

Man, 63, vanishes on hike in park

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Police and volunteers yesterday continued searching the Hudson Highlands State Park near Breakneck Ridge for a Queens man who went missing while hiking there on Sunday.

Myunggeuk Choi, 63, of Flushing was last seen on Sunday afternoon by a hiking companion.

Choi and a female friend, a Korean-American woman in her 60s who also lives in New York City, arrived at the Cold Spring train station on Sunday morning after taking a train from the Bronx.

The two, who are members of a hiking club based in the city, walked from the station to the 14,058-acre park, which is on Route 9D just north of Cold Spring.

The two hiked up Breakneck Mountain to an intersection of three colored trails — the white, blue and yellow trails, police said. At that point, the two reportedly met two other hikers, described as Asian males, possibly Korean, one in his 40s, the other in his 60s, police said.

At that point, Choi parted ways with the woman as she took the blue trail, and he took the white trail. They agreed to meet at the train station around 1 p.m., police said. The woman walked to the station, then took the train back when Choi failed to meet her. Once home, she called the hiking

Help sought on missing hiker

Police are seeking the public's help in their search for a 63-year-old Queens man last seen hiking Sunday on Breakneck Ridge in the Hudson Highlands State Park in Philipstown.

The park is across the Hudson River from Storm King State Park.

Myunggeuk Choi is described as 5 feet 7 inches tall, 130 pounds, with brown eyes and black hair that's balding on top. He has burn marks on his upper right arm, a surgical scar on his right knee and a lump on top of his right foot.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Putnam sheriff at 845-225-4300 or the park police at 845-889-4100, Ext. 310.

club leader and explained what happened.

The leader called Choi's daughter, who then drove from Queens to the park Sunday night with her fiance to look for him.

The daughter reported Choi missing around 12:40 a.m. Monday in a call to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, which notified state park police.

At daybreak Monday, a search operation began with park rangers, the Taconic Search and Rescue Team, firefighters and other volunteers. Search dogs were used while the state police and an Army detachment from Stewart Field looked from the air. The search continued until dusk yesterday and was expected to resume this morning, said Capt. William McNamara of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.