

North Dakota Highway Patrol Mantrailing K9 Teams



NDHP Mantrailing K9 Team Capabilities

- Tracking missing persons
- Tracking lost persons
- Tracking escapees
- Tracking fleeing persons
- Identification in scent line ups
- Assisting in criminal investigations
- Assisting in location of criminal evidence





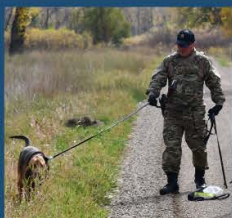
Mantrailing vs Mantracking K9s

Trained law enforcement bloodhounds can be used for tracking or trailing. Tracking involves the dog following a human scent and identifying ground disturbances along the way to locate an individual. Tracking K9s can follow scents and other identifiers within 30 minutes of the person passing through an area. A mantrailing K9, which is the specialty of the NDHP bloodhounds, tracks on a person-specific scent rather than ground disturbances.

The scent is followed by trailing skin cells. A person releases 80 trillion skin cells per day. When these cells fall off the body, they emit a unique odor. Mantrailing K9s follow these skin cells until the dog locates the subject of the search. Weather, wind, and topography determine the method of a mantrailing K9 working a trail. Mantrailing dogs will work off the track by several feet and have the ability to locate a subject several days and potentially weeks after a person has passed through an area.



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