

Norris Area Trail System

April 27, 2024

Details and Rules

WHAT: The Norris Area Trail System (NATS) managing partners are sponsoring a Poker Run to raise funds to contribute to trail construction and maintenance within the trail system. This is a fun, all skills event with 15 mile and 24 mile options. Awards will be given based on the participant's poker hands not on speed or order of completion. **This is not a race.**

15 Mile Option

Check-in starts at 9:30 a.m. and Run Starts at 10:00 a.m.

24 Mile Option

Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m. and Run Starts at 9:00 a.m.

WHEN: Saturday, April 27, 2024
Alternate Severe Weather Date is May 11, 2024

WHERE: All activities will start and end at the Clinch River Brewing. The routes will be in the Norris Watershed, Norris Dam State Park and the City of Norris.

WHO: The Managing Partners are the Norris Lake Project Team, Adventure Anderson County, Norris Dam State Park and Explore the Tennessee River Valley

Participants under the age of 18 must have a release signed by a legal guardian. Participants under the age of 16 must have a release signed by a legal guardian and said legal guardian must accompany the child on the run.

REGISTRATION: Preregister for \$25 before April 1, 2024 to receive guaranteed T-shirt size
After April 2, 2024, Registration Fee is \$30. Refunds will not be given.

All Registration will be online.

The registration deadline is April 26, 2024 at 6 p.m.

PROCESS: At check-in, each participant will be given a score card, which will be filled in as participants progress along the route. At each designated stop there will be one deck of playing cards where a run official will draw a random card. The card drawn is recorded on each participant's score card by a run official then the card is returned to the deck. The score sheet can only be completed by an official of the run. There will be site specific stamps to ensure authenticity of the score sheet.

WINNING HAND: The winner of the event is the participant who makes the best five-card poker hand at the end of the event determined by standard five card poker hand rankings. If there is a tie, the participants included in the tie will each draw a card from a complete deck and the participant with the highest card will win. The ranking order is spades, hearts,

clubs then diamonds. There will be no “wild cards” allowed and each participant will only be allowed one “hand” recorded on an official score sheet. Riders that are participating in the longer route will have the opportunity to pick up two additional cards that they can use to substitute for two previously obtained cards.

DUPLICATE CARD: If a player draws a duplicate card at two or more of the stops, the player will return the card to the official and draw again.

Poker Hand Rankings (highest to lowest)

- Royal Flush: Run of sequential cards from Ten to Ace, with all cards of the same suit.
- Straight Flush: Run of sequential cards, all cards in the same unit, but not Ace high.
- Four of a Kind: Four cards of the same rank; e.g. four Aces, Four Kings, etc.
- Full House: Three cards of the same rank plus a pair, e.g. three Aces and a pair of Kings.
- Flush: Five cards all of the same suit.
- Straight (Run): Five sequential cards, not of the same suit.
- Three of a Kind: Three cards of the same rank e.g. three Aces, three Kings etc.
- Two Pair: Two sets of pairs e.g. a pair of Aces and a pair of Kings.
- Pair: Two cards of the same rank e.g. two Aces, two Kings etc.
- High Card: If you have none of the above, then the highest value card in your hand plays.

Presentation of Awards: The presentation of awards will be at 1 p.m. Please note that you will need to be present to claim your award. **All participants are asked to be back by 1 p.m. so that awards can be given.**

SEVERE WEATHER: Please note that the event will be delayed from April 27, 2024 to May 11, 2024 if severe weather (meaning thunderstorms with high winds and lightning) is forecasted for April 27, 2024. If the event needs to be delayed to May 11th, registered participants will be notified by Friday, April 26, 2024 via email. There will also be a post on [NATS Facebook Page](#). If there is severe weather forecasted on May 11, 2024, the event will be canceled for 2024 and your registration fee will be considered a donation. Registered participants will be notified of the event cancellation by May 10, 2024 via email and a message will be posted on the [NATS Facebook Page](#). If the event is cancelled, you will receive your free t-shirt, which can be picked up at the Adventure Anderson County or sent to you through the United States Postal Service.

Questions: If you have any questions prior to the event, please email info@norrislakeproject.com or call 865-659-2829. If you have questions on the day of the event, please call 865-659-2829. Email will not be monitored the day of the event.