

SEARCH: 8_10_2015 Moxie Falls

Erica LaChance is found alive and safe!

[LaChance search update – August, 10 2015] Other than a few bruises from her unexpected overnight stay in the Maine woods, Erica LaChance from Fairfield is now safe among family and friends. At 8:30 this morning, LaChance was found by a searcher near the intersection of the Kennebec River and Moxie Stream located near The Forks, Maine. A member of the search team with the West Forks Fire Department located LaChance after she had responded to a whistle blow.

After taking an unfamiliar trail and becoming separated from three friends near Moxie Falls, LaChance quickly became lost yesterday afternoon at about 4:15 PM. After searching for LaChance for several hours, friends alerted the Maine Warden Service at 7:15 PM last evening. The search for LaChance began after dark and canine resources were utilized into the night. Upon being located this morning, the Maine Warden Service learned that LaChance swam across Moxie Stream to her north and came to the east shore of the Kennebec River where she spent the night.

A Maine Warden Service aircraft was deployed at daylight today as well as several more K9 team resources and ground searchers from the Maine Warden Service, the *Maine Association for Search and Rescue (MASAR), Maine Search and Rescue Dogs (MESARD), West Forks Fire Department, and family and friends of LaChance.

(Photos courtesy of the Maine Warden Service. Left to right: Game Wardens William Shuman, Tom McKenney, Jared Herrick, Walter Glynn [West Forks Fire Dept.], Erica LaChance (sitting), unknown family member/friend, Sgt. Chris Simmons)

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(Erica LaChance and MWS)



MESARD: Elizabeth, Paul/Sardee, Leslie, Jay, Chad/Jenga