

# Friends Remember Teen Who Fell From Cliff

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**REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio** — Friends of a teenager who died after he fell from a cliff at a southeastern Ohio park gathered to share his story on Sunday.

Jake Walls, 15, died on Friday when he fell 50 feet off a cliff at Hocking Hills State Park. He ventured off the marked trail in the park.

He was transported to Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus where he died.

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Jake was hiking last week with a group from the Reynoldsburg Church of the Nazarene, 10TV's Glenn McEntyre reported.

"He was having so much fun," Friend Angela Dillon said. "Thursday night he even said that he felt God had a special purpose for him and that God was going to use him. He didn't know how soon or when, but he did."

Jake's friends told McEntyre that he had a strong faith and helped others find theirs.

"Up until just this past week, I had attended church, but I wasn't exactly sure that Jesus Christ was every paying attention, or listening, or even existed," Jake's friend Mackenzie Darst said. "But Jake was the one that showed me that Jesus Christ...he set the example I needed."

Friends said they used to turn to Jake in times of sadness. Now, they are turning to each other and their faith.

"There's a comfort that Jake's with God now and we'll see him again," Dillon said. "It still hurts a lot though, because we didn't just lose some guy. We lost our brother."

Jake would have entered his sophomore year at Reynoldsburg High School this fall.

His death is the fourth at Hocking Hills since 2001.

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