Twisted Turkey Trail Tussle: 10k route

Saturday, November 15 2014

Stand in the parking lot with your back to the red building and walk straight a few meters into the grass. Look left beyond the pine trees and you’ll see a bridge on the orange trail. This is the start of the 10k. Stand on the bridge and face the direction of the road. Go! Run to the road, turn right, continue to the end of the white fence, and take a left around the pond onto the white trail.

Take the white trail over a bridge, go a few meters and turn left after the tree (yes, seriously) onto a straight path. Go over the first bridge you hit and ignore the trail coming from the right. Stay left to head over the next bridge and continue up to the kiosk (marked by “?” on the map). Turn right at the kiosk, over a bridge, and follow the pink trail up the hill until it intersects the green trail. Take the green trail. In about 1/10th of a mile the trail will look more like a road and horseshoe to the left. Continue on the green trail up the hill, over a gravel road, and continue up a steep incline. As you begin to descend, keep right at the intersection.

Turn right at the T intersection at the bottom of the hill and continue up a gradual incline for a bit. Toward the crest, you will see hunter cabins on your left, keep barring right and the path will start a gradual decline. After a few minutes, you will see a trail coming from the left, marked with two sign posts continuing to mark the green trail. Turn left down the green trail. Watch your ankles as you follow the green markings.

After about ½ to ¾ of a mile, the trail will break right and drop quickly down some “S” turns. Turn left at the bottom to continue following the green trail. After about half a mile, look for the pink trail coming from the right side. Follow the orange flags to the right and pick up the pink trail which quickly turns to the left. Watch out for another trail coming from the right (this area will be well marked before race day) and continue to follow the pink trail. Turn left at the kiosk, cross a gravel road, and pick up the blue trail.

Head up the hill and stay to the left at the first split. As you begin your first plateau, bear slightly to the right, and go straight. Turn left at the intersection and head up the hill and bear left again. When you arrive at the kiosk, stay to the left. Ignore the orange flags heading into the woods; this section will eventually be cleared. In the meantime, follow the orange flags leading back to the kiosk at the top of the hill. Heading down hill, bank left at the first downward intersection. Continue down the blue trail past the red flag (marking 5 miles) to the lower kiosk and turn left at the kiosk to pick up the pink trail again. Follow to the T intersection with a bridge on your right and left. Take the left bridge and now you are backtracking toward the start. Follow the trail to the left around the pond to the white fence. You will go to the outside of the fence, make a sharp right and follow the fence to the end at the pink house. The race concludes here.

Whew.