

Ten Week Training Schedule for a 30-40km Off Road Race

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You should be able to run for 2 hours comfortably and be doing 5 hours a week before starting this schedule



Week 1	Time	Type	Comment
M	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
T	1:00	Steady	Run at puffy stage on flat
W	2:00	Off road	Steady pace; aim to finish fresh and happy
T	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
F	0	Rest	or light strideouts
S	1:30	Steady	Run at medium effort on flat
S	2:00	Hills	Choose a place that is enjoyable to run
TOTAL	7:30		
Note:	Aim is to build a base level of fitness. Concentrate on feeling comfortable		

Week 4	Time	Type	Comment
M	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
T	1:30	Steady	
W	2:00	Off road	
T	30	Light	strideouts or fartlek
F	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
S	1:30	Steady	
S	3:00	Hills	
TOTAL	9:30		
Note:	Drink lots on the long runs		

Week 2	Time	Type	Comment
M	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
T	1:00	Steady	
W	2:00	Off road	
T	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
F	0	Rest	or light strideouts
S	1:30	Steady	
S	2:30	Hills	
TOTAL	8:00		
Note:	Don't worry about speed at the moment!		

Week 5	Time	Type	Comment
M	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
T	1:30	Steady	
W	2:00	Off road	
T	30	Light	strideouts or fartlek
F	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
S	1:30	Steady	
S	3:30	Hills	
TOTAL	10:00		
Note:	Base build up now complete		

Week 3	Time	Type	Comment
M	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
T	1:30	Steady	
W	2:00	Off road	
T	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
F	0	Rest	or light strideouts on grass
S	1:30	Steady	
S	2:45	Hills	
TOTAL	8:45		
Note:	Aim to finish long runs comfortably		

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Week 6	Time	Type	Comment
M	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
T	1:00	Speedwork	5 x 1km reps at 5km race pace, 5 x 200 strideouts
W	1:30	Off road	
T	30	Light fartlek	
F	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
S	1:30	Fartlek	
S	2:30	Hills	
TOTAL	9:00		
Note:	Take it easy on the first few speedwork sessions		

Week 7	Time	Type	Comment
M	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
T	1:00	Speedwork	5 x 1km reps + 200 strideouts
W	1:30	Off road	
T	30	Strideouts	on grass
F	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
S	1:00	Fartlek	
S	2:30	Hills	
TOTAL	7:30		
Note:	Concentrate on smooth fast running for the 200's		

Week 8	Time	Type	Comment
M	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
T	1:00	Speedwork	5 x 1km reps + 200 strideouts
W	1:30	Off road	
T	30	Jog	
F	0	Rest	REST
S	1:00	Easy fartlek	
S	2:00	Hills	
TOTAL	6:30		
Note:	Ease off and rest if any niggles		

Week 9	Time	Type	Comment
M	30	Jog	Easy relaxed jog on grass
T	1:00	Steady	off road
W	1:30	Hills	
T	30	Speedwork	10 x 100m
F	0	Rest	
S	1:00	Fartlek	
S	1:00	Steady	off road
TOTAL	6:30		
Note:	Ease off and rest if any niggles		

Week 10	Time	Type	Comment
M	30	Fartlek	Medium effort
T	30	Strideouts	off road
W	30	Jog	
T	30	Strideouts	10 x 100m
F	0	Rest	Rest or very light strideouts
S		Racepace	RACE
S	0:00	Rest	or easy jog
TOTAL	6:30		
Note:	Sleep lots in last week!		