



# PLTA Pack Trials



## Advanced Pack Llama

An **ADVANCED PACK LLAMA** is your let's-go-to-the-lake-overnight buddy. They are fully fit and skilled for longer adventures. This llama carries a full pack and manages obstacles you can expect to find along a maintained trail.



### PLTA Pack Trial Requirements

A Pack Trial requires the llama to successfully complete a set of manageability tasks and a field test. These must be completed safely and with decorum. A llama who kicks, spits, shoves, refuses, leaps about or panics, loses points and may be disqualified.

Llamas must successfully complete all tasks, obstacles, and the hike to pass a trial. Multiple trials are required to earn a certificate at any given level. A llama must earn a Master certificate before undertaking an Elite trial.

#### Manageability Tasks

The llama calmly and safely accomplishes haltering, picketing, loading, saddling, and pannier attachment.

#### Field Test

Criterion	Requirements
Age	At least 3 years old
Load (percent of body weight)	15% of body weight
Distance	Five miles
Elevation Gain	750 to 1000 feet
Total Number of Obstacles Required	Ten
Performance Deductions Allowed	Three
Successful Trials Required for Certificate	Four, or three if the llama has a Basic Certificate



#### Required Obstacles

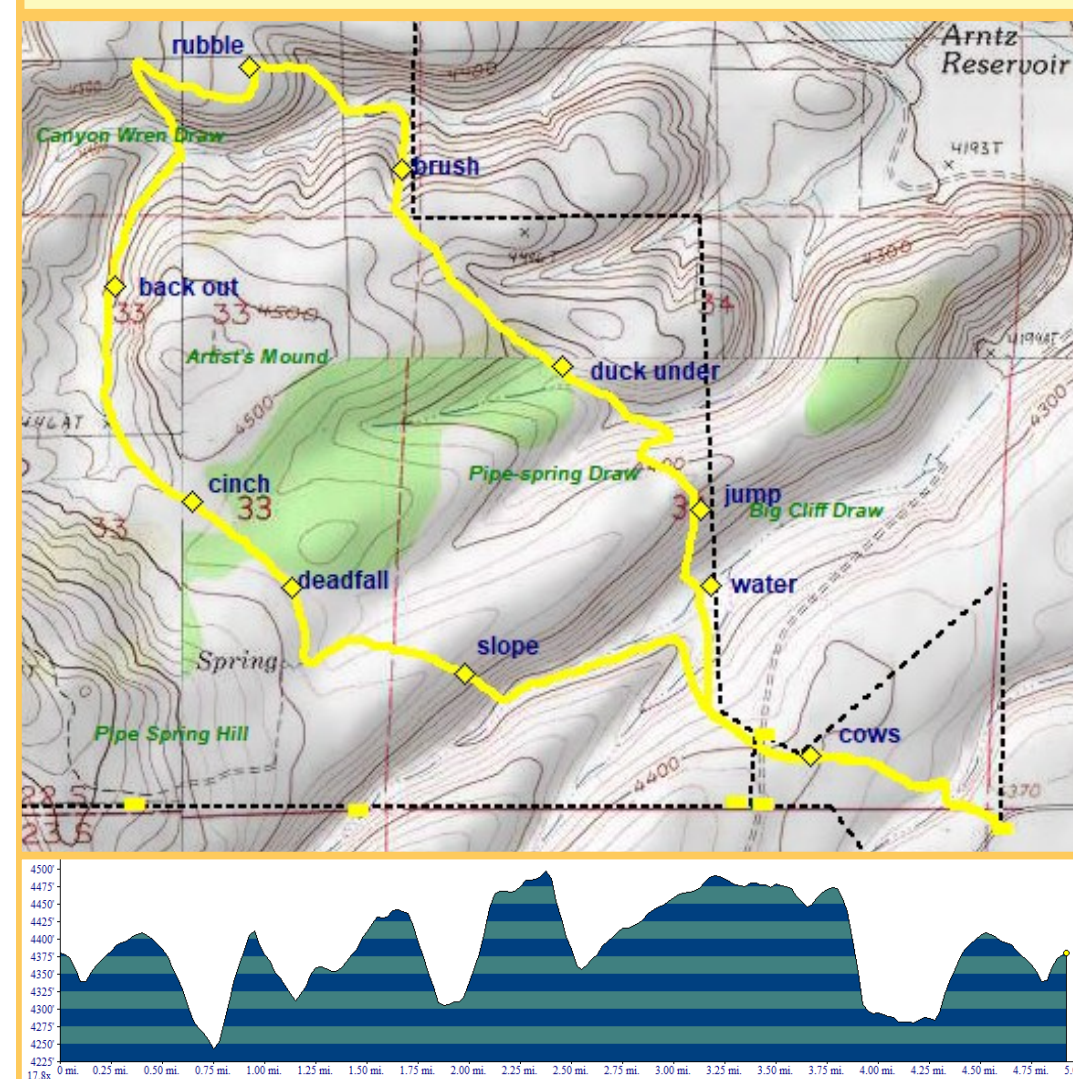
Category	Required Obstacle
Up/Over/Across:	any obstacle from category
Foot Fear	water (if possible)
Picking One's Way	deadfall
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Tight Places	any obstacle from this category
Slippery Slope	any obstacle from this category
Load Management	any obstacle from this category
Category a*	any obstacle from a chosen category
Category b*	any obstacle from a chosen category
Category c*	any obstacle from a chosen category

\* Obstacles are chosen by the Trial Marshal from three different categories

#### Obstacle Categories

- Category 1: Up / Down / Across
- Category 2: Foot Fears
- Category 3: Up/Down/Across
- Category 4: Tight Places
- Category 5: Slippery Slope
- Category 6: Load Management
- Category 7: Trail Hazards

#### Field Test Course



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