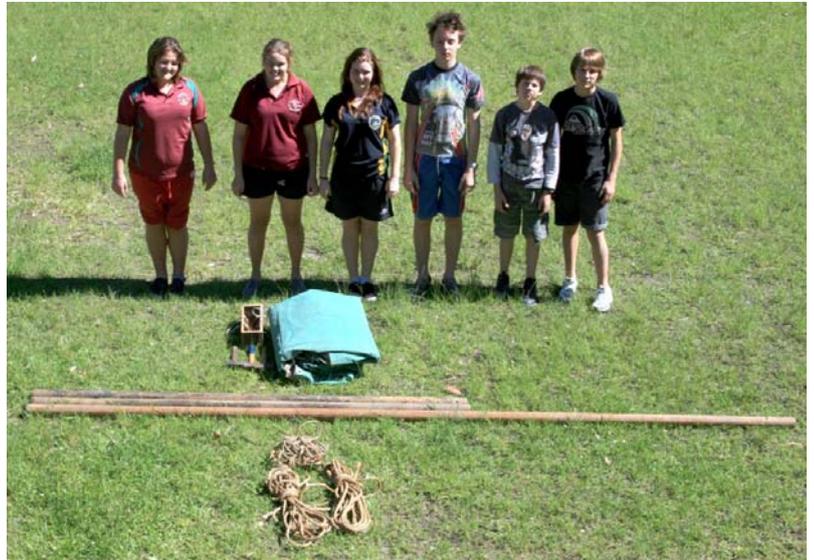
# How to Erect a Queensland Ridge Tent

(aka Queenslander or Patrol Tent)

The procedure for erecting a Ridge Tent is laid out below in a sequential manner. Under the guidance of a Patrol Leader that is familiar with the process it is possible to do many of the tasks simultaneously making these tents very quick and easy to erect.

What you need to erect a Ridge Tent:

- 1 Tent
- 1 Ridge pole
- 2 Upright poles
- 2 Lashing ropes
- 2 guy ropes
- (not Guide ropes as they usually get upset when you take their ropes)*
- 14 pegs
- 1 Mallet (2 if available)
- 1 Patrol



## Step 1

Choose the location for your tent.

Lay the tent out flat on the ground with the outside facing up. Ensure that the white canvas flaps are also spread out and that all ropes attached to the tent are laid out.



## Step 2

Place the ridge pole under the tent. Some tents have the door flaps sewn together at the top to form an eye; if so then the ridge pole must pass through the eye.



### Step 3

Position the upright poles at right angles to the ridge pole.

- (A) The uprights should be 15cm away from the edge of the tent when the ridge line of the tent is taut.
- (B) Fold back the door flap so that the centre edge (*long one with eyelets*) lies along the front edge of the tent. In this position the bottom edge of door flap indicates where ground level will be when the tent is erected. Position the bottom of the upright 2-3cm below the bottom edge of the door



### Step 4

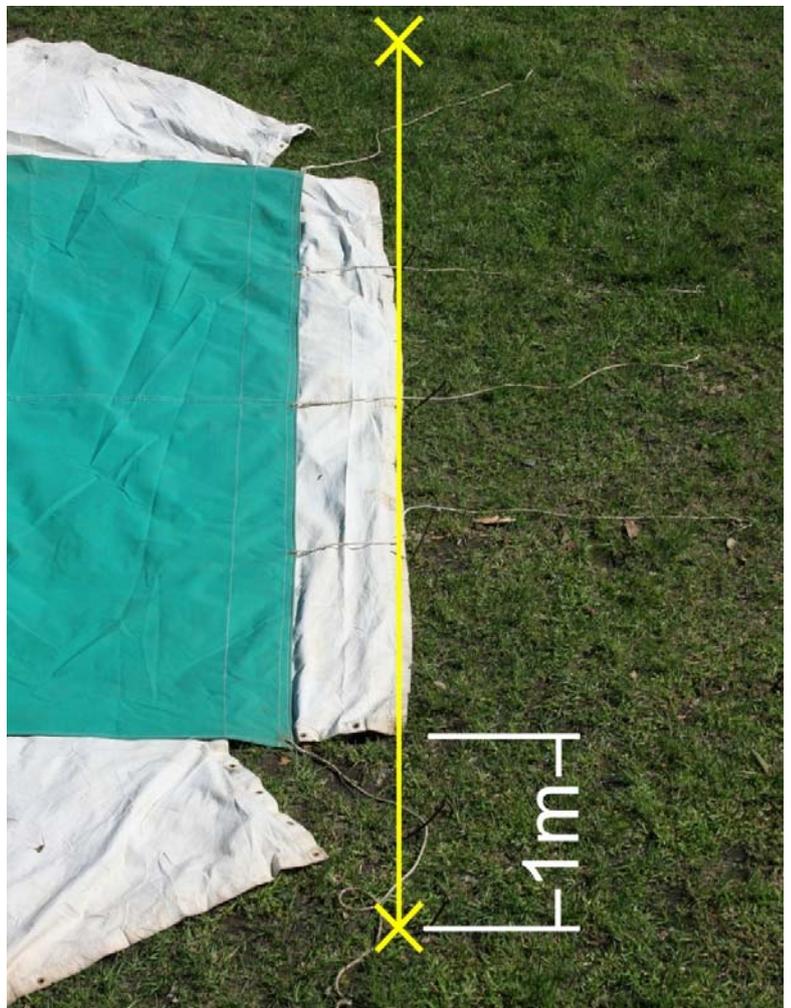
Lash the uprights to the ridge pole. Ensure that the clove hitch starts the lashing on the bottom side of the ridge pole. This is to the left of the ridge pole shown in the picture to the right. Propping the end of the ridge pole up on a spare pole, stick, rock or other object will help you to quickly lash the poles.

Two Scouts can be working on either end of the ridge pole at the same time



### Step 5

Position the four corner pegs. They are located on a line that is coincident with the bottom of the side flap, 1m out from the front edge of the tent.



Position the remaining pegs in a line between the corner pegs on each side.

Three side pegs are positioned with each peg adjacent to the eyelet with a guy rope attached to it along each side of the tent.

Pegs for the storm guys are placed 30cm in from the corner pegs.

If you have spare pegs or a small stick place them in the ground at the intersection of the upright and the ridge pole. This will guide you when standing the tent up. (See picture at step 7)



### Step 6

Tie off all of the tents guy ropes. Do this by passing the end of the rope through the eye of the peg and tie back onto itself with a rolling hitch.

Tie the rolling hitch close to the end of the rope and slide it towards the peg so that the loop around the peg is small. This will help you later when standing the tent up.

The corner guy rope is tied around the outermost peg not the second one in.



### Step 7

Find the centre of the storm guy rope and tie a clove hitch around the top of the upright. Leave about 15cm from the top of the square lashing to the clove hitch. Throw each end of the guy diagonally across each side of the tent towards its peg.

Do this at the other end of the tent for the second guy rope

*(Note the spare peg that has been used for positioning)*



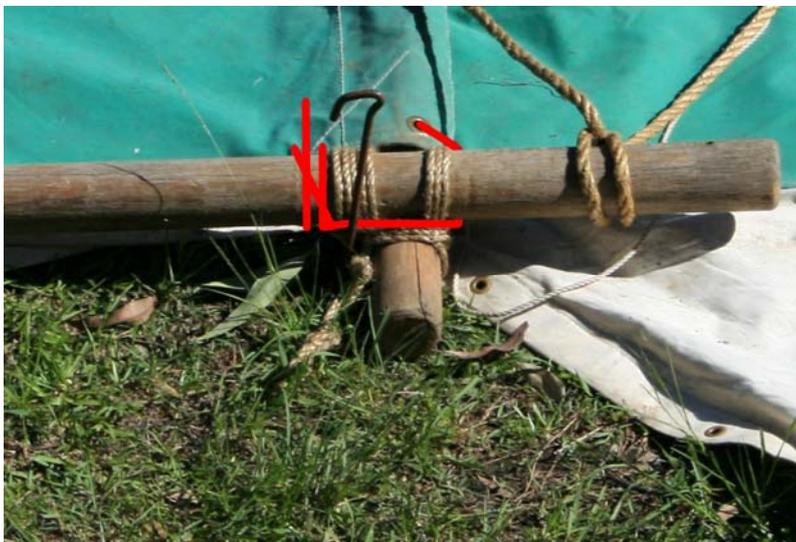
### Step 8

Tie off the storm guys to the peg second from the end using a rolling hitch. Just as with the side guys, tie it at the end of the rope and leave the loop small.



### Step 9

At each end of the ridge line of the tent there is a rope attached to an eyelet. Take this rope and pass it around the upright on top side of the ridge and then down. Pull the ridge of the tent taut and tie it off with a clove hitch on the upright, just below the square lashing



### Step 10

The tent is now ready to be raised. With a Scout at each end of the ridge pole lift the ridge pole straight up. This is a good job for the taller Scouts in a Patrol. The uprights will drop down into a vertical position. Position the bases of the uprights adjacent to the two spare pegs. This ensures that the uprights are in line and the tent hasn't 'walked' out of position as it has been lifted.



### Step 11

With the Scouts still holding the ridge pole, tighten the storm guys by sliding the rolling hitch towards the tent. Next tighten the corner guys followed by the side guys.

Check all ropes again to make sure they are taut and that the roof of the tent is flat and even.



## Step 12

### Move in!

During the day the flaps should be brailed by rolling up toward the inside and tying off. By rolling from the inside you avoid the flaps trapping water should you get caught out unexpectedly. Never roll the flaps if they are wet, leave them hanging to dry.

If in camp for a number of days you should move your gear to one half of the tent during the day and cover with your ground sheet. This helps the grass by allowing access to light and carbon dioxide as well as letting any moisture dry off. On the following day move your gear to the other side of the tent.

