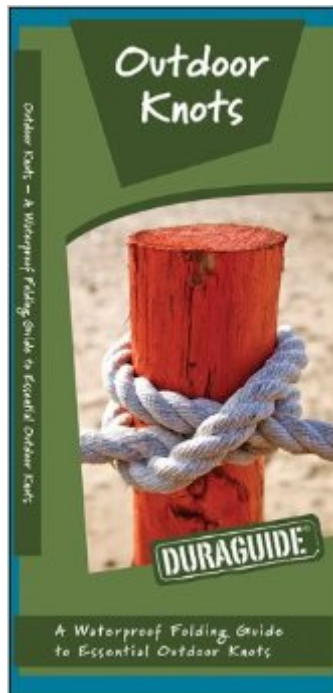


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# Outdoor Knots: A Waterproof Guide To Essential Outdoor Knots (Duraguide Series)



## Synopsis

Knots have three practical purposes &#150; to attach a rope to another rope, to attach a rope to an object or to allow a rope to perform a function. All knots have multiple uses. This Duraguide® provides simplified step-by-step reference on how to tie the most popular outdoor knots including those used for boating, fishing, climbing and camping. Learn a variety of ways to tie on to a post or rail, join lines together, shorten ropes, stop a line from running, bind materials together and rigging popular climbing and fishing knots. Printed on waterproof paper, this lightweight, pocket-sized folding guide is an excellent source of portable information that can be used to solve a variety of outdoor challenges. Made in the USA.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a review of the "Outdoor Knots" Duraguide. I purchased this particular guide for camping purposes, as I am always having to review my knots before going on my bi-annual camping/canoe trips. The other Duraguides in this series are most likely similar in construction, but the quality of the content would need to be reviewed. There is probably some overlap with the Â Camping 101: A Waterproof Pocket Guide to What a Novice Needs to Know (Duraguide) Â and other Duraguides in terms of knots. The pamphlet is made out of a single thin -- but tough -- high quality white plastic sheet that is folded into 6 panels when stretched out. It is NOT made out of paper that has been plastic laminated as I originally thought. Although the pamphlet is made of plastic, it handles like thin

cardboard stock. Instructions and Knot pictures are obviously printed on both sides, with about 4-5 knots described per panel for a surprising 52 "outdoor knots" covered! The finish of this plastic pamphlet gives it a very low-reflective "satin" look and feel. Pictures and text is of very high quality, sharply detailed and knot instructions are -- for the most part -- easy to follow. (Some knots take a bit longer to tie, and require some practice, so you won't get it the first time). Knot pictures are in full color and well drawn. In terms of carrying it in a backpack, I would not fold the plastic pamphlet "over" itself (in half), otherwise you'll probably split the seams of the panels pretty quickly.

Otherwise, the guide should hold up for a good few years in a pack if "flat" packed properly. Because it is plastic, the guide floats if it is dropped in water (tested in a bathtub) and does not absorb water (Bonus: The "ink" will never bleed like with paper.) The waterproof guide can also be used to collect water from a tricking spring by using the "V" to redirect the water into a bottle or cup. I'm not sure how this particular type of plastic will handle winter conditions, such as ice/snow and freezing temperatures (like in Canada), but my best guess is that it will become brittle and the seams will definitely start to crack sooner, so treat it more carefully in cold weather. Also, I would not leave it in direct sunlight for long periods, as it will probably warp and degrade the plastic from the UV and heat. Here are the knots covered -- spelled exactly as show in the pamphlet, organized under the following sections and sub-sections, as listed in the guide. One side of the pamphlet is dedicated to MULTI-USE KNOTS, and the other side has additional categories of knots for BOATING, FISHING, and CLIMBING. There are some knot "repeats" but useful to rookie campers that need to know how to tie a particular knot easily and (relatively) quickly, the first time. Most knots have a 1 or 2 line comment/description associated with them. I was able to follow most of the knots with relative ease.

**MULTI-USE KNOTS (23)\*** Tie a Rope to a Post or Rail  
Clove Hitch, Rolling Hitch  
Taut-line Hitch  
Constrictor Knot  
Half Hitch  
Two Half Hitches  
Round Turn and Two Half Hitches  
Sliding Knot  
Quick-Release Hitch  
Trucker's Hitch\*  
Join Lines Together  
Square (Reef) Knot  
Surgeon's Knot  
Sheet Bend  
Carrick Bend  
The Rethreaded Overhand Knot  
Albright Special  
Water Knot/Double Fisherman's Knot\*  
Stop a Line from Running  
Overhand Knot  
Figure 8 Knot  
Slipped Overhand Knot  
Double Overhand Knot\*  
Bind Materials Together  
Transom Knot  
Figure 8 Lashing

**CLIMBING KNOTS (9)**  
Prusik Knot  
Italian Hitch  
Alpine Butterfly  
Slip Knot  
Ring Bend  
Bowline-on-the-bight  
Kamikaze Knot  
Kleimheist Knot  
Figure 8 Loop

**BOATING KNOTS (10)**  
Anchor Bend  
Mooring Hitch  
Cleat Hitch  
Canoe Hitch  
Buntline Hitch  
Running Bowline  
Eye Splice  
Ashley's Stopper Knot  
Heaving Line Knot  
Monkey's Fist

**FISHING KNOTS (9)\*** Attach a Line to a Hook  
Blood Knot  
Palomar Knot  
Non-Slip Loop Knot  
Nail Knot  
Uni Knot\*  
Attach Line to a Reel  
Arbor Knot\*  
Create a Loop  
Perfection Loop  
Surgeon's Loop  
Dropper Loop

**THE KING OF ALL KNOTS (1)**  
Bowline  
If you are looking for

card-based version of a portable waterproof knot guide, then have a look at [PROKNOT Outdoor Knots](#).

Has all essential knots shown, plus a few of the more common specialized mountaineering knots. The guide itself is printed on a nice, heavy paper and laminated on both sides with a fairly thick lamination. I learned almost all of these knots in Boy Scouts and the Army, and through the use of this guide my five and six year old kids had the square knot, bowline and sheet bend in about an hour, one evening on a camping trip.

I purchased this a long time ago retail, but since it popped up while browsing, I thought I'd give it my thumbs up! I am a casual knot hobbyist and I love this guide. It's lightweight and durable, being made of a strong but light plastic material (not just laminated- it's actually printed on this material) folded into a handy brochure size. I have two other knot guides and go back and forth between this one and my Pro-knot cards. I like the compactness of the small Pro-knot cards, but the duraguide packs a lot more knots into its still compact size. While I would recommend the Animated Knots website as the best site for actually learning to tie knots to start with, and I am glad I have the Pro-knots guide as an alternate, I would highly recommend this as a primary, lightweight, highly packable reminder of some of the most useful knots when you're recreating in the great outdoors!

Ehh-like some others I am a bit surprised in the coating or seem to be lack of for waterproof. Guess we will see. The pamphlet itself is easy to read and has good info, just not sure about packing it-seems that it will bend and be a mess in no time. I can't see much use for something that you have to be 'careful' with outdoors.

As a field operations employee there is always a time when you need to "knot" something. From electronics wiring (waxed string as in the MARS Curiosity) to equipment crates. I have had it with me for over 5 or 6 years ( i have the past edition )and its still in great shape it is even great because of the format you can add several of these pamphlets into one I strongly recommend it for having a solid guide for use because sometimes memory and exhaustion wont let us do our knots right

I bought this guide to help if I ever had to build a shelter in the woods and needed different knots to accomplish this. It covers the knots I would need the most in the back country.

Only four stars because details on the knots could be better. Other than that its good to keep while camping, ect.

Great quality, well made and useful info. Great little item to add to any hiking or camping backpack.

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