

HANGING A BEAR BAG—THE "PCT" METHOD

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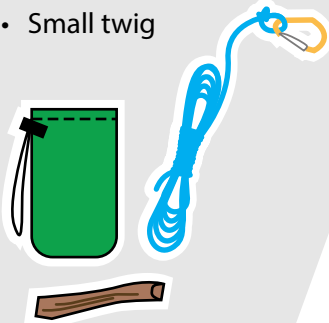
If hung "upside down" be sure to tie a slippery overhand knot to prevent the cord lock from loosening

EQUIPMENT

- Bear Bag
- 40 ft (12 m) Rope
- Throw/Rope Bag
- Mini Carabiner
- Small twig

The bear bag should be big enough for all food, trash, and "smellable" items.

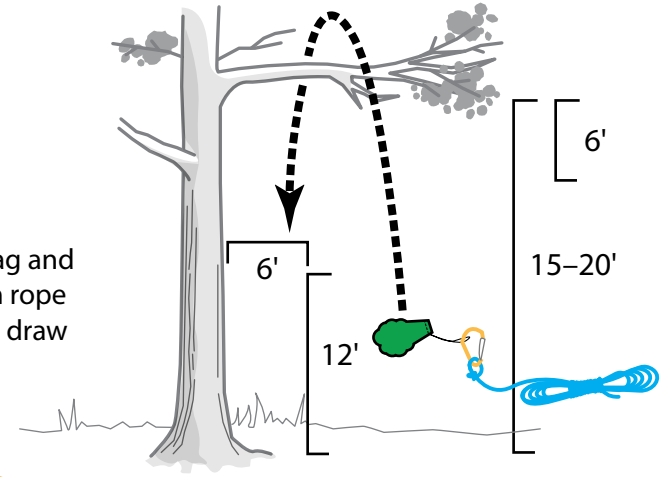
Bags with a webbing strap or loop are ideal



1.

Add rocks to throw bag and attach carabiner (with rope attached) to the bag's draw string to secure.

Tie a bowline knot on the carabiner



2.

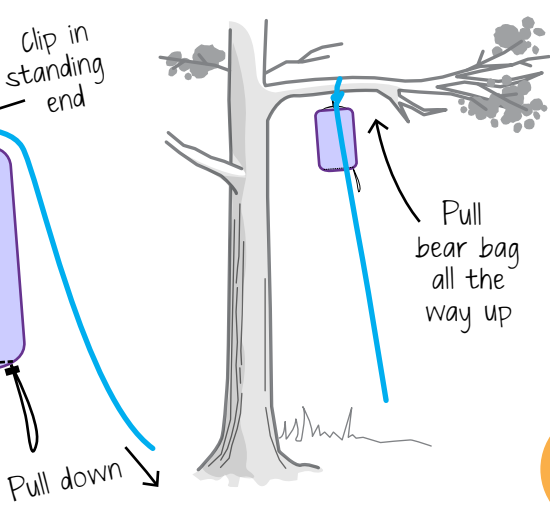
Toss the throw bag over a sturdy branch that is 15–20 ft (4.5–6 m) above the ground.

NOTE: When properly hung, the bear bag should hang at least 12 ft (4 m) above the ground and 6 ft (~2 m) down from the branch and away from the tree trunk.

(See <http://Int.org/blog/hanging-bear-bag>)

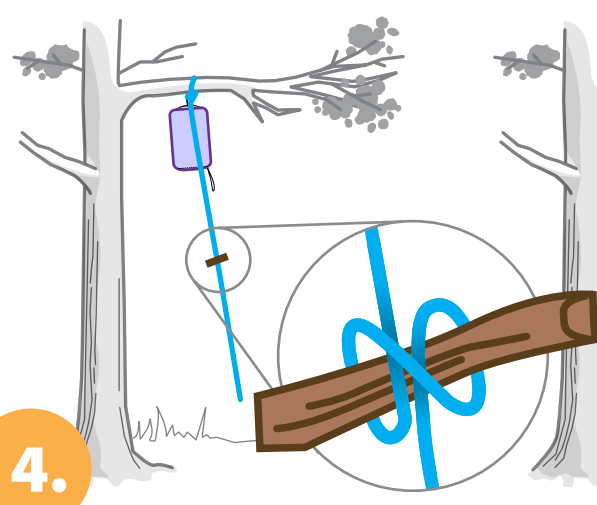
3.

Unclip throw bag from carabiner. Clip carabiner to bear bag. Feed loose end of the rope through carabiner and pull loose end to raise the bear bag to the top of the tree branch.



4.

Reach as high as you can and tie a clove hitch around the twig on the loose end of the rope, creating a toggle.



5.

Release the loose end of the rope. The bear bag will stop at the toggle.

