

FIRST TIME? LOVE IT LET'S GO

Royal Parks Half Marathon
16 week training plan for
beginner runners



TALK THE TALK

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

These sessions mix short bursts of effort (like intervals) with circuit-style training using bodyweight, weights, or machines like the ski erg and echo bike. Everything is designed to support your running — helping you build endurance, recover faster, and feel stronger over any distance.

MOBILITY

These sessions use controlled, flowing movements to improve flexibility and range of motion. They help ease tightness, support recovery, and reduce the risk of injury — especially in the hips, ankles, knees, and spine.

STRENGTH

These sessions include full-body lifts like squats, deadlifts, and presses, as well as single-leg exercises to build balance and stability. Strength training helps improve posture, power, and running efficiency — while reducing the risk of injury in key areas like the hips, knees, and ankles.

EASY RUNS

During your easy runs, don't worry about targeting a certain pace. Just focus on keeping the run controlled, you should be able to maintain a conversation the entire time you are running.

STEADY RUNS

This pace should feel comfortable, but harder than your easy pace.

TEMPO RUNS

This pace should feel harder than your steady pace, but it is not an all out effort. You should be able to maintain this pace for around 30 minutes.

TARGET PACE

This is the pace you need to run to achieve a specific time during your race. For example, for a 2 hour half marathon you will need to run an average pace of 9.09 minute miles/5.41 minute km.

FARTLEK RUN

This workout is a continuous run where you vary your pace and effort throughout. We recommend alternating **2 minutes 30 seconds at your 5K pace** with **2 minutes 30 seconds at a steady, comfortable pace**. Keep switching between the two for the duration of your session.

LONG RUNS

The majority of your long runs should be at an easy, comfortable pace. If this is your first half marathon then just focus on time on feet rather than hitting a certain pace or distance goal.

PROGRESSION RUNS

These runs will start at an easy pace, and during the run you will get progressively faster until you reach your target race pace.

INTERVALS

These are the runs where you will really push yourself, aim for a pace that is similar to your 5k pace.

STRIDES

Aim for 3 x 20s strides at around 85-90% efforts. These are short bursts of faster running + help to improve your form and running economy.

WARM UP + COOL DOWN

Very easy paced run before + after a harder session.



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EVERY STEP
OF THE WAY**



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RUN THE RUN

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	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 01	EASY RUN 20 MIN	REST	EASY RUN 20 MIN	STRENGTH	REST	EASY RUN 30 MIN	MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY
WEEK 02	EASY RUN 25 MIN	REST	WARM UP 10 MIN 6 X 1 MIN ON/OFF COOL DOWN 10 MIN	STRENGTH & CONDITIONING	REST	LONG RUN 30 MIN	MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY
WEEK 03	EASY RUN 30 MIN	REST	10 MIN EASY RUN 10 MIN TEMPO RUN 10 MIN EASY RUN	STRENGTH	REST	LONG RUN 40 MIN	MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY
WEEK 04	EASY RUN 25 MIN	REST	EASY RUN 30 MIN	STRENGTH & CONDITIONING	REST	LONG RUN 40 MIN	MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY
WEEK 05	EASY RUN 30 MIN	REST	WARM UP 10 MIN 5 X 2 MIN ON /90s OFF COOL DOWN 10 MIN	STRENGTH	REST	LONG RUN 45 MIN	MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY
WEEK 06	EASY RUN 35 MIN	REST	WARM UP 10 MIN 5 X 3 MIN ON /90s OFF COOL DOWN 10 MIN	STRENGTH & CONDITIONING	REST	LONG RUN 50 MIN	MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY



GO AT YOUR OWN PACE

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on the Coopah run coach app

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 07	EASY RUN 40 MIN	REST	WARM UP 10 MIN 8 X 1 MIN ON/OFF COOL DOWN 10 MIN	STRENGTH	REST	LONG RUN 60 MIN	MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY
WEEK 08	EASY RUN 30 MIN	REST	WARM UP 10 MIN 2 X 10 MIN TEMPO RUN (3 MIN RECOVERY) COOL DOWN 10 MIN	STRENGTH & CONDITIONING	REST	LONG RUN 60 MIN	MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY
WEEK 09	EASY RUN 40 MIN	REST	WARM UP 10 MIN FARTLEK 20 MIN COOL DOWN 10 MIN	STRENGTH	REST	LONG RUN 70 MIN	MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY
WEEK 10	EASY RUN 45 MIN	REST	WARM UP 10 MIN 5 X 5 MIN ON /2 MIN OFF COOL DOWN 10 MIN	STRENGTH & CONDITIONING	REST	LONG RUN 80 MIN	MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY
WEEK 11	EASY RUN 45 MIN	REST	WARM UP 10 MIN 8 X 2 MIN ON/OFF COOL DOWN 10 MIN	STRENGTH	REST	LONG RUN 90 MIN	MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY
WEEK 12	EASY RUN 30 MIN	REST	WARM UP 10 MIN 3 X 8 MIN TEMPO RUN (3 MIN RECOVERY) COOL DOWN 10 MIN	STRENGTH & CONDITIONING	REST	LONG RUN 60 MIN	MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY
WEEK 13	EASY RUN 45 MIN	REST	WARM UP 10 MIN FARTLEK 25 MIN COOL DOWN 10 MIN	STRENGTH	REST	LONG RUN 1 HOUR 45	MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY



MISSED A SESSION?

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	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 14	EASY RUN 40 MIN	REST	WARM UP 10 MIN 12 X 1 MIN ON /OFF COOL DOWN 10 MIN	STRENGTH & CONDITIONING	REST	LONG RUN 2 HOURS	MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY
WEEK 15	EASY RUN 30 MIN	REST	WARM UP 10 MIN FARTLEK 20 MIN COOL DOWN 10 MIN	STRENGTH	REST	LONG RUN 60 MIN	MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY
WEEK 16	EASY RUN 30 MIN	REST	STRIDES 30 MIN +	STRENGTH & CONDITIONING	REST	STRIDES 20 MIN +	RACE DAY, BABY



SO YOU'RE GETTING FASTER

Now let's figure out your progression plan

Scan to get started

DON'T SWEAT IT YOU'VE GOT THIS

We're here every
step of the way

