

SHELTER

The art of minimalism—balancing comfort, safety, and agility—comes with experience. Learning from your successes and mistakes is the best way to prepare for future adventures. These are the three main shelter options in the backcountry.



SEEKING A CAMP SPOT

- Flat and dry-ish
- Sheltered
- Away from roads, tracks, rockfall, animals, rivers, and steep drops
- Water supply for cooking, drinking,

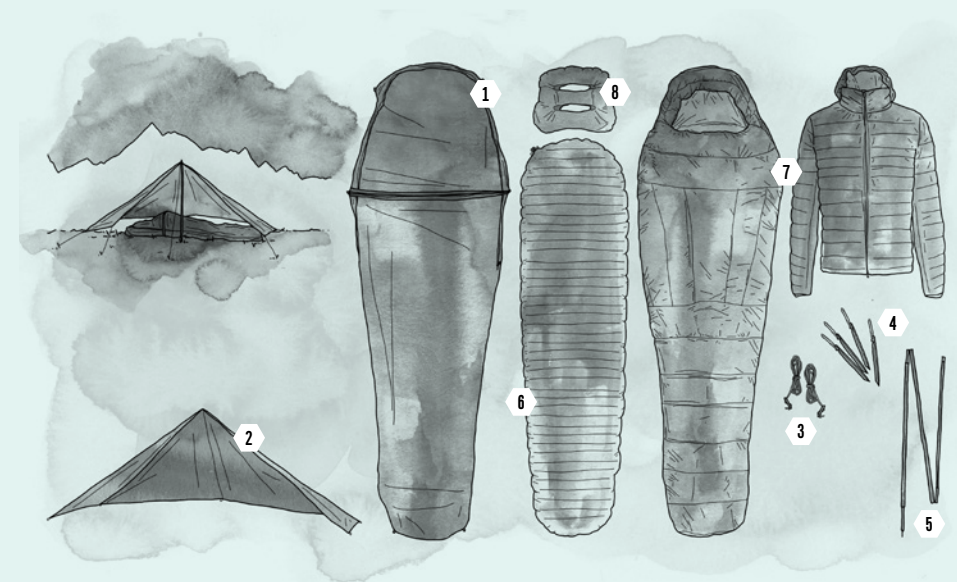
and washing bodies/sporks

- Pitch up just before dark to check surroundings and not attract attention

WILD CAMPING/LEAVE NO TRACE

- Research terrain and legalities

- Ask for permission
- Camp on durable surfaces
- Pack all trash out with you
- Cathole human waste
- Minimize campfire impact
- Respect animals and plants

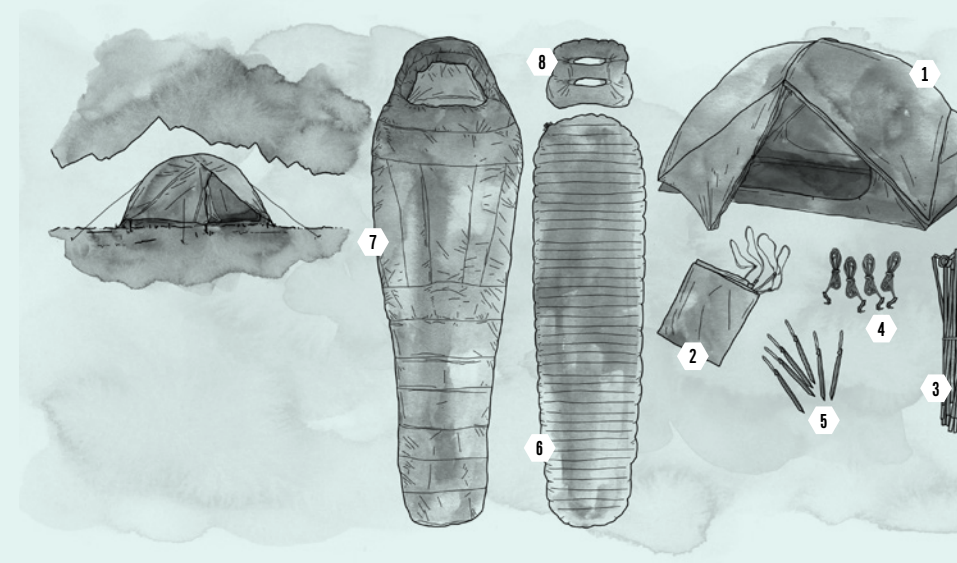


BIVVY/TARP

Quick, simple, lightweight, but exposed. Tarps add fuss but provide additional shelter.

- 1 Bivvy Bag
- 2 Tarp
- 3 Guylines
- 4 Poles
- 5 Pole(s)
- 6 Sleeping mat
- 7 Sleeping bag/insulated jacket
- 8 Pillow

TOP TIP: Leave your system together and roll up for a simple roll out in the evening.

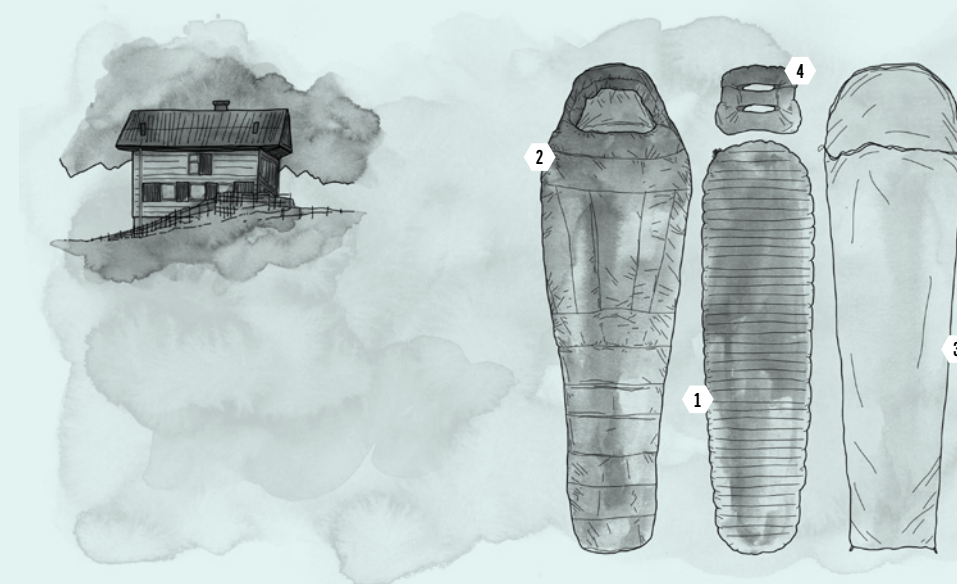


TENT

The go-to. Your home away from home.

- 1 Tent inner/outer
- 2 Additional groundsheet
- 3 Poles
- 4 Guylines
- 5 Pegs
- 6 Sleeping mat
- 7 Sleeping bag
- 8 Pillow

TOP TIP: Do not view a tent as a single item. Think about splitting up the various pieces to aid packability. (inner/outer in handlebar pack; poles/pegs in frame pack, etc.)



HUT

It offers less freedom than camping out, but the joy of reaching a pass-nesting mountain hut or remote stone bothy is unrivaled. Huts are a great introduction to bikepacking and mean carrying less kit.

- 1 Sleeping mat
- 2 Sleeping bag
- 3 Sleeping bag liner
- 4 Pillow

TOP TIP: Phone ahead to make sure the mountain huts are open and have space, and to give them a rough arrival time. Bring earplugs.