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## Lost cousins found in Hancock woods



Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Wardens Shannon Fish and David Simmons, Warden Sgt. Bill Chandler, and K-9 Koda were part of a successful search for two missing girls in Hancock on Saturday.

By [BDN staff reports](#)

HANCOCK, Maine — Two girls were found bug-bitten but otherwise fine Saturday morning after spending the night in the woods, according to the [Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife](#).

Amanda Alley, 15, and her cousin Selena Alley, 12, were found at about 7 a.m. along Kilkenny Stream.

According to a DIF&W press release, The [Maine Warden Service](#) launched a search after receiving a call around midnight that the two girls supposedly had gone for a walk in the woods around 5 p.m. Friday from their home on Deerfield Drive, which is off Route 182. The cousins reportedly became lost on one of the local trails.

Ten Game Wardens, Hancock County Sheriff's Deputies and [Maine State Police](#) began a search and were joined by several K-9 units.

Once daylight arrived, Maine Warden Service aircraft, a [Maine Forest Service](#) helicopter, Maine Search and Rescue dogs and MDI Search and Rescue also assisted, along with the [Hancock](#) County Fire Department and Hancock County EMA.

Warden Paul Farrington and his K-9 Koda found the girls about 3,000 feet from their residence, according to the release.

The Warden Service commended the young girls for practicing survival techniques; once they realized they were lost they stopped and made a shelter and tried to start a campfire using their eyeglasses and two sticks.

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## **Girls found safe after getting lost in woods**

The Associated Press

HANCOCK — Two cousins who spent the night lost in the woods in Hancock have been found safe.

The Maine Warden Service says 12-year-old Selena Alley and her 15-year-old cousin, Amanda Alley, were found around 7 a.m. today about 3,000 feet from their home. The pair had gone for a walk in the woods around 5 p.m. Friday and were reported missing around midnight.

Game wardens, sheriff's deputies and state police officers searched for the girls through the night, and the search was expanded this morning with a plane and helicopter.

Officials say the girls had some bug bites but were otherwise fine. They say the girls stopped once they realized they were safe, made a shelter and tried to make a fire.