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Teams aid injured hiker after fall at Silver Falls State Park



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Search and rescue teams aided an older adult female hiker May 4 at Silver Falls State Park who sustained a fall and had a minor head injury.

The hiker, who was not named, fell near an embankment off the Canyon Trail near Double Falls at around 1 p.m., according to parks officials and the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

Rangers with the popular state park east of Salem worked with MCSO search and rescue and Drakes Crossing Fire Department "to get the person out of the ravine."

The woman was then loaded onto an ATV and taken on park trails to the Winter Falls Trailhead to meet an ambulance.

Emergency vehicles were located at the Winter Falls and North Falls trailheads. The trails were briefly closed to allow the ATV to pass, officials said.

"This was a collaborative effort with Silver Falls State Park, Drakes Crossing Fire, METCOM and Willamette Valley Communications Center 911," a Marion County spokesperson said in an email.

The hiker's condition was not immediately known.

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