## Training Plan

for intermediate to advanced runners

| Week 1 | Sub 1 hr | Sub 45 mins | Sub 38 mins |
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| Sunday | 30 mins Run | 60 mins Run | 90 mins Run |
| Monday | Rest | Rest | 45 mins Run |
| Tuesday | 30 min Run | 45 min Run | $8 \times 2$ mins at 10 km pace with 2 mins jog recovery between efforts |
| Wednesday | Rest | 30 min run - last 10 mins at 10 km pace | 45 min Run |
| Thursday | 30 min Run | 45 min run | 30 min run - last 10 mins at marathon pace |
| Friday | Rest | Rest | Rest |
| Saturday | Circuits of a park alternating 1 min at faster than normal pace / 1 min at slower than normal pace $\times 10$ each | Circuits of a park alternating 1 min at faster than normal pace / 1 min at slower than normal pace $\times 10$ each | Morning - 30 mins easy Afternoon- Circuits of a park alternating 1 min at faster than normal pace / 1 min at slower than normal pace $x 10$ each |
| Training Objectives | Getting time on the feet and the start of a gradual build up of training. | Getting time on the feet and the start of a gradual build up of training. Beginnings of generating the pace necessary to run at 7 min mile pace. | Runner probably already into full training for road or cross-country season. Introduction of 10km pace training. |
| Week 2 | Sub 1 hr | Sub 45mins | Sub 38 mins |
| Sunday | 40 mins steady | 60 mins steady | 90 mins steady |
| Monday | Rest | Rest | 45 mins Run |
| Tuesday | 30 min Run | 45 min Run | $8 \times 2$ mins at 10 km pace with 2 mins jog recovery between efforts |
| Wednesday | Rest | 30 min run - last 10 mins at 10 km pace | 45 min Run |
| Thursday | 30 min Run | 45 min run | 30 min run - last 10 mins at 10 km pace |
| Friday | Rest | Rest | Rest |
| Saturday | Circuits of a park alternating 1 min at faster than normal pace / 1 min at slower than normal pace $\times 10$ each | Circuits of a park alternating 1 min at faster than normal pace / 1 min at slower than normal pace $\times 10$ each | Morning - 30 mins easy Afternoon - Circuits of a park alternating 1 min at faster than normal pace / 1 min at slower than normal pace $\times 10$ each |
| Training Objectives | As week 1 | As week 1 | As week 1 |


| Week 3 | Sub 1 hr | Sub 45mins | Sub 38 mins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sunday | 60 mins steady | 90 mins steady | 90 mins steady |
| Monday | Rest | 30 mins easy | Morning - 30 mins easy Afternoon - 45 mins easy |
| Tuesday | 45 mins easy | 45 min continuous run including 10 faster pace efforts of between $1 \& 3$ mins with jog recovery (run as you please) | $4 \times 1$ mile efforts at 10 km pace. |
| Wednesday | Rest | Rest | 60 min Run |
| Thursday | 45 mins easy | 45 mins easy | Morning - 30 mins easy Afternoon - 45 mins easy |
| Friday | Rest | 30 mins easy | 30 mins easy |
| Saturday | $10 \times 1$ min running up shallow hill walk back down recovery | Rest | 30 min Jog |
| Training Objectives | Development of the long run and some hill work to build strength in the legs. | Develop long run \& faster stretches within the normal steady pace run. | Develop long run \& faster stretches within the normal steady pace run. |
| Week 4 | Sub 1 hr | Sub 45mins | Sub 38 mins |
| Sunday | 75 mins steady | 5km race or time trial | 5 km race or time trial |
| Monday | Rest | 30 mins easy | 30 mins easy |
| Tuesday | 45 min continuous run including 10 faster pace efforts of between $1 \& 3$ mins with jog recovery (run as you please) | 45 min continuous run including 10 faster pace efforts of between $1 \& 3$ mins with jog recovery (run as you please) | $6 \times 1,000 \mathrm{~m}$ at 5 km pace -3 mins recovery between each |
| Wednesday | Rest | 30 mins easy | Morning - easy 30 mins <br> Afternoon - 60 mins steady |
| Thursday | 45 mins steady | 60 mins easy | Morning - easy 30 mins <br> Afternoon - steady 30 mins followed by $10 \times 200 \mathrm{~m}$ |
| Friday | Rest | Rest | Rest |
| Saturday | $10 \times 1$ min running up shallow hill walk back down recovery | $12 \times 1$ min running up shallow hill walk back down recovery | $16 \times 1$ min running up shallow hill <br> - walk back down recovery |
| Training Objectives | Lengthening long run - the pace doesn't matter. Introduction of 'speed work' at race pace will accelerate fitness levels. | Building the speed necessary to run a 10 km with some efforts faster than 10 km pace. | Building the speed necessary to run a 10 km with some efforts faster than 10km pace |


| Week 5 | Sub 1 hr | Sub 45mins | Sub 38 mins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sunday | 75 mins easy | 90 mins steady | 90 mins steady |
| Monday | Rest | 30 mins easy | Morning - 30 mins easy Afternoon - 45 mins Run |
| Tuesday | 45 min continuous run including 10 faster pace efforts of between $1 \& 3$ mins with jog recovery (run as you please) | 45 min continuous run including 10 faster pace efforts of between $1 \& 3$ mins with jog recovery (run as you please) | On fairly straight uninterrupted route run 10 mins at 10 km pace 10 mins recovery - run 10 min back trying to get to pass your start point |
| Wednesday | Rest | 60 mins easy | Morning - 30 mins easy Afternoon - 60 mins steady |
| Thursday | 60 mins easy | 30 mins steady | Morning - easy 30 mins Afternoon - steady 30 mins followed by $10 \times 200 \mathrm{~m}$ |
| Friday | Rest | Rest | Rest |
| Saturday | $10 \times 1$ min running up shallow hill walk back down recovery | $12 \times 1$ min running up shallow hill walk back down recovery | $16 \times 1$ min running up shallow hill - walk back down recovery |
| Training Objectives | Consolidation week - getting used to the balance between the long run and speed work. | Consolidation week - getting used to the balance between the long run and speed work. | Consolidation week - getting used to the balance between the long run and speed work. |
| Week 6 | Sub 1 hr | Sub 45mins | Sub 38 mins |
| Sunday | 75 mins easy | 90 mins steady | 90 mins steady |
| Monday | Rest | 30 mins easy | Morning - 30 mins easy Afternoon - 45 mins Run |
| Tuesday | Up the clock - run 1 min fast/ 1 min slow, 2 mins fast/ 2 mins slow, 3 mins fast/3 mins slow/4 mins fast/4 mins slow, 5 mins fast. | Up the clock - run 1 min fast/ 1 min slow, 2 mins fast/ 2 mins slow, 3 mins fast $/ 3$ mins slow $/ 4$ mins fast/4 mins slow, 5 mins fast. | Up and down the clock - run 1 min fast $/ 1$ min slow, 2 mins fast/ 2 mins slow, 3 mins fast $/ 3$ mins slow/4 mins fast/4 mins slow, 5 mins fast $/ 5$ mins slow, the $4,3,2,1$ min back down. |
| Wednesday | Rest | 30 mins easy | Morning - 30 mins easy Afternoon - 60 mins Run |
| Thursday | 60 mins easy | 75 mins easy | Morning - 30 mins easy <br> Afternoon-10 min warm-up - 20 <br> min Tempo run (10 km race pace) <br> - 10 mins warm-down |
| Friday | Rest | 30 min easy | 30 min easy |
| Saturday | $12 \times 1$ min running up shallow hill walk back down recovery | Rest | Rest |
| Training Objectives | Development of ability to run faster than race pace and hold the pace for an increasing amount of time. | Development of ability to run faster than race pace and hold the pace for an increasing amount of time. At same time long run is increased to the magic 2-hrs. | Up and down the clock develops strength and speed. The Tempo run enables you to hold a fast pace for a long time. |


| Week 7 | Sub 1 hr | Sub 45mins | Sub 38 mins |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sunday | 75 min run | 75 min run | 75 min run |
| Monday | Rest | 30 mins easy | Morning - 30 mins easy <br> Afternoon - 30 mins easy |
| Tuesday | 10 mins warm up - 20 mins at 10 km pace - 10 min warm down. | 10 mins warm up -20 mins at 10 km pace - 10 min warm down. | 3 sets of $4 \times 300 \mathrm{~m}$ at 3 km pace with 100 m jog recovery between efforts/3 mins standing recovery between sets. |
| Wednesday | Rest | 60 mins steady | 60 mins steady |
| Thursday | 60 mins steady | Morning - 30 mins easy Afternoon - 30 mins easy | Morning - 30 mins easy Afternoon - 30 mins easy |
| Friday | Rest | Rest | Rest |
| Saturday | $12 \times 1$ min running up shallow hill walk back down recovery | $15 \times 1$ min running up shallow hill walk back down recovery | $20 \times 1$ min running up shallow hill <br> - walk back down recovery |
| Training Objectives | Race pace running is important so that your body gets the 'feel' of the speed you want to race at. | Race pace running is important so that your body gets the 'feel' of the speed you want to race at. Twice a day training on some days gives a boost to your endurance, and the afternoon run can sometimes be better because you have 'warmedup' in the morning. | Big 'interval sessions' develop the heart \& lungs, build strength and develop the speed necessary to run 6 min per mile comfortably. |
| Week 8 | Sub 1 hr | Sub 45mins | Sub 38 mins |
| Sunday | 45 mins run/walk | 45 mins run/walk | 45 mins run/walk |
| Monday | Rest | 30 mins easy | 45 mins Run |
| Tuesday | 10 mins warm up $-10 \times 200 \mathrm{~m}$ with 200m walk/jog recovery- 10 min warm down. | 10 mins warm up $-10 \times 200 \mathrm{~m}$ with 200m walk/jog recovery- 10 min warm down. | 10 mins warm up $-10 \times 200 \mathrm{~m}$ with 200m walk/jog recovery- 10 min warm down. |
| Wednesday | Rest | 30 min easy | 30 mins easy |
| Thursday | 30 mins steady | 30 mins steady | 30 mins easy |
| Friday | 30 mins easy | 30 mins easy | 30 mins easy |
| Saturday | Rest | Rest | Rest |
| Training Objectives | Taper down for race. | Taper down for race. | Taper down for race. |

