



# Shelter Survey



# **SURVEY OF SHELTERS**

## **Pickles & Arrow Adventure Boys**

Sample of Video Script Writing

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## **Show Brand Introduction**

My name is pickles and this is arrow and we love to backpack.

This is a show about the tricks and methods that I've learned over the years for safe and fun backpacking.

It's also a show about dogs. Maybe you're a beginner, or maybe you've been hiking for a while, you might have even traveled the world!

I don't know, but I'm hoping that maybe I can help you improve, or even get you started into backpacking.

## **Standard Disclaimer**

I'm not a survivalist. Nor am I an expert. I'm just an explorer who wants to share my experiences with you.

The ideas that I talk about in my videos are what work for me. I hope to help you find what works best for you. If you're a beginner learn your limits by starting small

Backpacking is not for everyone, and most importantly - hike your own hike.

That means do what is best for you!

## **Unique Episode Introduction**

Hey everybody, welcome to another episode of Pickles and Arrow Adventure Boys. On this episode we're going to conduct a survey of five commonly used backpacking Shelters.

Hope you enjoy!

## **Tarps**

This is a hex tarp made by Eno. It's called a hex because of its geometric shape.

The tarp is the most basic type of shelter used for backpacking. It is also the most versatile and can be pitched many different ways.

You can use it by itself, as a shelter for rain, a windbreaker, or a fly for your hammock. Its use is completely dependent upon your needs

## **Here are the pros of using a tarp as a shelter**

You will carry significantly less weight and it takes up less volume in your pack.

The tarp gets an A+ plus rating when backpacking with dogs. That is due to its customizable nature.

It gives your dog a 360 degree view of your surroundings. So, if you want your dog to be vigilant for people or animals, who may approach in the night, your dog will have a great view.

It also provides you with an excellent view, especially if you're camping near an amazing vista, or you enjoy stargazing, a tarp is spacious, and it gives you and your dog lots of room.

If you stop for lunch while hiking on a rainy day, and would like to get out of the rain, then the tarp also makes a great temporary shelter while on the trail.

## **Here are the cons of using a tarp as a shelter.**

A simple tarp provides zero protection against insects.

It is possible to use bug netting in conjunction with the tarp however this will require some additional fastenings.

If your dog has a 360 degree view of the outside, they will remain hyper vigilant throughout the night, and both you and the dog will get little rest.

This can be an important issue if your dog is trekking on a high mileage weekend. Just like you, your dog needs adequate rest.

## **Here are some tips**

This is called a prusik knot. It's a very useful knot for creating a ridge line to hang your tarp from.

The prusik can either be used to pitch a tarp between one to two trees, or for making a freestanding pitch with trekking poles and stakes.

Use carabiners to fasten your tarp to the ridgeline. The prusik slides in or out to tighten or loosen the tautness of the ridgeline.

Use a trekking pole at the entrance to create that classic a-frame tent shape.

Secure the back section of the tarp near your feet with two stakes. This shape is great for shedding water away from you, with the opening angled down towards the opposite End.

The water moves towards your feet, and away from you.

You can pitch your tarp either high or low to the ground. A low pitch is good for strong wind conditions and rain. A high pitch also gives you great visibility on a starry night.

In colder conditions it's not a bad idea to pitch the foot of the shelter towards the wind. Just take a brief test of the wind with a finger to determine wind direction before setting up.

Pitching the tarp aerodynamically will also reduce wind resistance, and reduce the likelihood that the wind will steal your tarp during the night.

You will want to pack a ground cloth to protect your sleeping bag and mattress from sharp objects that may be hiding in the ground.

### **Arrow gives the tarp:**

- (1) A five out of five stars for versatility.
- (2) Three stars for sturdiness against high winds and rain.
- (3) Five out of Five stars for camping with dogs.
- (4) Zero stars for bug control.
- (5) Five stars for nocturnal bathroom trips, and;
- (6) Five stars for weight.

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