Welcome to the 2026 Golden Kettle Trail Series!

Welcome to the final race of the 2026 Series! We're wrapping up 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:

Scuppernong Trailhead
S58 W35820 County Rd ZZ
Dousman, WI 53118

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:

•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.

The Golden Gauntlet option returns! Run 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. 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 loop + observation loop to S9, follow green loop in - 3.1ish miles

The short course follows our red course flags.

- Mid-Course: One green loop + observation loop – 5.4ish miles

The middle course follows our green course flags.

- Long Course: Two green loops + observation loop both times– 10.8ish miles

The long course follows our blue course flags

Scuppernong Trail map linked here.

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 the course.

AID STATIONS:

There is one unmanned aid station at the trailhead, which is the halfway point on the long course. Water, Heed and sweet/salty snacks will be available.

DOGS:

Leashed dogs are welcome at McMiller Trails and at the race venue. For the safety and comfort of all participants, dogs must remain on a leash at all times. Please note that dogs are not permitted inside the shelter or cabin. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets and ensuring they do not interfere with runners, volunteers, or other trail users.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

We do not offer refunds or bib transfers. Runners may defer their race entry to the following year's event if done so prior to the event. All deferral requests must be submitted by email. Each runner is eligible for a one-time, one-year deferral. If the event is canceled by the DNR due to severe weather or trail conditions, registered runners will receive a 50% discount code for next year's race. If you have any questions, please reach out. We are always happy to work with runners when extenuating circumstances arise.

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