

Do not allow bird droppings, earth, sand or vegetable matter to remain in contact with your canvas

vicinity of the canvas can be harmful to its life and usefulness.

After each trip (perhaps when packing up before heading home), check your canvas for damage, bird droppings, sap or other blemishes and ensure that you fix them as soon as possible. And make sure you store all tent poles and pegs in containers away from the canvas.

This needn't be a chore. When you come back from a day spent fishing or bushwalking, just give your canvas a quick inspection. If there are any obvious blemishes, you'll know to give the canvas a brush down.

Or what you can do is, once a year, when you set time aside to check the wheel bearings or other periodic maintenance, take time to fold out the canvas and give it a quick once-over and a clean.

Well looked after, your canvas will last you a lifetime. Happy trails

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