

High Country Searchers Join Caldwell Search

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Searchers from around the area, including Blowing Rock Rescue are set to resume the search for a missing man, that after he and a 10-Year-Old Girl from Charlotte were swept downstream in the waters of Wilson's Creek near Collettsville yesterday. Caldwell emergency management said that the girl was found, pronounced deceased on the scene and transported to Caldwell Memorial Hospital, but that the 48-year-old man still missing. Names Not Being Released Pending Notification of Family. Dave Faherty from WSOC-TV said that the two were not from the same family, but that two families from Charlotte were visiting the Wilson's Creek area for the day and swimming in what is known as the "bathtub" area of Wilson's Creek which is south of Lady on the Rock. "Bathtub" is where rocks in the creek form a pool know as a swimming area. The Caldwell release said that, at 6:15 p.m., both victims got caught in the swift current and high waters of Wilson's Creek and were swept away. Family members had to go to Brown Mountain Beach, a mile and a half down river and in order to call 911, and that searchers were on the scene at 6:47 p.m. Bystanders were flagged down by two kayakers at 7:11 p.m. who had come across the 10 year old girl and pulled her from the water. Bystanders flagged down searchers and notified them. Her body was transported to Caldwell Memorial Hospital. Searchers continued to look for second victim, 48-year-old man through the evening, but at approximately 11 p.m. called off the effort due to darkness and swift water conditions. Operations will resume at 8 a.m. today. Searchers will search 4 mile area from Brown Mountain Beach down the river to Playmore Beach Road. Caldwell officials say about 4 inches of rain fell in the Wilson's Creek Area since Friday night, with more overnight last night.