**Rescued hiker “doing well” in intensive care unit**

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BERLIN, N. H. — A Massachusetts man who suffered a head injury Wednesday afternoon during a day hike along a section of the [Appalachian Trail](http://www.appalachiantrail.org/site/c.mqLTIYOwGlF/b.4805465/k.9760/Hike_the_Trail.htm) in western Maine, remains in the intensive care unit at Androscoggin Valley Hospital.

A nursing supervisor said that William Tarkulich, 53, of Lexington, was in stable condition late Thursday afternoon and “doing well.”

According to Maine and New Hampshire wardens, Tarkulich, an experienced hiker, slipped, fell backwards and struck his head on a rock while hiking along the Appalachian Trail through [Mahoosuc Notch](http://gorp.away.com/gorp/publishers/stackpole/hik_at_nne.htm) with a friend and the friend's son.

The mile-long Notch is a steep-walled, glacial valley between Fulling Mill and Mahoosuc mountains that is full of house-sized boulders.

Thirty rescuers from Maine and New Hampshire hand-carried Tarkulich in a litter for three miles down the rugged Notch Trail to its trail-head, where he was placed in a Berlin EMS Inc. ambulance and taken to Androscoggin Valley Hospital.

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