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MSR Zing

Eagle's Nest
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best for groups

MSR Zing

Got a crowd to cover? With 200 square feet of silnylon, the Zing will shelter up to 12 snoozers. It's not light, but has eight guyout points and comes with two poles, which provide A-frame support in tree-free areas. \$350, 5 lbs., 10 oz. (2 lbs., 14 oz. without poles)

kitchen cover

Eagle's Nest Outfitters ProFly

Cook and eat in comfort under this 9.5-by-12-foot silnylon tarp. It has six guyout points to fine-tune pitch. "It took just seven minutes to set up," said one New Hampshire tester. "And there was plenty of room for four of us." It packs down to grapefruit-size. \$85, 1 lb., 6 oz.

top ultralight

Brooks Range Ultralight Guide Tarp

The only limit on ways to pitch this tarp is your imagination. It has 19 guyout points. The ripstop nylon tarp will shelter up to three in a pinch, but testers say two is best. Bonus: A seam of Velcro along the edges converts the tarp into an emergency bivy sack or protection for an injured hiker who needs to be transported. \$145, 11 oz.

TESTERS: Kevin Anderson, Kelly Bastone, Kari Bodnarchuk, Jason Boyle, Bernie Broudy, Tom Callahan, Wes Cooper, Shannon Davis, Jonathan Dorn, Steve Friedman, Josh Friesema, Chencie Gall, Jim Gorman, Ken Haag, John Harlin, Karst Hoogeboom, Kristin Hostetter, Jason Kauffman, Bob Keenan, Mike Lanza, Dennis Lewin, Molly Loomis, Tiffani Miller, Matt Parsons, Steve Pulford, Ryan Rodgers, Steve Roy, Ben Russell, Kris Wagner, and Alaska Mountain Guides and Climbing School employees Darsie Culbeck, Brian Rougeux, Wes Light, and Mary Ziemba.

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