



4 Days per Week, 8-Week, *Competitive Walker* Bloomsday Training Schedule

| Week | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 | Day 7 | Total Miles |
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| 1 | <p style="text-align: center;">Walk 3 miles</p> <p>Walk at a pace similar to walking up a long, gradual hill, bigger breaths are noticeable but it is still easy to have a conversation</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Interval walk 2 miles</p> <p>Warm up with an easy walk for 10 minutes. Now walk at a hard pace for 4 minutes. Recover by slowing pace for 2 minutes. Repeat 8 times. Cool down for 10 minutes.</p> | Rest | <p style="text-align: center;">Cross-Training</p> <p>Your choice of activity today! Get your heart rate up and stay active for about an hour!</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Walk 3 miles</p> <p>Walk at a pace similar to walking up a long, gradual hill. Bigger breaths are noticeable but it is still easy to have a conversation</p> | Rest | <p style="text-align: center;">Long slow walk 5 miles</p> <p>Should be done at a comfortable pace - heart rate and breathing has increased slightly and you are feeling a little warm. Conversation is easy.</p> | 13 |
| 2 | <p style="text-align: center;">Walk 4 miles</p> <p>Walk at a pace similar to walking up a long, gradual hill. Bigger breaths are noticeable but it is still easy to have a conversation.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Hill walk 3 miles</p> <p>In your walk include a hill(s). Walk hard to the top. The recovery is to walk down the hill or on flat ground to the next hill. Repeat the hill as many times as needed to cover today's mileage.</p> | Rest | <p style="text-align: center;">Cross-Training</p> <p>Your choice of activity today! Get your heart rate up and stay active for about an hour!</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Walk 4 miles</p> <p>Walk at a pace where sweating and increased heart rate are apparent. Sentences are shorter but still able to talk.</p> | Rest | <p style="text-align: center;">Long walk 5 miles</p> <p>This should be a comfortable pace - similar to walking up a long, gradual hill. Bigger breaths are noticeable but it is still easy to have a conversation.</p> | 16 |
| 3 | <p style="text-align: center;">Walk 4 miles</p> <p>Walk at a pace where sweating and increased heart rate are apparent. Sentences are shorter but still able to talk.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Interval walk 2 miles</p> <p>Warm up with an easy walk for 10 minutes. Now walk at a hard pace for 4 minutes. Recover by slowing pace for 2 minutes. Repeat 8 times. Cool down for 10 minutes.</p> | Rest | <p style="text-align: center;">Cross-Training</p> <p>Your choice of activity today! Get your heart rate up and stay active for about an hour!</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Walk 3 miles</p> <p>Walk at a pace where sweating and increased heart rate are apparent. Sentences are shorter but still able to talk.</p> | Rest | <p style="text-align: center;">Long walk 6 miles</p> <p>This should be a comfortable pace - similar to walking up a long, gradual hill. Bigger breaths are noticeable but it is still easy to have a conversation.</p> | 15 |

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| 4 | <p>Walk 5 miles Walk at a pace where sweating and increased heart rate are apparent. Sentences are shorter but still able to talk.</p> | <p>Hill Walk 3 miles In your walk include a hill(s). Walk hard to the top. The recovery is to walk down the hill or on flat ground to the next hill. Repeat the hill as many times as needed to cover today's mileage.</p> | Rest | <p>Cross-Training Your choice of activity today! Get your heart rate up and stay active for about an hour!</p> | <p>Walk 4 miles Walk at a pace where sweating and increased heart rate are apparent, sentences are shorter but still able to talk.</p> | Rest | <p>Long walk 6 miles This should be a comfortable pace - similar to walking up a long, gradual hill. Bigger breaths are noticeable but it is still easy to have a conversation.</p> | 18 |
| 5 | <p>Walk 4 miles Walk at a pace where sweating and heart rate are apparent, bent elbows help increase your stride and speed. Sentences are shorter with big breaths in between.</p> | <p>Interval walk 2 miles Warm up with an easy walk for 10 minutes. Now walk at a hard pace for 2 minutes. Recover by slowing pace for 1 minutes. Repeat 8 times. Cool down for 10 minutes</p> | Rest | <p>Cross-Training Your choice of activity today! Get your heart rate up and stay active for about an hour!</p> | <p>Walk 5 miles Walk at a pace where sweating and heart rate are apparent, bent elbows help increase your stride and speed. Sentences are shorter with big breaths in between.</p> | Rest | <p>Long walk 6 miles This will be your expected race pace on the level and downhill. Sweating and increased heart rate are apparent. Sentences are shorter but still able to talk.</p> | 17 |
| 6 | <p>Walk 5 miles Sweating and an increased heart rate is apparent. Bent elbows help increase your stride and speed. Sentences are shorter with big breaths in between</p> | <p>Hill Walk 4 miles In your walk include a hill(s). Walk hard to the top. The recovery is to walk down the hill or on flat ground to the next hill. Repeat the hill as many times as needed to cover today's mileage.</p> | Rest | <p>Cross-Training Your choice of activity today! Get your heart rate up and stay active for about an hour!</p> | <p>Walk 5 miles Sweating and an increased heart rate are apparent. Bent elbows help increase your stride and speed. Sentences are shorter with big breaths in between</p> | Rest | <p>Race Pace Walk 7 miles This will be your expected race pace on the level and downhill. Sweating and increased heart rate are apparent. Sentences are shorter but still easy.</p> | 21 |

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| 7 | <p>Walk 5 miles Walk at a pace where sweating and heart rate are apparent. Bent elbows help increase your stride and speed. Sentences are shorter with big breaths in between.</p> | <p>Interval walk 2.5 miles Warm up with an easy walk for 10 minutes. Now walk at a hard pace for 7 minutes. Recover by slowing pace for 3 minutes. Repeat 5 times. Cool down for 10 minutes.</p> | Rest | <p>Cross-Training Your choice of activity today! Get your heart rate up and stay active for about an hour!</p> | <p>Walk 5 miles Walk at your fastest pace possible. This is relatively high intensity. Fatigue sensations are apparent and you will feel "tired" at the end of this walk.</p> | Rest | <p>Race Pace Walk 7 miles This will be your expected race pace on the uphills. Walk at a pace where sweating and heart rate are apparent. Bent elbows help increase your stride and speed. Sentences are shorter with big breaths in between.</p> | 19.5 |
| 8 | <p>Walk 4 miles Walk at a pace where sweating and increased heart rate are apparent. Sentences are shorter but still able to talk.</p> | <p>Walk 3 miles Throughout the walk vary speeds from comfortable to fast. The intervals of fast should be short with full recovery between bursts.</p> | Rest | <p>Cross-Training Your choice of activity today! Get your heart rate up and stay active for about an hour!</p> | <p>Walk 3 miles This should be a comfortable pace - similar to walking up a long, gradual hill. Bigger breaths are noticeable but it is still easy to have a conversation.</p> | Rest | <p>Race Day! 7.46 miles</p> | 17.46 |

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