

How To Choose A Great Camping Tent

Spending time together with the family is often an important aspect of camping trips, but if the wrong size tent is purchased, there may be more family togetherness than anyone desires. The number of campers that can fit in a tent is usually marked clearly on the tent, but it can become confusing. A two-person tent is designed to comfortably hold two campers, but this "comfort level" does not include two campers plus all of the camping items.

Usually, the camping supplies and extra gear will need to remain outside if the two campers want to be comfortable within the two-person tent. With this in mind, traveling light is an option but choosing a slightly larger tent is probably a better option if you prefer not to store all of your camping supplies outside.

The type of camping tent you want also depends on the grounds at the campsite at which you plan to camp. Many of the newer style tents come with a floor that provides a bug barrier to guard against any small critters on the ground when the tent is first set up. Tents without any such floor can always use an air mattress or put down a makeshift floor with a nylon or plastic tarp. Cots are also a great option for those desiring to camp off the floor. This also keeps sleeping campers off the immediate ground in the event any inclement weather comes their way.

Tents, of course, come in many different sizes. Some can hold an entire family while some even offer divisions to create a multi-room tent and offer some privacy to campers. Multi-room tents are great options for parents who may want a little privacy from the younger campers, or a private area to change clothing when other private spaces are not available.

It goes without saying that the easier a tent is to set up the better! Spending the first day at the campsite setting up can take away from some of the fun of camping in general. Most tents are fairly simple to set up, but some can be surprisingly complicated. Most tents include instructions but, as any camper knows, the instructions are usually lost by the second trip so be sure the tent is a simple model to set up.

Covers over the tents screened windows can help ensure privacy while camping, which is particularly desirable in the evenings when you cannot be sure what is wandering around at night. Keep in mind, though, that if you leave this cover open and there is a light on inside the tent, you may not see others outside the tent but they will be able to see you inside. This is why closable covers are sometimes an unappreciated feature when choosing camping tents.

About the Author

Peter Wilson published predominantly for <http://www.alicante-spain.com>, a web page with information about denia tourism. His writings on denia can be found on <http://www.alicante-spain.com/denia.html>.

Source: <http://www.diyresource.com>