



The Hammaka trailer hitch stand attaches to any Class III trailer hitch receiver.

Climb in and hang out

Something for the laid-back tailgater

What with all the lugging of coolers and lighting of grills, tailgating can be a lot of work. So when it's time to kick back and give the dogs a rest, you want to do it in style and comfort. A hammock would be nice—but how do you set one up in the lot at Miller Park?

A company called Hammaka makes what just might be the pinnacle of roughing it in style: a mesh hammock that dangles from a Y-shaped bracket that hooks into a trailer hitch.

"Climb in...hang out. That's the idea behind Hammaka hammocks and hammock chairs," the company's website says. "Each of our products is designed for uncommon comfort, ease and relaxation, with a serious focus on quality. Do your backside a favor—get a Hammaka. It

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lets you rest yours while everyone else is busting theirs."

Here's how it works: The powder-coated steel brackets attach to any standard trailer hitch receiver. At the base, the brackets merge to form one stem that anchors the structure to the ground. A few feet above the hitch, the brackets veer apart enough so each can hold one hanging seat. It's kind of like one of those bouncing baby seats that parents used to hang from doorways to amuse the kiddies — except that anyone can sit in it. Hammaka says the whole thing assembles in three easy steps.

The powder coating is an important feature, because it resists scrapes and nicks better than, say, chrome plating or regular paint.

The website touts the varied uses of the hammocks and chairs: "Perfect for enthusiasts serious about real recreation while camping, tailgating, fishing, water sports or any other outdoor excursion." (That means, of course, that they'd come in handy during football season, too.)

Hammaka products are available from several online outlets, including **CSN Stores** (<http://www.csnstores.com/Hammaka-3004-HMKA-YT1009.html>) and Sports Unlimited (<http://www.sportsunlimitedinc.com/hammaka-hammock-chair-accessories.html>). The price for a starter kit that includes the brackets and one chair ranges from \$149 to \$199. The stand alone costs about \$139; additional chairs go for about \$90 each. You can also get a tripod so you can use your Hammaka away from your vehicle—or even indoors—for about \$109.

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