

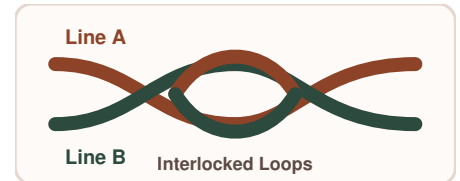
Essential Backcountry Knot Field Guide

3 Must-know wilderness knots with visual diagrams and memory tricks for young campers!

1. The Square Knot (Reef Knot)

BEST FOR: Joining 2 Ropes

1. Hold one rope end in each hand (Line A and Line B).
2. Cross the **Right** rope over and under the **Left** rope.
3. Now cross the **Left** rope over and under the **Right** rope.
4. Pull all 4 ends tightly to lock two neat, interlocking loops together!



Memory Rhyme: "Right over left, left over right, makes a knot neat and tight!"

2. The Bowline Knot

BEST FOR: Fixed Loop / Bear Bags

1. Make a small loop near the middle of your line (this is **The Hole**).
2. Bring the rope end (**The Rabbit**) up through the bottom of the hole.
3. Pass the rabbit around the back of the tall line (**The Tree**).
4. Dunk the rabbit back down into the hole and pull tight!

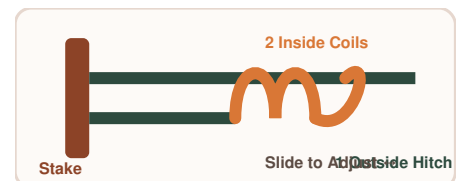


Memory Story: The rabbit comes out of the hole, runs around the tree, and goes back down into its hole!

3. The Taut-Line Hitch

BEST FOR: Adjustable Tent Guylines

1. Wrap your rope around a tent stake or tree anchor point.
2. Wrap the loose end **twice** around the inside of the main line (towards the stake).
3. Cross over and make **one final wrap** on the outside of the main line.
4. Pass through the loop and pull tight—slide up or down to tighten your tent!



Pro Tip: Perfect for keeping tent rainflies tight in windy weather without re-tying!