

MOSQUITO

Jungle Hammocks in the Desert Southwest-USA

Tom,

I have to tell you, the Mosquito Hammocks have certainly been a huge part of our recent adventures. Cheryl and I live in New Mexico, part of the United States Desert Southwest. Up until we received our hammocks, it would have been difficult to ride far into the wilderness and stay a day or two. But that's all changed.

As you can see, we are able to carry everything we need on horseback for an extended wilderness stay. The hammock, a light inexpensive wool blanket (we insert in the bottom sleeve for underside warmth), a good down 20°+ sleeping bag, the rain fly, and all of the



riggings fit into the waterproof stuff sack (in red, and purchased locally from our outfitter store) and mounts easily on the back of our horses.

This is Hoss. He carries my hammock and sleeping bag, rain gear, water purifier, emergency gear, and cooking/cleaning goods.

We're all packed up and ready to set out for a ride to over 10,000 feet elevation.



Cheryl and Koda are making a few final adjustments before heading out. Koda carries Cheryl's hammock and sleeping bag (red stuff sack on back), the horse fence and some rain gear on front (believe it or not, we actually have a "Monsoon season" here in NM), and all of the food in insulated saddle bags.

We set up our camp in a remote wilderness area, at roughly 9500 feet in elevation. There is a large pasture with tall grass just to the left. We set up a 40' X 60' electric fence corral for the horses. This is Cheryl and Koda in front of her hammock.



We set up our hammocks side by side. Not only are they lightweight so we can “pack them in”, but they set up in minutes. Fantastic!



We feel very comfortable setting the hammocks up and going for an all day ride. You have to be pretty close to even see them.

Here is Koda, ready for a ride now that we have our camp all set up.



A really cool part of having a Mosquito Hammock is the ability to add on features. We are extremely impressed with the workmanship, the design, and features such as the diamond rain fly, the insect mesh, the pockets and loops for storage on the inside, the bottom liner pocket (a must for inserting a wool blanket or insulated liner-It gets into the 30°-40° Fahrenheit range at night, and the down sleeping bag compresses on the bottom), and we're most impressed with the overall portability (packed size and weight).



We made our own "tree huggers" because pine tree sap does a number on the hammock lines. Also, combining the tree huggers with carabineer clips makes set up a cinch (literally). I capped small aluminum garden stakes with rubber stoppers for the insect mesh spreader bar.

This hammock goes up in minutes. And, it's very comfortable to sleep in (I'm 6'5" and 280 pounds)

In this photo, Cheryl and I have our hammocks set up more or less side by side. We also run a line under each hammock to hang our horse blankets and other gear. A small "footprint" (on the ground in blue) adds the final touch. This allows us to climb into the hammock, leaving the dirt and sticks behind.

And we're all set for our wilderness ride. Here is Cheryl and another one of our riding group heading up an alpine meadow. Yes, this is New Mexico, part of the Desert Southwest. This picture was taken near San Pedro Park, at 10,500 feet elevation, in the Santa Fe National Forest.



The hammocks are great! We have a whole new sense of freedom. Thanks for everything.

Sincerely,

Dave & Cheryl