

Fieldcraft Skill Series

Patrol Dining Fly

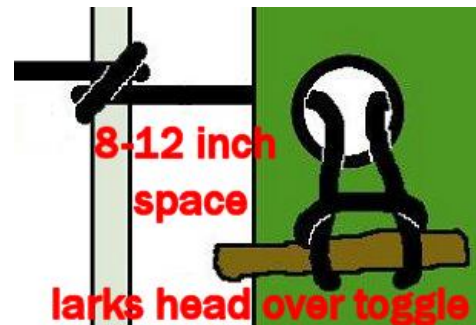


When setting up camp, the Patrol Dining Fly should be set up as early as possible, since a Patrol can stash their equipment under the fly while setting up their tents. This method of setting up a fly uses only three lines, three knots, two poles, eight stakes, and two toggles – which can be made on-site from a strong stick.



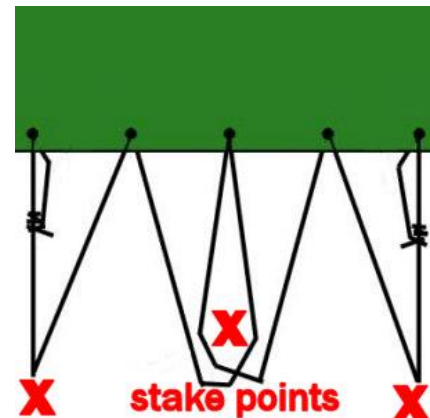
The set-up is simple, and with practice can be accomplished by a Patrol in under ten minutes – even in the dark.

The ridge line is fixed to the upright poles using a clove hitch at the top of each pole, allowing at least 8 to 12 inches to each side beyond the tarp. The tarp is centered over the ridge line, and secured to the ridge line with the lark's head over the two toggles. The poles are placed upright with tension applied to keep the center ridge line taut and straight. One Patrol member holds each pole upright, maintaining the necessary tension to keep the tarp up.



The side guy-lines are staked at each corner, and then the center points are staked. (The side guy-lines should be placed in the grommets prior to pulling the tarp over the ridge line)

The lateral lines extending from the ridge line are pulled taut and staked to the ground forming approximately a 45 degree angle between the upright poles and the ground level. The lines are secured to a stake using a taut-line hitch.



Adjust the taut-line hitch at each corner of the tarp to maintain tension and add the necessary support to the tarp.