



Best Management Practices (BMP'S)

The BMP document is a living document which is open to editing and updating as needed. NAPgA created the BMP's to establish responsible common-sense guidelines for goatpacking. They are not intended to be overly restrictive or to discourage packgoat use in any way or in any location. NAPgA will use best available science as a guide in which to measure and develop the BMP's to address wildlife and other resource concerns.

BMP#1: INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFY YOUR PACKGOATS

Each packgoat shall be individually identified. Each goat shall have a collar with a tag attached to it containing, at a minimum, the current owner's name and phone number.

Packgoats may be identified with a tattoo or microchip which is specific to each individual goat in conjunction with a collar.

Tattoos containing the individual packgoat's Scrapie Herd Number & ID or an official Scrapie ear tag may be used in conjunction with a collar.

BMP#2: CONTROL

All packgoats shall be under direct human supervision at all times. They shall be on leads or have leads attached to their collar/halter.

In camp all packgoats shall be in direct sight or tethered in some fashion (picketing, high lining, etc.).

All packgoats shall be tethered at night within 30 feet of humans and bells will be attached to their collars.

BMP#3: SEPARATION

Goatpackers shall minimize packgoat contact with wildlife.

BMP#4: LOST PACKGOAT

If a packgoat becomes lost every effort will be exhausted to locate and recover it.

If the owner is unable to locate and recover the lost packgoat the following agencies shall be contacted by telephone as soon as possible.

Information given should include a detailed description of the packgoat (size; color; ears erect, hanging or none, horned or not), any equipment they are carrying and the last known location. A photograph of the packgoat, if possible.

The local County Sheriff's office. Call 911 or the non-emergency line to dispatch of that county. Most hikers, hunters, land owners or citizens will call the sheriff's office first if they find a lost pack stock animal.

The state's Department of Fish and Game.

The local land management agency responsible for the area where the packgoat was lost. (Forest Service/BLM/DNR).

Post information, including photos if available, at convenience stores, trail heads and camp grounds with owners contact information, goat and gear descriptions.

Contact the North American Pack Goat Association (NAPgA) to report the loss. NAPgA will maintain a documentation file on all lost pack goats. NAPgA will request an initial report as well as an after-action report from the packgoat's owner/user. The information will be used for documentation as well as continued training and educational awareness training for pack goat users.

BMP#5: LEAVE NO TRACE

Leave No Trace principles are strongly encouraged.

Leave No Trace principles are found on this website: <https://lnt.org/learn/7-principles>

North American Packgoat Association (NAPgA)

napga.org

Mission Statement

The North American Packgoat Association is an organization established for promoting packing with goats. The organization seeks to further the pursuit of goatpacking by sharing the knowledge, ideas, and experiences of its members, by promoting the use of packgoats to the public as a means of low impact wilderness transportation and recreation.

Our mission is to promote the use and enjoyment of packgoats; to improve, mentor, and encourage competency in the practice of goatpacking among interested persons; to provide communication among and to disseminate information to interested users; to promote scientific study of the caprine species, their care, welfare and training; to urge recognition of goatpacking as a low impact pack stock alternative; and, to establish traditions which will aid, perpetuate, and further the welfare of goatpacking and the goats it employs.

Join NAPgA!

Your membership is important! Membership fees fund member and public education, packgoat events and help keep public lands open to packgoats - now and for future generations. Increased membership numbers also means more voices and better representation before the government.

Check the NAPgA website to see the additional benefits for each membership level!

Annual BRONZE	\$20
Annual SILVER	\$50
Annual GOLD	\$100
Annual CORPORATE	\$250
Annual YOUTH ages 3-18	\$10
LIFETIME	\$500

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Adventures await you!

