

TTC Tour de Trails Series 2020-21

4 Stages ▪ 4 Distances ▪ 4 Trails ▪ 4 Dates

The Tuscaloosa Track Club (TTC) is proud to present the inaugural **Tour de Trails Series**. These events are **noncompetitive** and suitable for runners of all levels and of all ages. This is an opportunity to enjoy some of the nicest trails in West Alabama, while supporting a local charitable group. You can choose to participate in any individual stage, or sign-up to complete all 4 stages. Only participants who pre-register to complete all 4 stages, will receive a *commemorative award upon completion and a free long sleeve shirt*. The late fall and early spring will make running these trails enjoyable. Proceeds from these events will go towards supporting The Friends of Hurricane Creek. (<http://www.hurricanecreek.org/>)

The 2020-21 **Tour de Trails Series** consists of the following stages:

Stage 1: 4 miles

Event Name: *The So-Cool 4 miler.*

Date: Oct. 24, 2020

Time: 8:00 am (Registration starts: 7 am)

Registration: \$10 (by 10/09/20); \$15 (after 10/09/20)

Location: Munny Sokol Park, 5901 Watermelon Road, Northport, AL 35473

This is a fun and easy trail to start with and is good for all skill levels. The course consists of a combination of the cross country course, the main Sokol trail, and some dirt road. Minor elevation changes.



Stage 2: 5.2 miles

Event Name: *The Happy Hurricane 5.2 miler.*

Date: Nov. 14, 2020

Time: 8:00 am (Registration starts: 7 am)

Registration: \$10 (Pre); \$15 (On-site)

Location: Hurricane Creek Park, 7005 Old Birmingham Hwy, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404

Hurricane Creek Park, located in east Tuscaloosa above the waters of Hurricane Creek, has over 5 miles of brand new trails welcoming hikers, walkers and bikers of all ages and skill levels. Whether it be a run or ride with friends, or a thrilling adventure, Hurricane Creek has something for everyone. The trail will take you through beautiful woodlands on a ridge overlooking the creek, with scenic views of wild Alabama nature. The **North Loop** and **South Loop** are designed to be easy and beginner friendly. The Entrance Trail are a little bit more challenging with some short elevation changes. After the event, cool those feet in the creek and enjoy some refreshments. There are grills at the pavilion for those who would like to cook something-up.

Stage 3: 6 miles

Event Name: *The Camp Horne Twilight 6 miler.*

Date: Jan. 9, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm (Registration starts: 3 pm)

Registration: \$15 (Pre); \$20 (On-site)

Location: Camp Horne BSA, 13633 Keenes Mill Rd, Cottondale, AL 35453

Located in East Tuscaloosa County, this 496-acre property is home to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) that includes some wonderful hiking trails. The 6 miler will take you over a combination of paved road, wide even trails, and smooth gravel paths, with some elevation. Runners are strongly encouraged to bring a flashlight or headlamp as the finish will certainly be after sunset. After the event, gather around the campfire to enjoy complimentary hot chocolate and S'mores with other participants. Bring your hotdogs to roast over the open fire.

Stage 4: 12 miles

Event Name: *The Nippy Tashka 12 miler.*

Date: Feb. 13, 2021

Time: 8:00 am (Registration starts: 7 am)

Registration: \$15 (Pre); \$20 (On-site)

Location: Lake Lurleen State Park, 13226 Lake Lurleen Rd, Coker, AL 35452 (\$4 park entry fee-cash only)

Head 10 miles west of Tuscaloosa on Hwy 82, and you'll run into the beautiful Lake Lurleen State Park, and the setting for the final stage. This is probably the most challenging of the 4 stages, you should be well prepared to take on this challenge after completing 3 stages. An early morning start to enjoy the sunrise rise over the lake. The campground is available for rent for those who would like to camp overnight the day before this event. The trail is scenic and takes you around the lake on trails rated, as easy to moderate in difficulty with some short elevation gain in a few areas. *Walk or run it* – your choice, but there is a 4.5 hour cut-off time, then we will send the “search party” out for you. Enjoy a pancake breakfast/brunch after the event.

Registration information on the Tuscaloosa Track Club website (<https://www.tuscaloosatrackclub.com/>)

Online registration at Its Your Race (<https://www.itsyourrace.com/>)

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