

Vermont city employs goats to get rid of poison ivy

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Vermont's capital city is trying a natural way to get rid of poison ivy—grazing goats.

On Wednesday, three goats munched on the plants along the small city's bike path behind the high school.

Goat owner Mary Beth Herbert, of Moretown, says the goats graze on the poison ivy, causing stress to the plants so that they retreat. She says it will take years of cyclical grazing to eradicate the poison ivy.

On Wednesday, the goats named Ruth, Bader and Ginsburg, got a start. Herbert brought the 6-month-old Kiko goats in her Subaru, and enclosed them in fencing where they grazed away.

The city says it has tried to eradicate the poison ivy along the bike path but has been unable to do it using organic treatments.

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