



## #4257 Picnic Table



## Assembly Instructions

**Please open and inspect all items immediately upon receipt.**

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Nature Explore Classroom resources are designed to bring children closer to nature and help them develop life-long learning skills. To ensure safety and effectiveness, please be sure to follow the instructions for installation, building codes, warnings, and maintenance. Failure to follow all of the instructions will void any warranty offer. Furthermore, even Nature Explore Classroom resources installed and maintained in accordance with the instructions can present hazards to children in the absence of adequate supervision.

Depending on the location and nature of the outdoor classroom, the supervisors may be paid professionals (full-time park or school/child care facility staff), paid seasonal workers (college or high school students), volunteers (PTA members), or the parents of the children playing in the outdoor classroom. The quality of the supervision depends on the quality of the supervisor's knowledge of safe play behavior. Therefore, supervisors should understand the basics of safety in an outdoor classroom.

Outdoor classroom supervisors should be aware that not all equipment and items are appropriate for all children who may use the outdoor classroom. Posted signs or labels indicating the appropriate age of the users should be checked before play begins, and supervisors should direct children to equipment appropriate for their age. It is also very important to recognize that preschool-age children require more attentive supervision than older children do.

**Ages:** Recommended for ages 2-8

### **Building Codes:**

Variations in building codes, specific local development covenants, or site conditions may require modification to the installation of the product. Outdoor classroom owners are ultimately responsible for complying with all applicable permits, building codes and other regulatory requirements, and should review their outdoor classroom with local building inspectors. All appropriate building permits should be obtained prior to starting installation.

### **Liability:**

Nature Explore shall have no liability or responsibility for actions or inaction in connection with any Nature Explore item or any damage or liability that arises during the construction and/or use. Always read and observe all safety precautions provided by the Consumer Product Safety Council regarding toy safety, playground safety, and any other applicable programs. Likewise, always read and observe all safety precautions provided by any tool or equipment manufacturer consulted during installation.

### **Maintenance:**

Please be aware that the Picnic Tables are made of untreated wood and will endure the natural process of ‘checking’ or cracking as they age and adjust to your local climate. This is **not** a defect in the product, but a natural process that should be expected.

General Maintenance - Performed every few months. This maintenance will help reduce injuries and extend the life of your Picnic Table.

- Sand to remove any splinters
- Tighten all screws

Bi-annual maintenance - Performed every other year.

- Protect wood with wood protector (i.e. tung or linseed oil, etc.). Check with local building codes, playground experts, and wood preservation experts for the local rules and regulations and to ask what would be best to use around children.

### **Inspection:**

Inspect the Picnic Table before each use.

- Inspect to make sure table is stable on the ground
- Make sure legs are secure and screws are tight
- No large structurally damaging cracks have started
- Make sure surfaces are smooth and splinter free

### **Important Information:**



**Picnic Tables are NOT water-tight or weather-proof. You may want to treat the unit with a commercial water-seal and caulk the seams to extend the useful life of the table.**



**CAUTION: When using volunteer labor, make sure that the person assembling the Picnic Table has the necessary skill level.**



**CAUTION: Overtightening Screws & Bolts will cause the wood to crack and/or split.**

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(photos are for illustration purposes only, items you receive may be slightly different than those pictured)

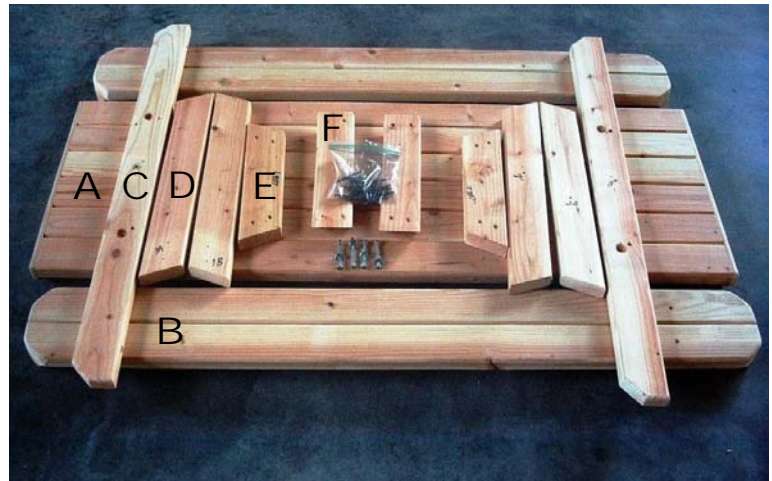


## Tools Needed:

1. Socket Wrench
2. 7/16" Socket
3. #2 Phillips Head Screwdriver

## Parts List:

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| 1 - Table Top       | A |
| 2 - Bench Tops      | B |
| 2 - Seat Supports   | C |
| 4 - Leg Supports    | D |
| 2 - Leg Braces      | E |
| 2 - Leg Stabilizers | F |



- 4 - 3" Carriage Bolts



- 4 - 7/16" Nuts



- 4 - Flat Washers



- 4 - Split-Lock Washers



- 4 - Cap Nuts



- 32 - 2 1/2" Screws



**Step 1:** Carefully unpack and inspect the contents of all cartons and make sure all parts are there. If any parts are missing or damaged, contact Nature Explore immediately at 1-888-908-8733 or [service@natureexplore.org](mailto:service@natureexplore.org).

**Step 2:** Thoroughly read and review all instructions before you begin.

**Step 3:** Lay the table top on a smooth flat surface face down.



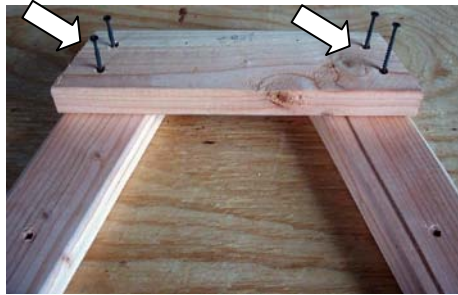
**Step 4:** Find the 4 Leg Supports (D) (approximately 21” long with 45° angle ends. 2 will be marked ‘1’, and 2 will be marked ‘2’) and 2 Leg Braces (E).



**Step 5:** Place the 2 Leg Supports marked ‘1A’ & ‘1B’ on the table with the corresponding Leg Brace also marked with ‘1A’ & ‘1B’. Align with the top of the Leg Supports, making sure the ends are flush.



**Step 6:** Insert the 4 - 2 1/2" screws into the predrilled holes of the Leg Brace. Tighten securely, but be sure not to over-tighten as this will crack and/or split the wood.

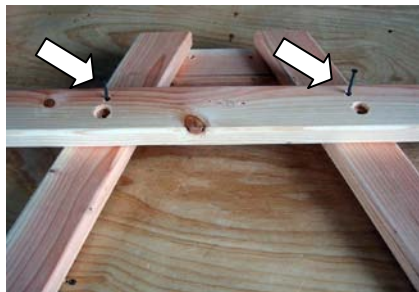


**Step 7:** Repeat **Steps 5 & 6** for Leg Supports & Brace marked '2A' & '2B'.

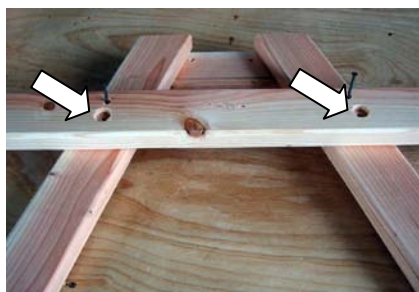
**Step 8:** Turn the Leg Assembly over and align the corresponding Seat Supports (C) (Approximately 43" long) with their corresponding number ('1A', '2A', etc.).



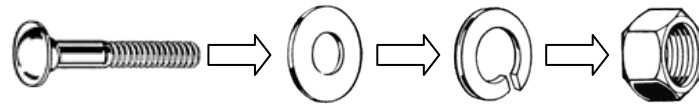
**Step 9:** Insert the 2 - 2 1/2" screws into the predrilled holes of each Seat Support. Tighten securely, but be sure not to over-tighten.



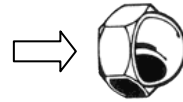
**Step 10:** Insert a 3" Carriage Bolt into the pre-drilled holes of each Seat Support.



**Step 11:** Place a Flat Washer, Split-Lock Washer, and Nut on each Carriage Bolt and tighten securely, but be sure not to over-tighten. Repeat for the other Leg Brace/Leg Support assembly.



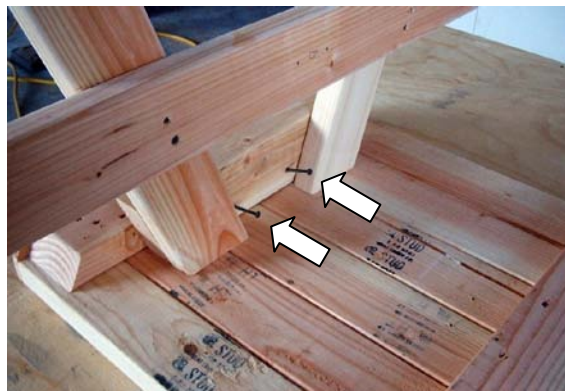
**Step 12:** Place the Remaining Cap Nut on the end and tighten. **Do Not Over-tighten.**



Each Leg Assembly should look like this:



**Step 13:** Place Leg Assembly '1' on the table top with its corresponding number. Align the pre-drilled holes and insert 2 - 2 1/2" screws. Tighten securely, but be sure not to over-tighten.



**Step 14:** Repeat **Step 13** for the Leg Assembly '2'.

**Step 15:** Place a Leg Stabilizer (F) as shown below, making sure the corresponding letters align. Insert the 4 - 2 1/2" screws (2 in each end) into the predrilled holes and tighten securely, but be sure not to over-tighten.



**Step 16:** Repeat **Step 15** for the Leg Assembly '2'.

**Step 17:** Turn the table over and stand it on its legs. Place the Bench Top 'A-B' on the Seat Supports, making sure the corresponding letters align. Insert 4 - 2 1/2" screws into the pre-drilled holes (1 on each end of the Bench Tops). Tighten securely, but be sure not to over-tighten.



**Step 18:** Repeat **Step 17** for the Bench Top 'C-D'.

**Your Picnic Table is now complete and ready for use.**



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