



Search & Rescue Training

Sponsored by Search Team 5-1

Search Team 5-1 has been in operation since 1987 and currently has a membership of just over 100 volunteers. Ages range from the mid-teens to the early 70's, with all members having a common interest in the outdoors and in providing aid to people who are lost in the woods. Search Team 5-1 is one of the largest such teams in New York State and has assisted the Forest Rangers on over fifty searches in the Adirondacks.

Search Team 5-1 holds their annual **basic certification training** at the beginning of May. The first portion of the training will take place at the DEC Headquarters in Northville, NY. Anyone wishing to take the basic training must call one of the officers listed below in advance. The training is **free** and the course materials are provided. Most of the basic training takes place in the classroom, and is taught by **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Forest Rangers**. Topics covered include an overview of: the history of search and rescue in New York, the Incident Command System, search organization and techniques, field communications, land navigation, personnel equipment & clothing, and team safety.

Upon successful completion of the Saturday training, you will be certified as passing the NYS DEC Wildland Search Skills training course, and will receive a letter of recognition from the DEC Commissioner. You will also receive a DEC shoulder patch, identifying you as a **trained search volunteer**.

Trainees will also be invited to the **Trailhead Lodge** in Benson, NY for additional training on Sunday, enabling them to become a member of Search Team 5-1. Training commences at 9:00 AM and should conclude before 5:00 PM, and consists of further fieldwork and orientation in team operations.

Completion of this supplemental training will allow you to be a member of Search Team 5-1, and put you on our call-up list for searches, giving you the opportunity to join fellow volunteers on searches for lost children, senior citizens, and outdoorsmen throughout the area.

Additional Info

Requirements

Potential trainees must contact one of the following Search Team 5-1 personnel in order that the Rangers may plan accordingly.

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Rain or Shine

Participants should be dressed for the weather, preferably with sturdy shoes or boots, and should bring a bag lunch.

New York State
Department of Environmental Conservation Certification Course

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