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Overdue hikers safe after search near Conway, NH



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CONCORD, N.H. --Two hikers lost on North Moat Mountain in the area of Conway, New Hampshire, made their way to safety after Fish and Game Department officers searched for them through the night.

Sixty-nine-year-old Orrin Johnson of Eliot, Maine, and 66-year-old George Prive of Hampton, New Hampshire, set out to hike up the Moat Mountain Trail early Wednesday. Officials say they lost the trail at some point and when they hadn't returned that night, family members reported them missing.

Several teams of conservation officers searched an area of North Moat Mountain throughout the night, unable to locate the missing hikers.

Early Thursday, the hikers were able to make cell phone contact with their family as they made their way down the mountain.

The men were tired and hungry, but in good condition. ■

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