

### 3 missing hikers found after overnight search



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Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue Crews found a man, his daughter and another young woman who got lost while hiking inside the Tonto National Forrest.

The 50-year old man, his 18-year old daughter and 20-year old friend spent the night in a cave near a popular hiking trail inside the Superstition Wilderness area.

"We're tired yes, because we got no sleep last night but otherwise we're good," said the 50-year old rescued hiker who would

only identify himself as Steve.

Investigators say the three people ventured out for an afternoon hike Saturday and failed to return to their car prompting concerned loved ones to call for help.

"I'm so grateful my family is home and safe, they were off the trail and it was getting dark so they stayed overnight and when they were hiking out the rescuers found them," said a woman in the car with the rescued hikers.

Investigators say they got turned around and could not find their way back to a location known as The First Water Trail.

Sunday morning crews fanned out across the vast area armed with maps, radios, and extra water.

Just after 3:00pm the man and two young women were found.

One deputy said the missing hikers were down to their last gulp of water and extremely hungry and happy to see rescuers.