

07-03-1994 Yellowstone WY – Ryan F Weltman – LEO Park Ranger Kayak Lake Patrol



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Bio & Incident Details

Age: 22
Tour: Not available
Badge # Not available
Cause: Drowned
Location: Wyoming

Park Ranger

Ryan Francis Weltman

United States Department of the Interior - National Park Service, U.S. Government

End of Watch: Sunday, July 3, 1994

Park Ranger Weltman drowned in the Shoshone Lake in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, when his kayak capsized. He was crossing the lake to warn campers of approaching storms when he was caught in rough waters and capsized.

Park Ranger Weltman was survived by his parents and sister



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Yellowstone, WY

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Minnesota ranger dies in Yellowstone

<https://www.newspapers.com/newspage/223777557/>

July 5, 1994 St Cloud Times

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) The body of a seasonal Yellowstone National Park ranger from Minnesota was found in Shoshone Lake in the southern part of the park Monday morning, a spokeswoman said.

Marsha Karle identified the victim as Ryan Francis Weltman, 22. She said Weltman's father, Martin Weltman, lives in Andover, Minn., and his mother, Signa Enos, lives in Brooklyn Park, Minn.

Karle said Weltman was on a routine patrol in the area when he failed to check in by radio Sunday evening. When he failed to check in again Monday morning, authorities launched a search with crews on the ground, in the air and in boats, Karle said.

The body was found shortly before 10 a.m. Monday several hundred yards from the eastern shore of Shoshone Lake after a visitor spotted the ranger's capsized kayak, Karle said.

She said Weltman was wearing a life jacket.

She said winds up to 40 mph were reported in the park late Sunday afternoon, and added the winds may have contributed to the accident.