

**Center Ossipee woman,  
75, safe after hours lost wandering in woods**

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**EFFINGHAM** – A massive search that included more than a dozen police, fire and state agencies ended with the safe return of a Center Ossipee woman after she wandered into the woods.

Gail O'Brien, 75, was found four hours after she apparently became confused and headed into the woods behind the White Mountain Survey Company on Route 16 in Ossipee around 5 p.m. Wednesday. A company employee who had talked to the woman moments earlier called police to report the incident, triggering a search headed by the state Fish & Game department. It included K-9 units from the Wolfeboro and Ossipee police departments.

O'Brien was found about 1 1/2 miles away, in a swampy area near Pine River Road in Effingham. She was treated for exposure and mild hypothermia before being released to her family.