Welcome to the 2026 Golden Kettle Trail Series!

Welcome to the fifth race of the 2026 Series! We're fired up to kick off our seventh year on the stunning trails of the Northern and Southern Kettles. This series is built to be relaxed and fun - open starts, self-timing, zero pressure - just pure trail-running joy.

My team and I couldn't be more excited to have you with us. We believe in creating an atmosphere where every runner feels supported and inspired, whether you're chasing a PR, tackling your first trail race, or simply soaking up the adventure. Fast, slow, new, veteran - everyone belongs here. Your job is to push yourself and have fun. We'll handle the rest.

Take a moment to review the details below, and don't hesitate to reach out with questions. I can't wait to see you out there. And if you've got feedback on how we can make the experience even better, send it my way.

Carri Marlow

Chase the Sun Running Co. | Owner|Race Director

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RACE ESSENTIALS

START TIME:

OPEN START

Start anytime* Saturday 7:00am – 11:00am

*Gauntlet participants must start at 7am.

Please note – this event is self-timed.

You should plan to be off the course by noon as we begin to pick up the course.

LOCATION:

The address for Zillmer is:

W833 County Rd SS, Campbellsport, WI ·

ATHLETE CHECK-IN:

Race day athlete check-in only, starting at 7am on Saturday.

Race day registration is available. Cash, Credit Card, Apple Pay & Venmo accepted. Service is spotty at the trailhead, cash is preferred.

RACE TRANSFERS/CHANGES:

You may email us before the race to make any changes to your registration. Race day changes can be made, please let us know when you pick up your packet if you plan to run a different distance.

GOLDEN KETTLE VILLAGE:

•True Stride Recovery Zone!

Carrie from True Stride will be onsite for this event. Stop by The Recovery Zone for:

- Normatec Compression
- Muscle TLC from Theragun
- A post-run mobility session
- Plenty of high fives + chats about shoes, training & maybe some treats!

•Beer tokens provided by North Pillar Brewing Co. will be available to participants age 21 and older.

• Live music by Kevin Wypiszinski Music from 8:00am to 10am.

•Merchandise will be available for purchase – t-shirts, long sleeve t's, custom mugs, sweatshirts and BOCO hats.

COURSE DETAILS:

Choose from any of our three courses - Short, Middle or Long, or challenge yourself and run them all! The courses will be well marked with our flags. You can find the Zillmer Trail Map here.

BACK THIS YEAR: The Golden Gauntlet option is all three courses - long, mid, then short. You must arrive at 7am if you choose this option and you will be required to check in after each loop/course. Your time for this is the total time it took you to complete all three courses, including checking in between loops so keep your watch runnig. You must be off course by noon. NOTE: There are no age group/awards for this course. You do, however, receive a special Golden Gauntlet medallion.

• Short Course: red trail loop, 3ish miles

The short course follows our red course flags.

• Mid-Course: one yellow loop, 5.4ish miles

The mid-course follows our green course flags.

• Long Course: two yellow loops– 10.8ish miles

The long course follows our blue course flags.

PARKING:

Parking is available at the trailhead; however, we encourage you to carpool if possible.

The event is held inside the Kettle Moraine State Forest. Therefore, all vehicles entering the park must either have an annual WI State Park sticker or purchase a day pass and display on the front windshield. Please note, if you're carpooling, only one pass would be required. Please visit the WI DNR Website to purchase a pass or for more information.

RESTROOMS:

There are pit toilets at the trailhead. There are no restrooms on course.

AID STATIONS:

There is one unmanned aid station at the trailhead/midpoint of the long course.

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