

# Norris Area Trail System

April 26, 2025

## 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 a long route and short route options. Awards will be given based on the participant's poker hands not on speed or order of completion. **This is not a race.**

Short Route Option – Up to 15 Miles

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

Long Route Option – 20 to 24 Miles

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

Please note that E-bikes will be asked to start 15 minutes later than the other participants in their category.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 26, 2025

Alternate Severe Weather Date is May 10, 2025

**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 \$30 before April 1, 2025 to receive guaranteed T-shirt size. After April 2, 2025, Registration Fee is \$35. Refunds will not be given. Please note shirts may not be available to participants registered after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**All Registration will be online.**

The registration deadline is April 25, 2025 at 6 p.m.

**PROCESS:** At check-in, each participant will be given a form, 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 form by a run official then the card is returned to the deck. The form can only be completed by an official of the run to ensure its authenticity. If a card is drawn that is a duplicate of a card already on the participant's form, it will be replaced in the deck and another playing card will be drawn until an unduplicated card is drawn.

**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 playing cards.

**DUPLICATE CARD:** If a card is drawn that is a duplicate of a card already on the participant’s form, it will be replaced in the deck and another playing card will be drawn until an unduplicated card is drawn.

### **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 1:30 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 26, 2025 to May 10, 2025 if severe weather (meaning thunderstorms with high winds and lightning) is forecasted for April 26, 2025. If the event needs to be delayed to May 10th, registered participants will be notified by Friday, April 25, 2025 via email. There will also be a post on [NATS Facebook Page](#). If there is severe weather forecasted on May 10, 2025, the event will be canceled for 2025 and your registration fee will be considered a donation. Registered participants will be notified of the event cancellation by May 9, 2025 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](mailto: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.