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Hiker News Paper Article Assignment

Will Henderson, a 39-year-old father and Biology teacher at Dunnville High School, is recuperating after spending a day in Dunnville General Hospital following a harrowing hiking accident.

While hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Henderson decided to trek toward Gregory Bald, a private hiking trail. After walking for a few hours, Henderson attempted to cross a stream where he slipped, fell, and broke his leg. Having hiked since the age of 10, Henderson knew it was essential to try to move to an area that was more heavily trafficked. Using sticks and string he found in his backpack, the hiker made a makeshift splint to aid his crawling. After 4 days of crawling, Henderson was finally rescued by 2 hikers who came across him on the trail.

"I never doubted that I would be found. I got discouraged sometimes, but I figured that I had plenty of food and thought that if I could get back to a trail—particularly the main Appalachian Trail because it's so busy—somebody would come along before long." Henderson admitted.

Although Henderson was found, this story raises many reminders of hiking safety and basic rules it is essential to follow while on hiking trails. Henderson stated, "I broke the first rule of hiking, of course. I hiked alone. If you're on the Appalachian Trail, it doesn't matter because you're not really alone. There are so many people on that trail. But when you get off the beaten track—that's when you need to be with somebody. I learned my lesson about that. My goal is still to hike the entire trail, but I guess I'll have to wait until I get my leg in shape."