

Tree Protection

Proper tree protection is required for tethering any equipment to the trees to protect the trees from bark abrasion or damage. Fabric padding that completely encircles the tree at the connection point is required and should be a minimum of ¼" thick by 10" wide. This could be done with use of carpet, foam pads or towels for example. There are also commercial pads available for purchase. Slacklining and Hammock tree straps, if used, must comply with this requirement or should be used in conjunction with the appropriate tree protection. If bark appears thin or damaged the tree is likely not suitable for tethering and should not be used. It is the park user's responsibility to provide tree protection and to identify trees that may be susceptible to damage prior to use. Such damage is unlawful under Madison General Ordinance Section 23.24 *Breaking or Injuring Trees, Shrubs*.

Proper ways to tether to trees:



Improper way to tether to trees:

