

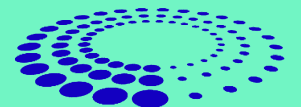


Template training plan

Urban walking challenge
Beginner



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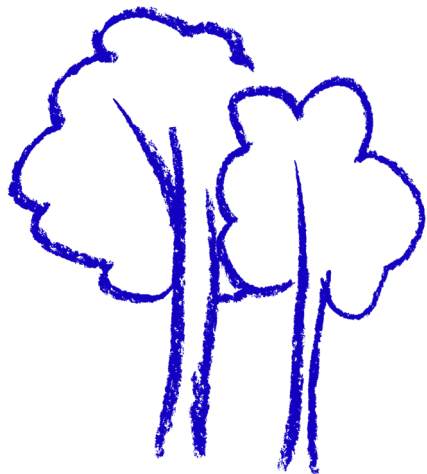
Important

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Mind does not endorse or guarantee the services of Full Potential, and you take part in a training programme recommended by Full Potential at your own risk.

It's your responsibility to consult with your GP to make sure that you're medically and physically fit and well enough to take part in a Full Potential training programme and – as per our **terms and conditions** your fundraising challenge.

Mind will not be held responsible for any injury or illness related to your training or taking part in a fundraising event.



We know physical activity can be an amazing way to support mental health. However, it isn't helpful for everyone all the time.

It's important to recognise that some of us can develop an unhealthy relationship with physical activity. Anyone can develop an unhealthy relationship with exercise.

But this may be more likely if you have certain types of mental health problems. There's lots of tips for developing a healthy relationship with physical activity on **Mind's website**.



Type of session	Training zone	Perceived effort level (1-10)	How it should feel – The talk test
Easy effort walk	4 – 4	40-50%	You can speak in complete sentences, totally conversational. Keep to this effort the whole way.
Easy cross training (gym class)	6 – 7	65-70%	We have plenty of cross training in the plan, it enables us to make fitness gains whilst mixing up the training. These sessions can be a mixture of gym classes, or equipment like the elliptical training or rowing machine. Aim for an effort level that leaves you slightly breathless at times.
Steady effort walk	4 – 6	50-60%	You can speak in complete sentences, totally conversational. You will find the effort level rises as you go up and down hills.

How the plan works

This 16 week plan will prepare you to go from no training to being able to take on any urban walking challenge in 16 weeks. This plan contains walking and cross training. We gradually build up the time on your feet, so by the end you are walking for 60 minutes.

We use cross training and conditioning sessions to mix up the training load, so your fitness improves without just the impact of walking going through the legs.

It's important that you train at the right effort level and intensity to ensure you're training to reach your full potential. Most people think that training "harder is better" so we end up training too hard, which can result in feeling tired, getting ill or picking up an injury.

Understanding what each session is trying to achieve and how it should feel is the way to train smart. To the left, is our guide to the training sessions that you'll find mentioned in your training plan and a note of how they should feel as a 'talk test'.

Making the training plan work for you

You'll probably not be able to follow the plan as it is set out. We've written our plans with this in mind.

- Key sessions for each week are highlighted in **BLUE**. These are the non-negotiable sessions that you need to fit into your diary in order to run your best race.
- Sessions in **BLACK** are the supplementary training within the plan. These sessions are the ones to drop in your week if you can't fit it all in, although we hope you can find the time.



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1	30 minutes conditioning work	15 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	30 minutes easy cross training / gym class	Rest day	30 minutes easy cross training / gym class	Rest day	25 minutes steady effort walk + stretch
Week 2	30 minutes conditioning work	Rest day	20 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	Rest day	45 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	30 minutes easy cross training / gym class	30 minutes steady effort walk + stretch
Week 3	30 minutes conditioning work	20 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	Rest day	30 minutes easy cross training / gym class	Rest day	Rest day	30 minutes steady effort walk + stretch
Week 4	30 minutes conditioning work	Rest day	25 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	30 minutes easy cross training / gym class	Rest day	Rest day	45 minutes steady effort walk + stretch
Week 5	30 minutes conditioning work	20 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	Rest day	45 minutes easy cross training / gym class	20 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	Rest day	Rest day

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 6	30 minutes conditioning work	30 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	Rest day	45 minutes easy cross training / gym class	Rest day	Rest day	45 minutes steady effort walk + stretch
Week 7	30 minutes conditioning work	Rest day	Rest day	45 minutes easy cross training / gym class	Rest day	20 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	30 minutes steady effort walk + stretch
Week 8	30 minutes conditioning work	45 minutes easy cross training / gym class	Rest day	45 minutes easy cross training / gym class	Rest day	30 minutes steady effort walk + stretch	40 minutes steady effort walk + stretch
Week 9	30 minutes conditioning work	45 minutes easy cross training / gym class	30 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	Rest day	20 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	30 minutes easy cross training / gym class	Rest day
Week 10	30 minutes conditioning work	30 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	Rest day	45 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	Rest day	Rest day	55 minutes steady effort walk + stretch
Week 11	30 minutes conditioning work	30 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	Rest day	30 minutes easy cross training / gym class	Rest day	Rest day	60 minutes steady effort walk + stretch

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 12	30 minutes conditioning work	30 minutes easy cross training / gym class	Rest day	60 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	Rest day	Rest day	Rest day
Week 13	30 minutes conditioning work	60 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	Rest day	45 minutes easy cross training / gym class	Rest day	Rest day	80 minutes steady effort walk + stretch
Week 14	30 minutes conditioning work	30 minutes easy cross training / gym class	45 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	60 minutes easy cross training / gym class	Rest day	60 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	Rest day
Week 15	30 minutes conditioning work	Rest day	45 minutes easy cross training / gym class	Rest day	60 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	Rest day	60 minutes steady effort walk + stretch
Week 16	Rest day	30 minutes easy effort walk + stretch	Rest day	Rest day	Rest day	Rest day	Urban walking challenge

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Did you know...?

Full Potential would be happy to provide you with a personalised training plan. To get your plan and to see other training content, visit mind.org.uk/traininghub

