



PLTA Pack Trials



Basic Pack Llama

A **BASIC PACK LLAMA** is your **let's-go-have-fun companion**. They carry light loads while hiking short distances. These llamas calmly negotiate simple trail obstacles. He or she is a great day hiking companion and ready to begin training for the hard core stuff.



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, as well as complete the hike to pass a trial. Multiple trials are required to earn a certificate at any given level. Elite trials require that the llama has already earned a Master certificate.

Manageability Tasks

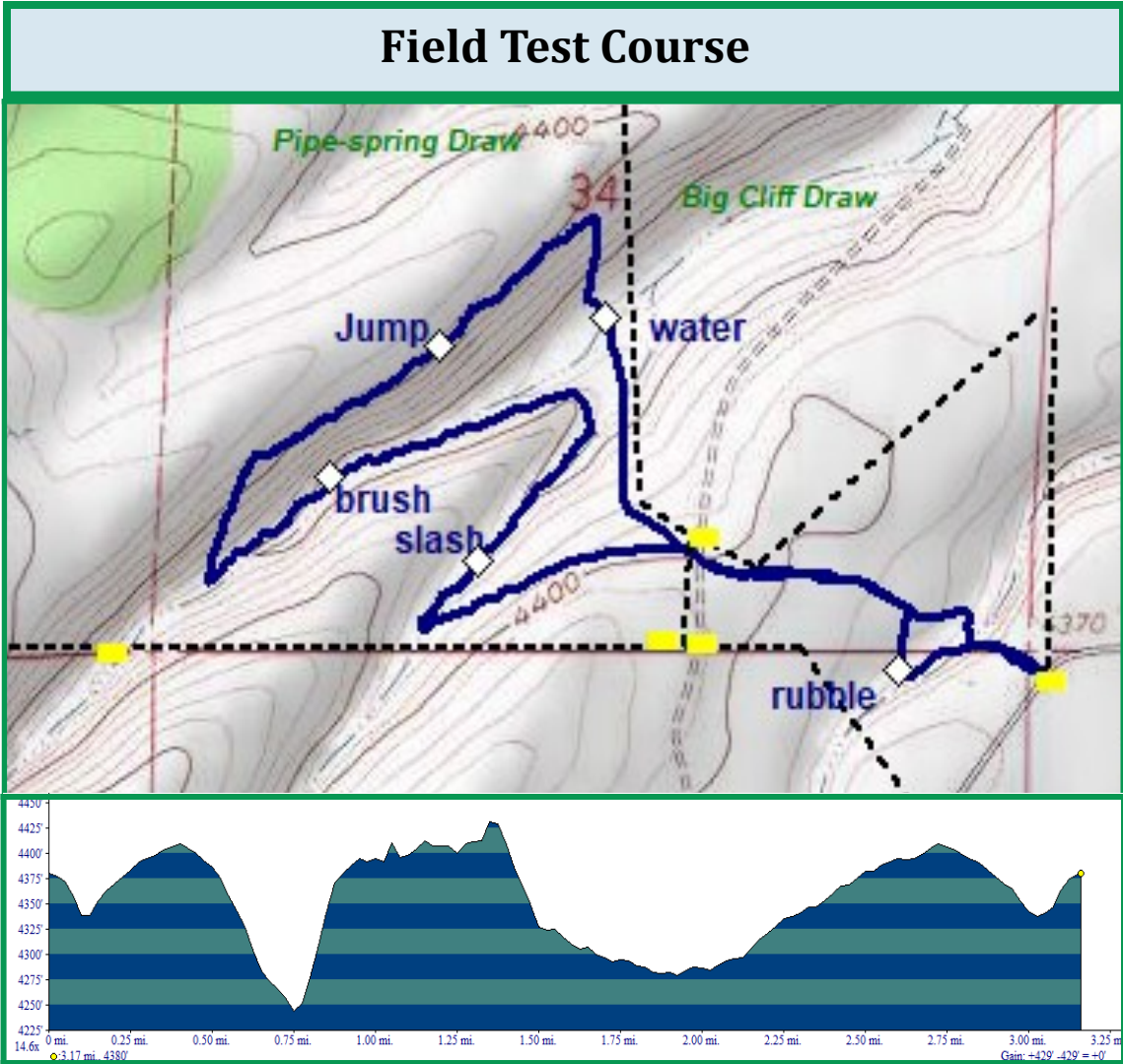
The llama calmly and safely accomplishes haltering, picketing, loading, saddling, and pannier attachment.

Field Test	
Criterion	Requirements
Age	Minimum age of 24 months (2 years)
Load (percent of body weight)	0 - 10% of body weight (24 to 30 months carries no load)
Distance	Three miles
Elevation Gain	250 to 500 feet
Total Number of Obstacles Required	Five
Performance Deductions Allowed	Five
Successful Trials Required for Certificate	Two, including one carrying weight



Required Obstacles	
Category	Required Obstacle
Up/ Down / Across	The llama is required to move carefully through material that obscures and complicates footing
Foot Fear	The llama must walk through a medium into which the feet sink.
Picking One's Way	The llama must negotiate an obstacle that requires extending its stride to climb or stretch. The range of height for an upward or downward step or jump is sixteen to twenty-four inches (16" - 24").
Tight Places	The llama is required to negotiate a space that allows limited room to maneuver and that impinges on the llama's personal space.
Any Category:	any obstacle appropriate to trial level

- ### 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



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