Pioneering is essentially building useful structures out of wood and rope.

Pioneering is not meant to be a perfect art but depends on the material available.

De-bark new tree trunks. Bark can have splinters and encourage rot.

Pioneering projects are not for show but for the purpose they are built.

There is no perfect way to build projects, or specific knots and lashings.

Use whatever suits the project in hand, and in the safest way.

Starting with a clove hitch? Not necessarily - timber hitch is easier and more secure.

Safety during pioneering is imperative; tree trunks can cause a severe headache.

Many projects are self-supporting but do use guys if in doubt.

*Wet and dry weather*...

Remember natural fibre lashings can contract in the wet, then dry and become loose.

Good practice in dry hot weather - occasionally pour water over the lashings.

For long term projects check lashings daily.

REMEMBER - Pioneering has its specific uses, is hard work - BUT ITS FUN.

*FIRST AID* - Make sure you always carry a large pair of tweezers.
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