

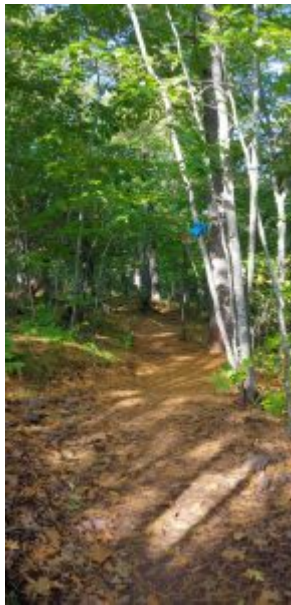
Back 9 Endurance Run, inaugural event in 2020

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The inaugural [Back 9 Endurance Run](#) will be take place on May 16, 2020. This running event is a first for the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, and the first race of it's kind in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (U.P.)!



There are many great local running races throughout the year in the U.P. and in Michigan. However, this event is a 12- and 24-hour timed endurance race that will provide runners a unique running experience in a wilderness and golf course environment. It is a fun style of racing, where runners are sent on a ~3.5 mile loop winding through the grounds of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. The loop consists of our Back 9 trails and golf course (the actual front 9 of the existing golf course). You can expect the course to be hilly, muddy, scenic, and fun!



The goal of the race is to run as many loops as possible in the amount of time given. Runners make the race whatever they want it to be. Some will set a distance goal. Some will set out to run the entire time from start to finish. Not feeling ready to run it solo? Grab some friends and sign up for one of our team options. A 12/24 hour race offers runners a great opportunity to explore new distances. There are no time cut-offs, and no chance of DNF (did not finish). Because wherever your miles are when you stop is your finish distance. It is more a race against your own perceived limitations than a race against other runners. It's up to you at the end of each loop...call it a race, or can you push through one more round?

The start/finish will be our gazebo area, and we will have the conference center open as a warm-up shack. Space will be available first come first served, get there early to set up your area. There will also be room outside to set up chairs, hammocks, coolers and whatever you bring with you to help you through the race. 12 or 24 hours is a lot of hours, make sure you have everything you need to keep you going as long as possible! We will have some snacks and hydration, with hot food later in the night. However, if you have a favorite race food make sure you bring it. Also, feel free to bring a batch to share!



Our goal for this race is to bring the running community together, to make new friends, support each other, and have fun.

As you finish your race, stick around for beer and pizza and cheer on fellow runners! This race will be a challenging, fun experience and we can't wait to see you meet your goals.

