



West Virginia

Emergency Management Division

Basic Tracking Skills for Search and Rescue

Location: 24 South Florida Street, Buckhannon, WV 26201

Instructors: Natural Awareness Tracking School -Melissa Weeks - Gardner

Course Dates: November 21, 22, 2026 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Course Description: Basic Man-Tracking for Search and Rescue. This 16-hour course teaches the fundamental skills to locate missing persons by finding and interpreting tracks and other signs left behind in a wilderness environment. These courses combine classroom instruction with hands-on fieldwork to cover topics like visual tracking, clue interpretation, land navigation, and tracking tactics for both day and night conditions. The objective is to train personnel to function as an effective member of a search and rescue tracking team.

There will be a limit of 20 students for this class

Students will need to register through www.wvpst.org for this class

Go to Martinsburg website calendar, find class needed and click on class to register.

Please contact **Steven Harris** with questions about registration at

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If you have questions, please contact **Jeff Cunningham**, SAR Training Officer at

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