



Marathon Training Schedule - Novice

1. It is assumed that you are in a routine of running three times a week and that you can already run 6 miles.
2. One of these runs should increase gradually over the weeks to build up your endurance and should be an easy run.
3. Run days are followed by rest/recovery days to allow your training to have optimal effect.
4. Every fourth week will become a lower mileage recovery week.
5. Ideally, long runs are followed the next day by a lactic-busting “pootle” but this could also be a swim or lazy bike or even a brisk walk!
6. During the week feel free to mix it up with hills and efforts. We suggest the Thursday run is undertaken at race pace.
7. Please bear in mind this is a basic, generic schedule which, as such, may not exactly fit your specific needs. Feel free to tweak!

Week commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
5 June	(rest)	3 miles	(rest)	4 miles	(rest)	7 miles (Training Run)
12 June		3 miles		4 miles		8 miles
19 June		3 miles		5 miles		10K race or 9 miles
26 June		3 miles		5 miles		10 miles (Training Run)
3 July		4 miles		6 miles		11 miles
10 July		5 miles		6 miles		10k race or 12 miles
17 July		6 miles		7 miles		13 miles
24 July (recovery)		4 miles		7 miles		10 miles
31 July		5 miles		8 miles		14 miles (Training Run)
7 August		6 miles		8 miles		15 miles
14 August		6 miles		9 miles		16 miles
21 August (recovery)		5 miles		9 miles		12 miles
28 August		6 miles		10 miles		18 miles (Training Run)
4 September		6 miles		10 miles		19 miles
11 September		6 miles		10 miles		20 miles
18 September (taper)		6 miles		8 miles		15 miles (Training Run)
25 September (taper)		5 miles		6 miles		10 miles
2 October (taper)		3 miles		2 mile		26.2 miles Race Day Good times!