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Benton County Sheriff's Office Rescues Mountain Biker off Mary's Peak

CORVALLIS, Ore. – Over the weekend Benton County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue (SAR) rescued a 21-year-old mountain biker off Mary's Peak.

On August 6, 2022, at around 6:00 p.m., two local mountain bikers were on top of Mary's Peak, attempting to ride the East Ridge trail to Conner's Camp parking lot. About a half mile down, one biker got a flat front tire. The other cyclist decided to ride to Conner's Camp to get a tube and a tire pump. When he returned to fix the flat, he did not locate his friend. All trails except the North Ridge trail were searched prior to SAR activation.

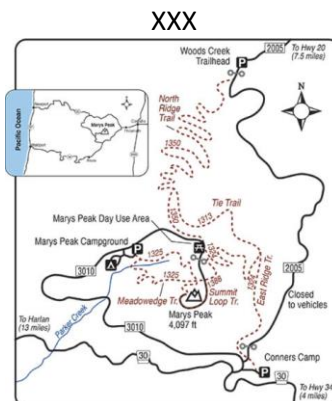
The reporting party called the Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) at 8:06 p.m. when he was unable to locate his friend and was about to get dark.

SAR was called out and multiple members arrived at Conner's Camp at 11:30 p.m. to start a search for the missing biker, described as a 6'2" male, who was without water, food, phone, or extra clothing.

Two of the SAR members went to the top of the North Ridge trail and rode their bikes down. At 12:40 a.m. they had voice contact with the biker and located him halfway to Woods Creek Road. Shortly after, he was located and assisted to the end of the trail at 1:30 a.m. After a quick medical evaluation, he was determined to be uninjured but dehydrated.

"I'd like to thank our SAR volunteers for their continued dedication to our community," stated Sheriff Van Arsdall. "24/7, 365, these men and women are here to aid in searches by air, ground, water, and now by bike as well."

SAR is a non-profit volunteer unit for BCSO. All SAR-certified members not only search for missing or lost people but also assist with evidence searches and disaster response as well. If you are interested in volunteering with one of the six Benton County Search and Rescue units, go to <https://www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff/page/search-rescue> for more information.



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