

TRAINING PLAN

DAY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
MODE	Walk	Cross-Train +ST	Walk	Cross-Train +ST	Walk/Rest	Walk	Rest Day
INTENSITY	Easy Effort	Moderate Effort	Moderate	Moderate Effort	Easy Effort	Conversational Effort	
i-RATE SCALE	6 - 7	7+	7 - 8	7+	6 - 7	7+	
HEART RATE	65 - 75%	70 - 75%	75 - 80%	70 - 75%	65 - 75%	70 - 75%	
WEEK 1	40 minutes	30-40 minutes	40 minutes	30-40 minutes	Rest	3 miles	Rest
WEEK 2	40 minutes	30-40 minutes	40 minutes	30-40 minutes	Rest	4 miles	Rest
WEEK 3	45 minutes	30-40 minutes	40 minutes	30-40 minutes	Rest	4 miles	Rest
WEEK 4	45 minutes	30-40 minutes	45 minutes	30-40 minutes	Rest	5 miles	Rest
WEEK 5	50 minutes	30-40 minutes	45 minutes	30-40 minutes	Rest	6 miles	Rest
WEEK 6	50 minutes	30-40 minutes	50 minutes	30-40 minutes	35 minutes	4 miles	Rest
WEEK 7	55 minutes	30-40 minutes	50 minutes	30-40 minutes	35 minutes	7 miles	Rest
WEEK 8	55 minutes	30-40 minutes	50 minutes TempoWalk	30-40 minutes	35 minutes	8 miles	Rest
WEEK 9	60 minutes	30-40 minutes	50 minutes TempoWalk	30-40 minutes	35 minutes	9 miles	Rest
WEEK 10	60 minutes	30-40 minutes	50 minutes TempoWalk	30-40 minutes	Rest	6 miles	Rest
WEEK 11	60 minutes	30-40 minutes	50 minutes TempoWalk	30-40 minutes	40 minutes	10 miles	Rest
WEEK 12	60 minutes	30-40 minutes	50 minutes TempoWalk	30-40 minutes	40 minutes	8 miles	Rest
WEEK 13	50 minutes	30-40 minutes	40 minutes	30-40 minutes	40 minutes	6 miles	Rest
WEEK 14	45 minutes	Rest	40 minutes	Rest	30 minutes	Rest	Race Day
RECOVERY WEEK 1	Rest	XT 20 minutes	Rest	XT 30 minutes	Rest	2 miles	Rest
RECOVERY WEEK 2	30 minutes	30 minutes	Rest	30 minutes	30 minutes	3 miles	Rest
RECOVERY WEEK 3	40 minutes	30 minutes	Rest	40 minutes	34 minutes	4 miles	Rest
RECOVERY WEEK 4	45 minutes	40 minutes	Rest	45 minutes	40 minutes	5 miles	Rest

SCHEDULE KEY

Warm-up: 5 minutes at an easy pace prior to every workout.

Cool-down: 5 minutes at an easy pace after to every workout.

Stretch: after every workout when the muscles are warm to maintain or improve flexibility and prevent injuries.

i-Rate: Rate of perceived exertion. Rate your level of intensity by how you feel, 1-10. 1 being at rest and 10- being an all out level. Use this system to stay in the smart training range listed on the training program (i.e. 6-7)

Heart Rate: If you have a heart rate monitor; maintain a range between the prescribed percentages. . .i.e.65-75% of estimated maximum heart rate.

Easy Pace: Walk at an easy pace at 70-75% of maximum heart rate or an iRate level of 7+.

Moderate Pace: Moderate pace at 75-80% of maximum heart rate or an iRate level of 7-8. A pace where you can hear your breathing, but not breathing hard.

Tempo Walk: Walk 15 minutes at an easy pace, walk 20 minutes at a comfortably hard effort where you can hear your breathing - walk 15 minutes at an easy effort.

Endurance Walk: The Endurance Walk should be at a slow, and comfortable-conversational pace. You should be at a pace to hold a conversation easily. Heart rate zone of 65-75% of maximum or i-Rate of 6-7.

Cross-Training: Include activities that are non walking. Cycling, swimming, pilates/yoga, strength training, elliptical trainer; stairmaster; spinning are great cross training modes for training. Cross-training allows you to actively rest your walking muscles while training opposing muscle groups and reducing the risk of overtraining and injury. It helps speed recovery and reduces burnout. Heart rate zone of 75-80% of maximum or i-Rate of 7-8.

Strength-Training (ST): Strength-Training (ST): Strength train with machines, weights, resistance tubes/bands or classes like pilates, toning or yoga. Include strength training exercises for your upper body, core (abdominal and trunk) and lower body twice per week. This will increase the lean muscle tissue, boost metabolism at rest and prevent the dreaded muscle loss with age. The more muscle we lose, the lower our metabolism sinks. Start the Strength Training session by warming up with 10 minutes of cardio activity [i.e. cycling, elliptical trainer; or stairmaster] or strength train after walk-running. If you are new to strength training, begin with 1 set per exercise for 12-15 repetitions. The goal is to fatigue the muscle as you reach the repetition range or until you can no longer perform the exercise with good, controlled form. Stick with this program for at least 4 weeks and then progress to 2-3 sets per exercise for 8-12 repetitions. Another option for your strength workout is to take a class at your gym, pilates, yoga, work with a personal trainer; perform a machine circuit. There are many ways to include resistance training in your life, find the one you enjoy the most.