

Half Marathon Trainer

13-Week Advanced Plan

VDOT 53 · Predicted finish: 1:24:30 · 92 workouts · 616 km total

Training Paces

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| EASY 5:03 | LONG RUN 5:13 | MARATHON 4:11 | TEMPO 3:55 |
| RACE PACE 4:00 | INTERVAL 3:41 | REPETITION 3:30 | |

Training Phases

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| Base Building | 3 weeks |
| Build Phase | 6 weeks |
| Peak Training | 2 weeks |
| Taper | 2 weeks |
| Race Week | 1 week |

Week 1 — Base Building — 35 km

Building Your Base

| DAY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | DISTANCE | PACE |
|-----|-----------|--------------------|----------|------|
| Tue | tempo run | Tempo Effort | 5.3 km | 3:55 |
| Wed | easy run | Easy Miles | 5.3 km | 5:03 |
| Thu | easy run | Relaxed Run | 5.3 km | 5:03 |
| Fri | rest | Rest Day | — | — |
| Sat | long run | Long Slow Distance | 14 km | 5:13 |
| Sun | rest | Day Off | — | — |

Week 2 — Base Building — 39 km

Aerobic Foundation

| DAY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | DISTANCE | PACE |
|-----|-----------|-------------------|----------|------|
| Mon | easy run | Relaxed Run | 5.8 km | 5:03 |
| Tue | tempo run | Threshold Run | 5.9 km | 3:55 |
| Wed | easy run | Zone 2 Run | 5.8 km | 5:03 |
| Thu | easy run | Easy Miles | 5.8 km | 5:03 |
| Fri | rest | Day Off | — | — |
| Sat | long run | Endurance Builder | 15.6 km | 5:13 |
| Sun | rest | Recovery Day | — | — |

Week 3 — Base Building — 42 km

Establishing Routine

| DAY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | DISTANCE | PACE |
|-----|-----------|------------------|----------|------|
| Mon | easy run | Easy Miles | 6.3 km | 5:03 |
| Tue | tempo run | Comfortably Hard | 6.3 km | 3:55 |
| Wed | easy run | Easy Run | 6.3 km | 5:03 |
| Thu | easy run | Zone 2 Run | 6.3 km | 5:03 |
| Fri | rest | Recovery Day | — | — |
| Sat | long run | Distance Day | 16.8 km | 5:13 |
| Sun | rest | Complete Rest | — | — |

Week 4 — Build Phase (Recovery) — 29 km

Building Endurance

| DAY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | DISTANCE | PACE |
|-----|----------|-----------------|----------|------|
| Mon | easy run | Zone 2 Run | 6.5 km | 5:03 |
| Tue | easy run | Easy Miles | 6.5 km | 5:03 |
| Wed | rest | Day Off | — | — |
| Thu | easy run | Easy Run | 6.5 km | 5:03 |
| Fri | rest | Complete Rest | — | — |
| Sat | long run | Weekly Long Run | 11.6 km | 5:13 |
| Sun | rest | Rest Day | — | — |

Week 5 — Build Phase — 46 km

Speed Development

| DAY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | DISTANCE | PACE |
|-----|-----------|--------------------|----------|------|
| Mon | easy run | Easy Run | 6.9 km | 5:03 |
| Tue | tempo run | Tempo Effort | 6.9 km | 3:55 |
| Wed | rest | Recovery Day | — | — |
| Thu | intervals | Repeat Session | 5.5 km | 3:41 |
| Fri | rest | Rest Day | — | — |
| Sat | long run | Long Slow Distance | 18.4 km | 5:13 |
| Sun | easy run | Relaxed Run | 6.9 km | 5:03 |

Week 6 — Build Phase — 51 km

Strength Building

| DAY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | DISTANCE | PACE |
|-----|-----------|-------------------|----------|------|
| Mon | easy run | Relaxed Run | 7.7 km | 5:03 |
| Tue | tempo run | Threshold Run | 7.7 km | 3:55 |
| Wed | rest | Complete Rest | — | — |
| Thu | intervals | VO2max Intervals | 6.1 km | 3:41 |
| Fri | rest | Day Off | — | — |
| Sat | long run | Endurance Builder | 20.4 km | 5:13 |
| Sun | easy run | Easy Miles | 7.7 km | 5:03 |

Week 7 — Build Phase — 56 km

Pushing Boundaries

| DAY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | DISTANCE | PACE |
|-----|-----------|------------------|----------|------|
| Mon | easy run | Easy Miles | 8.4 km | 5:03 |
| Tue | tempo run | Comfortably Hard | 8.4 km | 3:55 |
| Wed | rest | Rest Day | — | — |
| Thu | intervals | Track Session | 6.7 km | 3:41 |
| Fri | rest | Recovery Day | — | — |
| Sat | long run | Distance Day | 22 km | 5:13 |
| Sun | easy run | Zone 2 Run | 8.4 km | 5:03 |

Week 8 — Build Phase (Recovery) — 39 km

Endurance Growth

| DAY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | DISTANCE | PACE |
|-----|----------|-----------------|----------|------|
| Mon | easy run | Zone 2 Run | 8.8 km | 5:03 |
| Tue | easy run | Easy Miles | 8.8 km | 5:03 |
| Wed | rest | Day Off | — | — |
| Thu | easy run | Easy Run | 8.8 km | 5:03 |
| Fri | rest | Complete Rest | — | — |
| Sat | long run | Weekly Long Run | 15.6 km | 5:13 |
| Sun | rest | Rest Day | — | — |

Week 9 — Build Phase — 62 km

Building Endurance

| DAY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | DISTANCE | PACE |
|-----|-----------|--------------------|----------|------|
| Mon | easy run | Easy Run | 9.3 km | 5:03 |
| Tue | tempo run | Tempo Effort | 9.3 km | 3:55 |
| Wed | rest | Recovery Day | — | — |
| Thu | intervals | Repeat Session | 7.4 km | 3:41 |
| Fri | rest | Rest Day | — | — |
| Sat | long run | Long Slow Distance | 22 km | 5:13 |
| Sun | easy run | Relaxed Run | 9.3 km | 5:03 |

Week 10 — Peak Training — 68 km

Peak Performance

| DAY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | DISTANCE | PACE |
|-----|--------------|-------------------|----------|------|
| Mon | easy run | Relaxed Run | 10 km | 5:03 |
| Tue | race pace | Race Pace Run | 10.2 km | 4:00 |
| Wed | rest | Complete Rest | — | — |
| Thu | hill repeats | Incline Work | 8.2 km | 3:41 |
| Fri | rest | Day Off | — | — |
| Sat | long run | Endurance Builder | 22 km | 5:13 |
| Sun | easy run | Easy Miles | 10 km | 5:03 |

Week 11 — Peak Training — 72 km

Race Pace Practice

| DAY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | DISTANCE | PACE |
|-----|-----------|----------------|----------|------|
| Mon | easy run | Easy Miles | 10 km | 5:03 |
| Tue | race pace | Race Rehearsal | 10.8 km | 4:00 |
| Wed | rest | Rest Day | — | — |
| Thu | intervals | Track Session | 8.6 km | 3:41 |
| Fri | rest | Recovery Day | — | — |
| Sat | long run | Distance Day | 22 km | 5:13 |
| Sun | easy run | Zone 2 Run | 10 km | 5:03 |

Week 12 — Taper — 54 km

Taper & Sharpen

| DAY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | DISTANCE | PACE |
|-----|-----------|-----------------|----------|------|
| Mon | easy run | Zone 2 Run | 8.1 km | 5:03 |
| Tue | tempo run | Steady State | 8.1 km | 3:55 |
| Wed | easy run | Relaxed Run | 8.1 km | 5:03 |
| Thu | easy run | Easy Run | 8.1 km | 5:03 |
| Fri | rest | Complete Rest | — | — |
| Sat | long run | Weekly Long Run | 21.6 km | 5:13 |
| Sun | rest | Rest Day | — | — |

Week 13 — Taper — 30 km

Fresh Legs Ahead

| DAY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | DISTANCE | PACE |
|-----|-----------|--------------------|----------|------|
| Mon | easy run | Easy Run | 4.5 km | 5:03 |
| Tue | tempo run | Tempo Effort | 4.5 km | 3:55 |
| Wed | easy run | Easy Miles | 4.5 km | 5:03 |
| Thu | easy run | Relaxed Run | 4.5 km | 5:03 |
| Fri | rest | Rest Day | — | — |
| Sat | long run | Long Slow Distance | 12 km | 5:13 |
| Sun | rest | Day Off | — | — |

Week 14 — Race Week — 29 km

Race Week

| DAY | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | DISTANCE | PACE |
|-----|------|-------------|----------|------|
| Mon | rest | Day Off | — | — |
| Tue | race | Race Day | 21.1 km | 4:00 |