

## **Sizing your Whoopie Slings, Tree Huggers and All In One system**

### **Whoopie Slings**

Our whoopie slings are sold by the maximum useable length. Folks ask what the minimum length is and, depending on how much is used when attaching to the hammock, it is approximately 14" for ALL sizes of whoopie slings.

In most of the U.S., there are sufficient trees to allow the use of 6' whoopie slings. If trees are sparse where you go, then stepping up to 8' slings might be a good idea.

We recommend a suspension angle of 30 degrees to horizontal when hanging your hammock. That being said, the longer the whoopie sling, the higher up the tree it needs to be attached. In cases where 10' whoopie slings are used fully extended, you may well be approaching a hang height of 8 feet up.

### **Tree Huggers**

We recommend sizing your tree huggers so that there is enough to go all the way around the trees you encounter plus about 1-2 feet for trying a marlin spike hitch (MSH) if using the MSH/Toggle method (recommended) of attaching the whoopie slings to the tree huggers. 6' tree huggers will work up to about an 18" tree diameter. 8' tree huggers will work up to about a 24" tree diameter. And so on.

### **All In One system**

Sizing an All In One system is a little different. Since the whoopie slings are permanently attached to the tree hugger portion, the marling spike hitch/toggle method is not used. Therefore one should choose the smallest tree hugger that will go around the trees normally encountered. Any excess will add to the overall length of the whoopie sling portion. The tree hugger may be wrapped more than once around the tree if there is excess. Choosing the whoopie sling portion is basically the same as choosing separate whoopie slings.