Guidelines & Disclaimer



Taking Good Care of your Koaro Packraft

- <u>Storing</u> Dry your packraft completely before rolling up and storing away. Storing a wet packraft can cause the coating of the fabric to decompose (accelerated ageing). Only store in cold, dry places!
- Inflation Only use the designated inflation bag for inflation. Never use a pump. Once the packraft is introduced into the water the air in the tubes will cool and decrease in volume. Top up by mouth to achieve the right level of buoyancy.
- Sun Ultraviolet radiation is the enemy of all fabrics. Care should be given not to subject the packraft to unnecessary sun exposure.
- Heat Pressure increases as the air inside the raft warms.
 Excessive pressure may cause damage to the packraft.
- Sand and Gravel Try to keep the creases between the inflated tubes and the floor & between the tubes and the spray deck sand free. Sand and small rocks will act as a constant source of abrasion.
- Rocks, Logs & Bushes Sharp rocks, logs, river debris
 and bushes are potential puncture hazards for any packraft.
 It is your own responsibility to not puncture your packraft.
- Cleaning Rinse the packraft with fresh water after each use and between each waterway, adding 5% dishwashing liquid which will kill Didymo (1 Tsp per cup). Do not use abrasive soaps or abrasive detergents.
- Fresh Water Pests and Didymo: To prevent the spread of freshwater pests always Check, Clean & Dry all boats and recreational equipment between waterways (see cleaning intstructions above).

Important Safety Rules:

- Packrafting can be dangerous and is physically demanding. Participation in water sports can lead to serious injuries or death. Always follow the safety instructions and take good care of your packraft. Follow safety standards when using this product.
- Always use extreme caution when using this product.
- Only use this product if you are in good physical health. Consult a physician prior to use of this product.
- Do not use alcohol or drugs prior to using this product.
- Never act in a careless manner when using this product.
- You are responsible for your own safety and the safety of others around you when using this product.
- Wear a helmet where appropriate and always wear an approved personal floatation device.
- Before using this product in white water complete a whitewater rafting course.
- Dress appropriately for the weather conditions.
- Never go packrafting alone. Tell someone where you go.
- Check your packraft prior to each use for signs of wear or failure.
- Do not modify your packraft.
- Always carry first aid and rescue/safety equipment.
 Obtain first aid training. Always carry a puncture repair kit.
- The user of this product acknowledges and understands the risks involved with water sports.

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Choose Safe Weather and Water Conditions

- Packrafts are subject to wind. Take special care in open water in windy conditions.
- Stay close to shore never navigate more than 25m off shore or further than you can swim in a few minutes.
- Do not use the packraft in flooded conditions.
- Be aware of river grades, water levels, tidal changes, currents and weather changes.
- Scout unfamiliar waters and portage where appropriate.
- Never use this raft where there is a risk of lightning and thunderstorms.
- Never use this product in waters that exceed your ability.
 Be honest with yourself.

Limitation of Liability

In no event shall Koaro Packrafts be liable for damages, harm of health, injury or death in relation to the use of any products purchased from Koaro Packrafts.

Koaro Packrafts has no way to screen the ability and experience of buyers and therefore strongly recommends following these safety and care guidelines as well as the Outdoor Safety Code, the Boating Safety Code and the Rafting Care Code.

Warranty

Koaro Packrafts warrants its products to be free from major defects in material or workmanship to the original purchaser for a period of 1 year from the date of purchase. This warranty is subject to the following limitations:

The warranty is valid only when this product is used for normal recreational activities, and does not cover products used in rental or teaching operations.

Koaro Packrafts will make the final warranty determination, which may require inspection and/or photos of the packraft/accessories, which clearly shows the defect(s). If necessary this information must be sent to Koaro Packrafts. If a product is deemed to be defective by Koaro Packrafts, the warranty covers the repair or replacement of the defective product only. Koaro Packraft will not be responsible for any costs, losses, or damages incurred as a result of loss or use of this product. This warranty does not cover damage caused by misuse, abuse, neglect or normal wear and tear including, but not limited to, punctures, damage due to excessive sun exposure, damage caused by improper drying or storing or damage caused by anything other than defects in material and workmanship.

The warranty is void if any unauthorized repair, change, or modification has been made to any part of the craft. The warranty for any repaired or replacement equipment is good from the date of the original purchase only. There are no warranties, which extend beyond the warranty specified herein.