

Half Marathon Trainer

8-Week Advanced Plan

VDOT 53 · Predicted finish: 1:24:30 · 57 workouts · 358 km total

Training Paces

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

Base Building	2 weeks
Build Phase	4 weeks
Peak Training	1 week
Taper	1 week
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 — Build Phase — 43 km

Building Endurance

DAY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	PACE
Mon	easy run	Easy Miles	6.5 km	5:03
Tue	tempo run	Comfortably Hard	6.5 km	3:55
Wed	rest	Rest Day	—	—
Thu	intervals	Track Session	5.2 km	3:41
Fri	rest	Recovery Day	—	—
Sat	long run	Distance Day	17.2 km	5:13
Sun	easy run	Zone 2 Run	6.5 km	5:03

Week 4 — Build Phase (Recovery) — 30 km

Speed Development

DAY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	PACE
Mon	easy run	Zone 2 Run	6.8 km	5:03
Tue	easy run	Easy Miles	6.8 km	5:03
Wed	rest	Day Off	—	—
Thu	easy run	Easy Run	6.8 km	5:03
Fri	rest	Complete Rest	—	—
Sat	long run	Weekly Long Run	12 km	5:13
Sun	rest	Rest Day	—	—

Week 5 — Build Phase — 47 km

Strength Building

DAY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	PACE
Mon	easy run	Easy Run	7.1 km	5:03
Tue	tempo run	Tempo Effort	7.1 km	3:55
Wed	rest	Recovery Day	—	—
Thu	intervals	Repeat Session	5.6 km	3:41
Fri	rest	Rest Day	—	—
Sat	long run	Long Slow Distance	18.8 km	5:13
Sun	easy run	Relaxed Run	7.1 km	5:03

Week 6 — Build Phase — 52 km

Pushing Boundaries

DAY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	PACE
Mon	easy run	Relaxed Run	7.8 km	5:03
Tue	tempo run	Threshold Run	7.8 km	3:55
Wed	rest	Complete Rest	—	—
Thu	intervals	VO2max Intervals	6.2 km	3:41
Fri	rest	Day Off	—	—
Sat	long run	Endurance Builder	20.8 km	5:13
Sun	easy run	Easy Miles	7.8 km	5:03

Week 7 — Peak Training — 57 km

Peak Performance

DAY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	PACE
Mon	easy run	Easy Miles	8.5 km	5:03
Tue	race pace	Race Rehearsal	8.5 km	4:00
Wed	rest	Rest Day	—	—
Thu	intervals	Track Session	6.8 km	3:41
Fri	rest	Recovery Day	—	—
Sat	long run	Distance Day	22 km	5:13
Sun	easy run	Zone 2 Run	8.5 km	5:03

Week 8 — Taper — 43 km

Taper & Sharpen

DAY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	PACE
Mon	easy run	Zone 2 Run	6.5 km	5:03
Tue	tempo run	Steady State	6.5 km	3:55
Wed	easy run	Relaxed Run	6.5 km	5:03
Thu	easy run	Easy Run	6.5 km	5:03
Fri	rest	Complete Rest	—	—
Sat	long run	Weekly Long Run	17.2 km	5:13
Sun	rest	Rest Day	—	—

Week 9 — Race Week — 29 km

Race Week

DAY	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	PACE
Mon	rest	Rest Day	—	—
Tue	race	Half Marathon	21.1 km	4:00