

Coffin (bivouac)



The coffin is the most primitive **military bivouac**. It offers space for one person.

Material requirements

You need the following materials to build a coffin:

- 1 **military sheet** (with 1 cord included)
- 1 peg bag (tent unit, 2 tent poles and 2 pegs are needed)

Tying sheets

To tie a coffin, simply tie 2 adjacent sides of a sheet together.

Erection

- The knotted coffin should first be positioned so that the wind hits the tent from the direction of the peak.
- The top of the tent is secured with a peg.
- A pole made of two stakes is placed under the center of the canvas, opposite the tied line.
- The cord is stretched from the peg with the help of a peg

Areas of application

Similar to the **Gottthard**, the coffin is a bivouac for expeditions and **hikes**. As it offers only minimal protection, it should not be used in heavy rain.

The coffin can also be used to protect equipment and luggage.

Advantages / disadvantages

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- partly sheet flooring
- low material costs
- easy to transport
- very easy to set up

Disadvantages

- very small tent
- you lie on a knotted seam
- The head is not protected

Special features

A water lily can be formed with 4 coffins. It is possible to expand a **Berliner** into a Sterliner with coffins.

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