



Tent Buying Tips

One)

Buy cheap, buy twice! A tent is the centrepiece of any camping trip - your home away from home so make sure you buy one that lasts. The longer the guarantee, the better the quality of the tent is likely to be.

Two)

You don't want to spend your whole trip putting up the tent so make sure the tent is simple to erect and pull back down

Three)

Unfortunately you can never guarantee the weather, so you want to make sure your tent is weather proof. You can check water resistance by looking for a water-head rating (which is measured in mm). For tent flies, 1000mm is considered low, while 3000mm is considered fairly high.

In addition to the waterhead rating of the fabric, fly design and taped seams will add to the weather resistance of a tent.

Four)

Of course it certainly can get hot during those long summer days, so you want to make sure there is plenty of ventilation and shade from awnings.

Five)

Make sure your tent has good, strong, flexible poles and plenty of guy ropes to ensure the best possible chance against strong wind conditions.

Six)

The weight of the tent material, which in polyester tents is measured in denier, and in canvas tent is measured in grams per m², is a guide to the strength of the material. For the most rugged and durable product, choose the heaviest weight available.

Seven)

The weight of the floor material is also very important as this is the area that arguably receives the most wear and tear during use, and the last thing you want is a hole in the floor that allows moisture and mud in if the campsite ground is wet. Again, the heavier the floor material the better.

Coleman tents use heavy duty, waterproof flooring materials so you can be sure you are getting as durable a design as possible.



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