

User Manual

Bug Canopy

The Gossamer Gear Bug Canopy was designed to provide effective protection from flying bugs and to a lesser degree crawling bugs with a minimum weight penalty. At 3 oz, the Bug Canopy can be easily added to your Spinnshelter and will form a small enclosure from the middle of your sleeping bag up over your head and out towards the front door. The design is simple but effective; you will attach the Bug Canopy to five attachment points already sewn into your Spinnshelter which will create a canopy over your head and will keep pesky bugs at bay so you can eat, read or sleep in peace.

Set up

Your Bug Canopy comes with 10' of utility cord and five small black hooks.

1. Cut the cord into 5 – 2' sections and attach one to each of the five canopy tie out loops. This knot will stay fixed so feel free to use any fixed knot that suits you.
2. Attach one small hook to the other end of each of the five lines using a taut line hitch. This knot will allow you to adjust the length of each pullout to optimize your Bug Canopy pitch.
3. Attach the bottom two hooks to the pull outs located at the center of the inside walls of the Spinnshelter. Do not over tighten these lines at this point.
4. Next, hook the small loop attached to the red pullout on the Bug Canopy to the Spinnshelter loop inside the front peak.
5. Finally, attach the remaining two side pullouts located on the front of the Bug Canopy to the loops located on the inside edge of the Spinnshelter door, near ground level.
6. Begin adjusting the five lines until the Canopy “drapes” over your sleeping area. We have found when adjusting the two lines attached to the center of the shelter, it is easiest if you approach these lines from outside the shelter – slip your hands under the side wall while crouching next to the shelter to make the adjustments.
7. When you are done, the Bug Canopy should be draped loosely over your sleeping bag at approximately waist level. The sides of the Canopy should gradually lift off the ground as they make their way towards the front door opening, forming a small mesh “wall” beside your shoulders and head. To be pitched properly the edge of the mesh should be in contact with the ground at all times. The front doorway should loosely resemble the shape of the Spinnshelter door, albeit with a peak that is lower to the ground. The canopy pitch will be approximately 21” from ground level to the peak, and approximately 33” wide when properly adjusted.
8. The doorway can be rolled up and stowed out of the way using the hook and loop fastener.
9. The Rock Pockets can be used once you are settled into your bag to keep the mesh in contact with the ground. We have found that using shoes or other gear can easily substitute for rocks.
10. To use the Bug Canopy with Spinnshelter pitches where the shelter sidewalls are off the ground and staked out with line, simply adjust the five attachment lines accordingly (making them longer in this example). Keep in mind it may be necessary to add longer lines to the Bug Canopy if you choose to pitch your Spinnshelter side walls very high off the ground. It is also possible to run a line from the front corners of the Bug Canopy directly to your Spinnshelter ground stakes in this case.

Enjoy your new Bug Canopy! Feel free to forward any suggestions or user tips that can be included in the next website update.