



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. Periodically allow yourself 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
7 June		3 miles		4 miles		7 miles
14 June		3 miles		5 miles		8 miles or 10K race
21 June		3 miles		5 miles		9 miles
28 June		4 miles		6 miles		10 miles
5 July		5 miles		6 miles		11 miles
12 July		6 miles		7 miles		12 miles or Chester 10K race
19 July (recovery)		4 miles		5 miles		10 miles
26 July		6 miles		8 miles		14 miles
2 August		6 miles		8 miles		15 miles
9 August		6 miles		9 miles		16 miles
16 August (recovery)		5 miles		7 miles		12 miles
23 August		6 miles		10 miles		17 miles
30 August		6 miles		10 miles		18 miles
6 September		6 miles		10 miles		20 miles
13 September (taper)		6 miles		8 miles		15 miles or Chester Half Marathon
20 September (taper)		5 miles		6 miles		10 miles
27 September (taper)		3 miles		2 miles		26.2 miles Race Day 😊 Good times!