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Human remains found at Acadia National Park

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Timothy Philpott has been missing since January.

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ACADIA NATIONAL PARK — A team of volunteers discovered human remains in Acadia National Park on Friday during a new search for an Ellsworth man last seen in January.

Members of Maine Search and Rescue Dogs found the remains near Parkman Mountain. The remains have been taken to the medical examiner’s office to determine the identity and cause of death, according to the National Park Service.

The park service has been looking for Timothy Philpott, 50, whose car was found in the Parkman Mountain parking area on Jan. 13. After two days, the search was suspended because of poor weather conditions.

Attempts to find Philpott have continued when the weather improved. On Friday around 11 a.m., three volunteers [Kelly & Ed Pontbriand and Leslie Howe] along with two search dogs [Tycho, Eron] were in an area not previously searched when the dog [Tycho] found a backpack 40 feet from a carriage road. Roughly three hours later, the human remains were found by one of the search dogs [Tycho] about 170 feet downslope from the backpack’s location.

“We appreciate the efforts of the volunteers from Maine Search and Rescue Dogs in conducting the search,” Acadia National Park Superintendent Kevin Schneider said in a news release. “We also thank the Maine Warden Service, Maine Forest Service, Maine Association for Search and Rescue, and Mount Desert Island Search and Rescue for their time and expertise over the past three months.