

WALKING 26.2 MILES TRAINING PLAN

Welcome to your walking 26.2 miles training plan. Firstly, thank you for signing up to an event with Parkinson's UK. You're truly helping us to improve the lives of everyone affected by Parkinson's.

Walking a marathon is not to be taken lightly. It's an excellent test of your fitness and your commitment to training. Covering 26.2 miles is a tremendous achievement and from beginning your training, to lining up at the start and finishing, preparing for and completing 26.2 miles is a great experience.

Don't forget to warm up and cool down prior to any form of exercise. You can find our warm up and cool down section on our training hub. Best of luck! If you have any questions please email us on events@parkinsons.org.uk.

WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	1.6 miles easy (2.6km)	Rest	1.6 miles easy (2.6km)	Rest	1.6 miles easy (2.6km)	Rest	Long Walk: 4 miles steady (6.4km)
2	Rest	2 miles tempo (3.2km)	Rest	2 miles tempo (3.2km)	Rest	3 miles easy (4.8km)	Long Walk: 6 miles steady (9.6km)
3	Rest	3 miles tempo (4.8km)	Rest	3 miles interval (4.8km)	Rest	4 miles easy (6.4km)	Long Walk: 8 miles steady (12.9km)
4	Rest	3 miles tempo (4.8km)	Rest	3 miles interval (4.8km)	Rest	5 miles easy (8km)	Long Walk: 10 miles steady (16.1km)
5	Rest	4 miles tempo (6.4km)	Rest	4 miles interval (6.4km)	Rest	5 miles easy (8km)	Long Walk: 12 miles steady (19.3km)

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WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
6	Rest	5 miles tempo (8km)	Rest	5 miles interval (8km)	Rest	6 miles Easy (9.6km)	Long Walk: 14 miles steady (22.5km)
7	Rest	5 miles tempo (8km)	Rest	5 miles interval (8km)	Rest	6 miles Easy (9.6km)	Long Walk: 16 miles steady (25.7km)
8	Rest	6 miles tempo (9.6km)	Rest	6 miles interval (9.6km)	Rest	4 miles easy (6.4km)	Long Walk: 18 miles steady (29km)
9	Rest	6 miles tempo (9.6km)	Rest	6 miles interval (9.6km)	Rest	8 miles steady (12.9km)	Long Walk: 10 miles steady (16.1km)
10	Rest	4 miles tempo (6.4km)	Rest	4 miles interval (6.4km)	Rest	4 miles easy (6.4km)	Long Walk: 20 miles steady (32.2km)
11	Rest	Rest	4 miles easy (6.4km)	Rest	Rest	5 miles easy (8km)	Long Walk: 5 miles steady (8km)
12	Rest	1.6 miles steady (2.6km)	1.1 miles easy (1.7km)	Rest	1.1 miles easy (1.7km)	Rest	Race day!

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Glossary:

Easy - An easy walk is classed as an effort that you'd be able to maintain for a long duration. This would generally be around a 5 or 6 out of 10 effort in regards to the rate of perceived exertion (RPE).

Steady - means a brisk walk at a speed that is not as fast as your tempo and not as slow as your easy, so somewhere in between the two.

RPE - is the rate of perceived exertion of an exercise. This scale is subjective to each individual. What might be a 6 out of 10 for one person might be totally different for another.

Intervals - Interval training involves walking fast, over a set distance or time, at an effort level of 8. Follow each hard interval with an easy one of at least the same length, then repeat. Try using a treadmill or a watch to help you get the distances and times right.

Tempo - is another form of training whereby you walk at the pace you'll be wanting to maintain for the event. For example, if you plan to walk a 10km in 2 hours your race pace would be 12 minutes per kilometre. Try to maintain this for your 'Tempo Walk'.

Long Walk - this is your longest walk of the week. This is a 'steady' walk so should be a little harder than your easy walk but not as hard as you tempo for example. Aim for a pace around 6 or 7 out of 10 in regards to RPE.

Rest - rest days are very important to make sure you recover properly between days of exercise. Rest days don't mean complete inactivity. On a rest day it is a good idea to stretch, foam roll or even do a bit of cross training. This means anything other than Walking, so you could go for a swim, cycle or go to the gym for example.

Example interval sessions:

All sessions below are to be performed once a sufficient warm up has been completed. Never start exercising without properly warming up the muscles otherwise this could lead to injury.

Session 1:

500 metres fast walk - 8 out of 10 effort
500 metres slow walk - 5 out of 10 effort
Repeat until you've reached your required distance

Session 2:

3 minutes fast walk - 8 out of 10 effort
3 minutes slow walk - 5 out of 10 effort
Repeat until you've reached your required distance

Session 3:

10 minutes fast walk - 8 out of 10 effort
10 minutes slow walk - 5 out of 10 effort
Repeat until you've reached your required distance

RPE Scale	
10	Maximal effort (sprinting)
9	Really Really Hard
8	Really Hard
7	Harder
6	Hard
5	Challenging
4	Moderate
3	Easy
2	Really Easy
1	Rest

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