



Skunk Ape Tree Stand Installation Instructions:

Note: the person who will be installing straps for the ladder braces and foot platform should be wearing a safety harness.

1. We recommend the hunter carry the Skunk Ape Tree Stand (SATS1) to its destination in separate sections: Ladder sections & Platform section.
2. Determine side of the tree the hunter will be positioned prior to assembly of the platform and ladder sections. Place the platform 20' away from tree before attaching the ladder sections.
3. Assemble platform section to the ladder sections per the included instruction video. Assembly videos are also available at our website: www.skunkapetreestands.com or the Skunk Ape Tree Stands YouTube page.
4. Move the stand toward the tree until the bottom rung of the ladder is resting against the base of the tree.
5. Connect one gear rope (included) to each platform footrest.
6. Place Adult #1 and Adult #2 on the opposite side of tree from stand. Adult #1 and Adult #2 will hold one gear rope and stabilize the stand during the ascension of the stand; each adult will pull the stand up from behind the tree.

7. Adult #3 should be present to “walk” the stand up by hand with the ladder rungs; starting at the platform end of the stand. While Adult #3 starts the platform upward, Adult #1 and Adult #2 should be holding the stand gear ropes tight to prevent misdirection of the platform and assisting Adult #3 with the upper weight of the platform. Failure to maintain a tight grip on the gear ropes could result in injury or death.
8. When the stand is erected against the tree, in a vertical position, the Adult #3 will bring the ladder base out and away from the tree until the foot platform is level. Adult #1 and Adult #2 should maintain a secure grip on the gear ropes to prevent the platform from twisting or falling away from the tree.
9. Adult #3 will install the bottom ladder brace at rung 7, as shown on assembly instructions. This brace does NOT have a ratchet strap, it will be secured to the tree with a tie rope.
10. Once the bottom ladder brace is secure, Adult #1 will maintain a secure grip on both gear ropes while Adult #2 assists Adult #3 in the installation of the second ladder brace. The longest ratchet strap provided shall be used with the second ladder brace. The second ladder brace is installed by a ratcheting strap attached to the same ladder rung as the brace. Adult #2 will bring the strap around the tree and toss the loose end of the strap back up to Adult #3, on the ladder. Raise the brace, tree end, up level with the brace and ratcheted the strap tight.
11. Adult #3 shall always have on full body safety harness before leaving the ground to assemble/adjust the stand or hunt from the stand.
12. Adult #1 and Adult #2 will resume holding the gear ropes taut while Adult #3 moves up the ladder stand to anchor the foot platform to the tree. Before Adult #3 ascends the tree, locate the two remaining ratchet straps.
13. Adult #3, on the ladder, moves up to the foot platform and secures a ratcheting strap to the foot platform, around the tree securely.

ALERT- Adult #3 should attach this strap while standing on the ladder section and not the foot platform.

14. Approximately four feet above the foot platform attach the safety tether line to the tree. Run the rope, with the Prusik Knot, through the loop at the end of the line and pull it through. Pull the tether tight and check to ensure rope will not slip down the tree . Attach the carabiner at the end of the Prusik Knot to the tether point on the safety harness and secure by turning threads into the locked position on the carabiner. As you move up or down the tree on the ladder, slide the knot with you.
15. Adult #3 can enter the stand, lower seat into seated position and insert safety seat pin in seat frame.
16. Attach a gear rope onto the hanging tab to bring up the shooting rails one at a time. Raise and install shooting rails from a seated position. Install the rear shooting rail first and then the side rails next.
17. Note: Take the time to adjust the height of the shooting rails to fit the hunter that will be using the stand for maximum comfort while resting a weapon on it.
18. Extend shooting rails out to allow maximum contact of shooting rail T-brace to fit the sides of the tree.
19. The adjustable bungee strap (provided) is used to hold the T-brace to the tree at the desired height so that the ratcheting strap can be attached and secured at the preferred height.
20. Hand tighten wing nut bolts on the shooting rail extensions.
21. When the hunter is seated attach seat belt around the hunters lap
22. Remain seated the entire time you are in the stand. Never loosen or remove seat belt, stand or move about the stand for any reason.

23. For bow hunting: Remove the shooting rails and secure, vertically, to the tree with the bungee cord and ratcheting strap provided. This will allow for seated bow hunting safety.
24. The Skunk Ape Tree Stand is designed to be used from a seated position for gun or bow hunting. Failure to remain seated could lead to an accident which could result in injury or death.
25. Attach a gear rope onto the hanging tabs to raise/lower weapons, accessories or equipment bag up into the stand. (Note: NEVER raise or lower a loaded weapon).
26. The hunter shall never pass his/her legs beyond the shooting rail uprights located behind the seat. Legs/feet should always be in the foot platform or side step platform areas. Always make sure that the safety pin (located on the right side of the seat when facing the tree) is secured properly through the stand frame and the chair frame. Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious injury or death.

Enjoy your new Skunk Ape Tree Stand!



Skunk Ape Junior Seat Installation Instructions:

- Using the gear rope provided with your Skunk Ape Tree Stand, hoist the Skunk Ape Junior Seat into the stand and place on the foot platform.
- The base of the junior seat should be positioned in the middle of the foot platform with its back pushed flush against the tree.
- Using the provided ratcheting strap secure the seat to the tree tightly.
- The cushioned seat will be in a down position for the child to sit. It can be in the up position when the child is not present.
- Skunk Ape Junior Seat is designed for Ages 6-10. The child should always wear the provided harness while ascending/descending and while in the stand with an adult supervisor.