



Welcome to the 2026 Golden Kettle Trail Series!

It's a pleasure to have you racing with us at the fourth 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. | Golden Kettle Trail Series | 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 NORDIC is: N9084 Co Rd H, Whitewater, 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

RACE TRANSFERS:

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 check in 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 8:30am to 10am.

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. NOTE: Due to the nature of trail running, course distances are approximate – or as we like to call it, “ish.”

The Golden Gauntlet option is all three courses - long, mid, then short for a total of 19ish miles. You must arrive to start at 7am if you choose this option and will be required to check in after each





loop/course. You must be off course by noon. You will only receive results for the course(s) you complete. [Nordic Trail Map](#)

- Short Course - 3.6ish miles

The short course follows our red course flags and is one green loop on the trail map.

- Mid Course – 6ish miles

The middle course follows our yellow/green course flags. It follows the green loop until the N7 intersection, then hops on the blue loop to finish.

- Long Course – 9ish miles

The long course follows our blue course flags and is one blue loop

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 will not be any aid stations on the course since all courses are one loop – but we will have post-race snacks and water available.





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