

# Packing Clinic Q&A

## **What type of packing will we learn?**

Packing demos will be taught using Decker Pack Saddles. Both mantied loads and panniers will be taught.

## **Who will teach us?**

Women and men packers who pack for the USFS and members of the Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead will help with the hands-on portion.

## **Am I too young?**

Nope, all ages are welcome

## **What should I bring?**

Yourself, a notebook, and a good writing utensil. Feel free to use your phone for pictures or videos. You won't want to forget this!

## **What should I wear?**

Warm weather gear with sturdy boots or shoes. The arena space is not heated. Leather gloves are recommended.

## **Should I bring anything to eat with me?**

There will be lunch for sale, and you are welcome to bring your own lunch if you would like.

## **Are you sure it's okay for me to join, given I have no horse experience?**

Of course! This is an educational opportunity, so no pressure. Everyone must start somewhere, so let us teach you!

## **What if I'm a little intimidated by the live pack stock?**

A life-size plastic horse named Slick, is available for anyone to use at the clinic.

# **Horse Packing Resources**

### Books

*The Packer's Manual Featuring the Decker Pack Saddle - Bob Hoverson*

*Packin' in on Mules and Horses - Bill Brown & Smoke Elser*

*Horses, Hitches & Rocky Trails - Joe Back*

### Documentaries

*3 Miles an Hour, PBS (can be found on PBS app or browser)*

*Thru Rider with Gillean Larson (can be found for free on YouTube)*



**\*Tack Sale information and required form on  
next page\***

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## 2026 BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN OF THE FLATHEAD TACK SALE

Welcome and thanks for joining us! Please **complete this form and bring it with you** to the tack sale at Triple Take Arena on February 28th by 10 a.m. Tack check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Any riding/packing/camping gear in usable condition is welcome. Please provide a saddle rack if bringing a saddle. Tables will be provided but are limited in number, so if you have a lot of tack, please consider bringing your own tables. Each item must have a **securely attached label or tag with your three-letter identification and price**. Seller's fee is a flat rate of \$15.00, payable when you bring your tack in to sell. **Payment for sold tack will be made via snail mail in the form of a check.** Back Country Horsemen volunteers will run the sale - you do not need to tend your own items. Items will remain available for sale until the event ends at 3:00 p.m., at which time you can pick up unsold items.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST/MIDDLE/LAST INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_ USE THIS ON ALL YOUR TAGS/LABELS ALONG WITH PRICE

	ITEM DESCRIPTION	SIZE	COLOR	PRICE	CK IN	CK OUT	SOLD PAID
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