

Search & Rescue on Dartmoor



Dartmoor
Rescue Group

The role of the DRG

- Search & Rescue Team
- Operate as a Police resource
- On call 24/7/365
- All weather capability, day or night
- Can call on other resources; SARDA, CSRT, ESRT, RAF, RN



Who we are

- Teams within DRG “umbrella”:
 - **Dartmoor SRT (Ashburton)**
 - **North Dartmoor SRT (Okehampton)**
 - **Dartmoor SRT (Plymouth)**
 - **Dartmoor SRT (Tavistock)**
- Affiliated to:
Mountain Rescue England & Wales



How are we called out?

- As a response to a 999 call to the Devon & Cornwall Police
- The nearest DRG team to the incident is deployed



Our Expertise

- Searchers
- Navigators
- Radio Operators
- First Aid Cas Care
- Search Managers
- *And we know the Moor
– in all its moods!*



Search Planning

- Considerations
 - Terrain
 - Weather
 - Personality & Morale
 - Fitness, Training & Kit
 - Medical Problems



Time is of the essence

EXAMPLE

A missing person walking at two miles per hour will give a search area of:



- After missing for one day it would take 50,000 searchers 12 hours to search Dartmoor - and only then if it was flat!



What you can do for us

- Information:
- Names
- Routes
- Times
- Equipment
- Communications



What to do if lost or hurt

- Stay put
- Get into shelter
- Wait for help to arrive
- If help is needed urgently:
 - Try mobile phone
(If no signal, send two people to high ground)
- Mark your area
- Emergency whistle (6 blasts)



Effecting a Rescue

- Search Management
- Deploy Search Teams
- Locate
- Treat
- Evacuate





*Be prepared, be safe,
enjoy the Moor*