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Missing Branson woman found safe

The Branson Police Department has announced that 87-year old Louise Edna Parker has been located and is in good physical condition.

Ms. Parker walked into the Branson Recycle Center on Compton Drive this morning around 10 a.m. Employees at the center spoke with her and discovered that she was the elderly woman who has been reported missing since Monday afternoon when she reportedly went for a walk.

The recycle center is within one-half mile of where Ms. Parker lived in Lakewood Estates along Lake Taneycomo. Recycle center employees said Parker was very talkative and said it wasn't easy wondering around in the woods for two days. Authorities are not sure at this time what wooded area Parker was referring to, although there is a heavily wooded area west of Parker's home behind the Branson Community Center on Compton Drive.

According to Branson Assistant Police Chief Steve Dalton, Parker was in good physical condition, and she was reunited with her daughter after the 40-hour ordeal.

Dalton said his department would like to thank everyone for their efforts in helping to locate Parker, and that the situation ended with her safe return.