

First 50 mile ultra training plan

A 50 mile Ultramarathon is a commitment to your schedule to get there. You'll find yourself faced with opportunities to participate in other hobbies and actives instead of staying on track. Finishing an Ultra is different for everyone but at the end you'll feel a wave of accomplishment wash over you. For safety reasons, this is NOT a couch to Ultramarathon guide. It is a guide for you? For safety reasons, this is NOT a couch to Ultramarathon guide. It is a guide for you? training along with an interest in tackling a 50 mile race. Having a solid running base along with the physical experience of training cycles injury free. Do you feel comfortable running long runs over 20 miles? Are you regularly running 35-40 miles a week injury free? If you answered yes to these, or are very close, then you have a solid running base and this program is for you. If you're not there yet, I recommend building up to these prerequisites before following the program. This program slowly and safely builds over 24 weeks with a taper every 3-4 weeks. Tapering allows your mind and body to recover and rebuild. This program finishes off with a 3 week taper ensuring you are reseted, recovered and ready for race day. Key: Hills & Speed Work- are strength building runs; adapt the legs to ascending hills. Regular Run- done at an easy pace, about 60% exertion, also known as a conversational pace. Long Run- an easy effort pace. This is a great time to practice and play around with your nutrition, hydration, and shoes etc. Back to Back Long Run- can be brutal but its a good way to practice listening to your legs adapt to fatigue. If you're feeling tired from a weeks worth of training forget about the time and focus on the miles. Run #2 can be taken slowly, integrate walks and breaks as needed. Active Recovery Day- exercise that require light effort. Movements that lets the legs rest from running. No plyometrics. Yoga and stretching would be best; other examples are swimming, or biking. We want to encourage blood flow, stimulate healing and cardiovascular endurance with low impact. Rest Day- pivotal in any training program. It allows the body to repair muscles and other systems. This allows you to keep training or strength training into your regiment. It is not included in this plan but feel free to integrated it as needed. Strength training and cross training can focus more on upper body and core movements to compliment running. If you're a seasoned runner feel free to start the program at a later week but don't neglect the taper weeks. It is possible for seasoned endurance runners to prepare for a 50 mile run safely in as little as 16 weeks. I'm a big fan of playing it safe and giving your mind a chance to adapt to the new routine as well as your body. Mileage includes warm up and cool downs. Adjust the days to fit into your schedule but try to maintain the same pattern of rest, run, speed/hill, run, rest, long run, and back to back long run. You'll notice for the second long run it is prescribed in time instead of milage. The overall weekly milage is based on a 10:00/mile pace, don't worry if your over all milage changes because your mile run is faster or slower than that. Instead on the back to back long run focus on the prescribed time. This will allow you to listen to your body better- run harder on good days, slower on tougher days. 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During an ultramarathon, we recommend at least walking out of each aid station. This strategy gives you a good time to hydrate, consume calories, and refocus your thoughts on the challenge still left ahead. To incorporate walking into your 50 Mile Ultramarathon Training Plan, try to develop some rhythm between run and walk. For example, walk for 1-minute out of every 10 minutes or only walk when you need to drink water or take an energy gel. Walking breaks can help you regain control of your breathing, heart rate, and mental focus to know that you can accomplish this goal. FLEXIBILITY: Stretch lightly after every warm-up and cool-down period. Stretching will help improve flexibility, increase circulation, speed up recovery, and reduce the risk of injury. EASY EFFORT: Easy pace/effort is considered at or slightly above what you can maintain a conversation, 50-70% of maximum heart rate, and 2-4 on the Perceived Effort scale. 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RACING: Consider adding a Marathon Race in Week 17 and/or a 50k Race in Week 19. These two races will allow you to familiarize yourself more with running in a structured event. If you do choose to race either of these weeks, DO NOT race it all out. If you can't find a race during this week, feel free to modify the schedule around what races are available. REST DAYS: Rest days are an essential component of training for any long-distance running event, especially a 50 Mile ultramarathon. It is during your rest days that your muscles regenerate and get stronger. We designate Mondays and Fridays as days of rest for ultramarathon runners, which allows you to gather strength for the long Saturday/Sunday runs. Use rest days to get things done on your schedule, so you don't lose sight of your training plan as the week progresses. SPEEDWORK: There is no speedwork involved in the 50 Mile ultramarathon training plan as the week progresses. plan. If you feel you need speedwork to improve your ability or previous ultramarathon times, then we recommend using the second or third midweek run (Day 3 or 4) for such work. We recommend beginning each 50 Mile Ultramarathon Running Plan focusing only on base building for the first 4 weeks. After week 4, you can start to progressively add 12 to 30 minutes of speedwork one day per week. The amount and type of speedwork are entirely up to you. Every 4 to 6 weeks, have a week with no speedwork to allow for extra recovery and adaptation to training. HILL WORK: There is no hill work involved in the 50 Mile Running Plan. If your ultramarathon race calls for large amounts of vertical gain or loss, then we recommend purposefully scheduling in runs on similar elevation profiles as your chosen race. Depending on where you live, completing hill work can be pretty challenging. Be creative with the use of parking garages, treadmills, stairs, etc.! You can complete 1 day per week of hill training. 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