

Dangling Knife Sheath

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Description:

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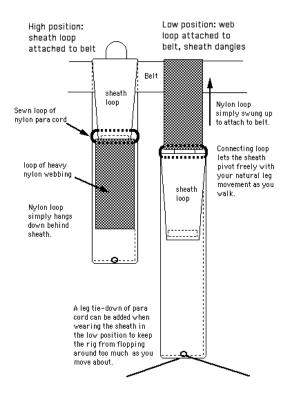
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Here is a simple modification to a knife sheath, like the one I described in Knife Sheath, to let the sheath ride low on your leg rather than high (at belt level).

There are times when I prefer my Scan-type sheath to ride low rather than high. In winter when I am wearing a long parka or in summer when I also have a tool belt attached to my waist, I would rather have the sheath riding lower on my leg (thigh) so I can more easily reach it.

The modification is very simple and adds little weight or bulk: sew up another loop of nylon webbing and attach it to the sheath's built-in loop with a connector made from a small, sewn loop of nylon parachute cord. See the attached diagram (modified sheath as seen from behind).



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In "normal" circumstances, when I want to carry the sheath at belt level, this additional webbing loop simply hangs behind the sheath, out of the way. But when I want to carry the knife in the lower position, I flip up the nylon web loop, re-route my belt through it, and then let the sheath "dangle". I usually add a simple leg tie-down for this lower-riding sheath position to make it easier to locate the knife, to draw it & to return it to the sheath.