

5k Trail Blazer: Gulch-Free Route

Follow the **YELLOW ARROWS** throughout the course

1. **Start & School Grounds:** At the **LEFT side of Founders Memorial** & enter playground.
2. Loop **AROUND the play structure**. Head **toward the gate** at the far side of the school.
3. Exit the side parking area and **CROSS Founders Road**
4. Run on **the bike path**, heading toward the main road (Sand Hill Road)..
5. Turn **RIGHT** into the **far entrance of the Bus area** (Addi LOVED to look at the buses!)
6. Exit the bus area, turning **LEFT** onto the bike path & **into the woods** via the Prairie Fields Access Road.
7. **To the Fields & The Split:** Follow the path down to the **soccer/lacrosse fields**.
8. Go **STRAIGHT** at the dirt road intersection, continuing down hill.
9. Turn **LEFT** at the bottom of the hill. This section runs along the outskirts of the lacrosse/soccer fields and is marked with **white paint**.
10. The **1 Mile mark** is near the **1st Water Station**.
11. **Pass the soccer fields and continue downhill toward the woods. IMPORTANT SPLIT: You will split from participants taking the Gulch Challenge.**
12. **Lap 1 (Gulch-Free Route):** Look for the sign marked “**NON-GULCH**” Follow the white painted line. Make a **RIGHT turn past the (broken) disc golf goal** and head back up the hill toward the lacrosse/soccer fields. This path will remain to the **LEFT side of the fields**.
13. Continue towards the **solar array** - passing them on the short uphill, keeping the solar panels on your **LEFT side**.
14. As you exit the short trail through the wooded area, turn **RIGHT** and travel along the **backside of EMS**.
15. Turn **LEFT** on the asphalt, toward the parking lot.
16. By the port-o-lets, continue to the parking lot **toward the grey building** on the right.
17. Follow the **YELLOW CONES** that lead behind the grey building, back toward Founders Rd.
18. Turn **RIGHT** at the entrance to the wooded trail (where you first entered the woods via Prairie Fields Road).
19. **Lap 2 (Gulch-Free Route):** You are now beginning Lap 2. Follow the exact same path you started in steps 12.
 - a. **AS YOU COMPLETE LAP 2 & Finish:** Continue to run towards the solar array - passing them on the small uphill, again keeping the solar panels on your **LEFT side**.
20. Take the same short trail through the wooded area leads to the **backside of EMS** again.
21. **When exiting the woods this time**, bear **LEFT** toward Foster Road. A **white rope** marks the path - Run/Walk **between the rope and Foster Road**.
22. Turn **RIGHT** at the asphalt access road. It's **a straight shot to the FINISH!! YOU'RE DONE!** Dance, take photos, grab some refreshments, finish up your passport. Don't miss the 11:45 award ceremony and group photo.

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