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Hiker, 75, Found Safe Off Mountain Trail

Woman Had Taken Wrong Turn While Hiking Up Trail

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FRANCONIA, N.H. -- A 75-year-old Florida woman vacationing in New Hampshire was found safe and well after taking a wrong turn on a mountain trail and getting lost.

The state Fish and Game Department said Rita Peters of Miami Shores called 911 at about 5 p.m. Thursday to report she was lost off the trail by Cannon Mountain in Franconia. She attempted to go up a bluff at the northern tip of Franconia Notch to relax and read a book but went the wrong way.

Thirty searchers looked for Peters through the night, finding her unhurt about 1½ miles off the path along a brook at about 12:30 a.m. She was reunited with her family two hours later.

Lt. Todd Bogardus called Peters "tough and resilient" for enduring some very tough terrain and 40-degree weather.

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