

The 2023 Keweenaw Chain Drive Festival will be a Poker Run. Riders will have the choice of a short, long, and adventure route. Runners will follow the same course as the Short route, but they will have their own start time (11:00 AM). Each route will have multiple poker chip stations at random locations. Riders will collect a chip from each location and submit them to find out their poker hand. The best poker hands will win various prize packages! The ride is free to enter, and riders will have the opportunity to make a donation to the trails during the registration process. All proceeds from the donations will go to supporting the Maasto Hiihto/Churning Rapids and Swedetown trails.

Registration

In order to submit a poker hand, riders must pre-register for the event using RunSignUp. Pre-registration is required to help us determine the number of chips needed at each station. The ride is free to enter.

Early Bird Drawing

All registrations submitted by 11:59 PM on April 21, 2023 will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card from one of our local bike shops. Three Early Bird winners will be drawn.

Donations

The KCDF is a fund raising effort for local trails. We continued with the Poker Run format and kept the event free to enter, but the time and cost associated with maintaining the trails remains the same. Any donations to help fund the trail maintenance effort is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made during the registration process or mailed in at your convenience. All donations are tax deductible. Donations can be mailed to:

Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club
Attn: Keweenaw Chain Drive Festival
PO Box 564
Hancock, MI 49930

Courses/Maps

Riders will have a choice of a short course (~10 miles), a long course (~22 miles), and an adventure course (~63 miles). Runners will follow the short course (~10 miles). The gpx file for each route is available for download using the link to the Strava files below. The trails will have course markings at the key intersections, and confidence ribbons periodically. It will be the rider's responsibility to navigate the course. All courses will use well established trails, 2-tracks, and/or roads.

Link to 10-mile course

https://www.strava.com/routes/3102273840912017734?fbclid=IwAR2DqyBvs8i_x2t1INgR7yGyOX-sDV_wlUJ5g2uYv50NS8M6c4cqota64Hk

Link to 22-mile course

https://www.strava.com/routes/3102255707574745396?fbclid=IwAR2G3UiVSS6UU8fDXhAbr_E-tsWMmUIBEIF6IAY79OYutCmxNEu5U3V68LY

Link to 63-mile course

<https://www.strava.com/routes/3102602199495284358?fbclid=IwAR3UEHoBOMTCCD4IPjErSEbRXzt-GDFCEbZ4Nyx7n1KN6S4uRxLGH52HpaE>

Self Supported Ride

There will not be aid stations on any of the routes. Riders will need to plan accordingly and have their own water, hydration tablets, food, etc., or plan for someone to meet them along the way so they can restock supplies. Adventure Ride participants need to be prepared for a long ride and have the necessary food and hydration. The chalet in Swedetown trails should be open to refill water bottles. The businesses in Calumet are also an option.

Start time slots

During the registration process, you will be allowed to select your start time from the available time slots. To spread things out and minimize congestion at the poker chip stations, we are limiting the number of riders that can start in each time slot. Please go out during your designated start window.

Poker Chip Collection/Getting Your Poker Hand

Poker Chip stations will be located at random locations along all of the courses. Riders must collect a chip from each station and submit them to get their poker hand. The chips will have a code on them, and that code corresponds to a playing card on our master list. To submit their "hand", riders will take a picture of their chips (code showing) and e-mail it to keweenawchaindrive@gmail.com. We will decipher each hand and compile them into a list. The top hands from each course will win the prize packages

The 10-Mile course will collect three poker chips, and the 22-Mile and 63-Mile courses will each collect five poker chips.

This year, prize packages will be awarded to the best hands for the:

- Short course (Riders)
- Long course (Riders)
- Adventure course (Riders)
- U18 (Any course - Riders)
- Short course (Runners)