

## **Marathon Training Schedule - Improver**

- 1. This schedule is aimed at individuals who have done a marathon before and have completed a half marathon recently, enabling them to start with a 10 mile long run. Please bear in mind this is a generic schedule which you may well have to tweak in line with your particular circumstances.
- 2. One of your runs (customarily on a Sunday) will gradually increase over the weeks to build up your endurance. It should be an easy run 30-60 secs per mile slower than your intended race pace.
- 2. Other key sessions involve hills (H) eg. run to hill as warm up then  $8 \times 30$  secs uphill with jog down recovery) and efforts (F) eg. warm up then  $5 \times 1$  mile with 90 secs jog recovery in between. Also time trials (TT).
- 3. Suggest the Thursday run is at intended race pace (RP).
- 4. Use Parkruns, 10K and Half Marathon races as extra speed sessions.
- 5. Some run days are followed by rest/recovery days to allow your training to have optimal effect.

Week commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4 June 2018							8 miles  Training run & seminar
11 June	Rest	6 miles (H)	5 miles easy	6 miles (RP)	Rest or cross train	Parkrun	10 miles
18 June	Rest	6 miles (F)	6 miles easy	6 miles (RP)	Rest or cross train	5 miles easy	12 miles or 10K race
25 June	Rest	6 miles (H)	6 miles easy	6 miles (RP)	Rest or cross train	5 miles easy	11 miles
2 July	Rest	6 miles(F)	6 miles easy	7 miles (RP)	Rest or cross train	Parkrun	12 miles  Training run
9 July	Rest	6 miles (H)	6 miles easy	8 miles (RP)	Rest or cross train	6 miles easy	14 miles
16 July	Rest	6 miles (F)	6 miles easy	8 miles (RP)	Rest or cross train	Park Run or 10k TT	15 miles
23 July (recovery)	Rest	4 miles (H)	4 miles easy	6 miles (RP)	Rest or cross train	5 miles easy	12 miles
30 July	Rest	6 miles (F)	6 miles easy	10 miles (RP)	Rest or cross train	Parkrun	16 miles  Training run
7 August	Rest	6 miles (H)	6 miles easy	10 miles (RP)	Rest or cross train	6 miles easy	17 miles
13 August	Rest	6 miles (F)	6 miles easy	10 miles (RP)	Rest or cross train	Parkrun or 10k TT	18 miles

20 August (recovery)	Rest	4 miles (H)	4 miles easy	8 miles (RP)	Rest or cross train	5 miles easy	15 miles
27 August	Rest	6 miles (F)	6 miles easy	12 miles (RP)	Rest or cross train	Parkrun	20 miles
3 September	Rest	6 miles (F)	6 miles easy	12 miles (RP)	Rest or cross train	6 miles easy	20 miles  Training run
10 September	Rest	6 miles (F)	6 miles easy	12 miles (RP)		Parkrun or 10k TT	20/22 miles
17 September (taper)	Rest	5 miles (F)	6 miles easy	8 miles (RP)	Rest or cross train	5 miles easy	15 miles
24 September (taper)	Rest	4 miles (F)	5 miles	6 miles (RP)		4 miles easy	10 miles  Training run & seminar
1 October (taper)	Rest	2 miles + 1 mile (RP)	Rest	3 miles easy	Rest	1 mile easy or rest	Race Day 26.2 miles Good times!