

BUPA Great Birmingham Run Beginner's Half Marathon Training Plan



| | Week 1 (27 th Jul) | Week 2 (3 rd Aug) | Week 3 (10 th Aug) | Week 4 (17 th Aug) | Week 5 (24 th Aug) | Week 6 (31 st Aug) |
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| Monday | 20 Minutes Easy | 20 Minutes Easy | 20 Minutes Easy | Rest Day | 50 Minutes inc. 2 x 10 Minutes Brisk | 30 Minutes Easy |
| Tuesday | 30 Minutes Easy | 30 Minutes inc. 10 Minutes Brisk | 40 Minutes inc. 15 Minutes Brisk | 30 Minutes Easy | 30 Minutes Easy | 50 Minutes inc 2 x 10 Minutes Brisk |
| Wednesday | Rest Day | Rest Day | Rest Day | 50 Minutes inc. 2 x 10 Minutes Brisk | Rest Day | Rest Day |
| Thursday | 30 Minutes Easy | 30 Minutes Easy | 30 Minutes Easy | Rest Day | 40 Minutes inc. 6 x 2 Minutes Fast | 40 Minutes inc. 6 x 2 Minutes Fast |
| Friday | Rest Day | Rest Day | Rest Day | 30 Minutes inc. 5 x 2 Minutes Fast | Rest Day | Rest Day |
| Saturday | Rest Day | 4 Miles Easy | 5 Miles Easy | 6 Miles Easy | 7 Miles Easy | 8 Miles Easy |
| Sunday | 3 Miles Easy | Rest Day | Rest Day | Rest Day | Rest Day | Rest Day |
| | Week 7 (7 th Sept) | Week 8 (14 th Sept) | Week 9 (21 nd Sept) | Week 10 (28 th Sept) | Week 11 (5 th Oct) | Week 12 (12 th Oct) |
| Monday | 30 Minutes Easy | 30 Minutes Easy | 30 Minutes Easy | 30 Minutes Easy | 30 Minutes Easy | Rest Day |
| Tuesday | 40 Minutes Easy | 50 Minutes inc. 2 x 10 Minutes Brisk | 50 Minutes Easy | 50 Minutes inc. 2 x 10 Minutes Brisk | 40 Minutes inc. 2 x 7.5 Minutes Brisk | 20 Minutes Easy |
| Wednesday | Rest Day | Rest Day | Rest Day | Rest Day | Rest Day | 30 Minutes inc. 10 Minutes Brisk |
| Thursday | 40 Minutes Easy | 40 Minutes inc. 7 x 2 Minutes Fast | 50 Minutes Easy | 40 Minutes inc. 6 x 2 Minutes Fast | 40 Minutes inc. 5 x 2 Minutes Fast | Rest Day |
| Friday | Rest Day | Rest Day | Rest Day | Rest Day | Rest Day | 30 Minutes Easy |
| Saturday | Rest Day | 10 Miles Easy | 6 Miles Easy | 13 Miles Easy | 6 Miles Race Effort | Rest Day |
| Sunday | 6 Miles Easy | Rest Day | Rest Day | Rest Day | Rest Day | Bupa GBR |

Training Paces

Easy = Intensity at which you can hold a conversation – fine to include walk breaks as necessary to keep intensity at correct level

Brisk = Moderate-to-hard intensity at which breathing is just under control – short sentences only just possible

Fast = Highest intensity possible for duration – followed by jog recovery of equal time length

Race Effort = Intensity at which you plan to run Bupa GBR – approximately mid-way between Easy and Brisk