

BICYCLE NETWORK 8 WEEK TRAINING PLAN: 20KM+ RIDE



This is the perfect training guide to prepare for a 20km+ ride, with you feeling fit, fresh, and ready to go!

Week	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	Rest	Aerobic Ride 20 mins	Cross Training 20 mins	Aerobic Ride 20 mins	Rest	Cross Training 30 mins	Longer Ride 30 mins
2	Rest	Aerobic Ride 20 mins	Cross Training 30 mins	Aerobic Ride 20 mins	Rest	Cross Training 30 mins	Longer Ride 30 mins
3	Rest	Aerobic Ride 30 mins	Cross Training 30 mins	Aerobic Ride 30 mins	Rest	Cross Training 45 mins	Longer Ride 45 mins
4	Rest	Rest	Cross Training 45 mins	Aerobic Ride 40 mins	Rest	Cross Training 60 mins	Longer Ride 60 mins
5	Rest	Aerobic Ride 40 mins	Cross Training 45 mins	Tempo Ride 30 mins	Rest	Cross Training 60 mins	Longer Ride 1 hour 15 mins
6	Rest	Rest	Aerobic Ride 45 mins	Cross Training 45 mins	Tempo Ride 30 mins	Rest	Longer Ride 1 hour 30 mins
7	Rest	Aerobic Ride 60 mins	Cross Training 45 mins	Rest	Rest	Aerobic Ride 60 mins	Longer Ride 60 mins
8	Rest	Aerobic Ride 40 mins	Cross Training 30 mins <i>Keep it light or take a rest day</i>	Aerobic Ride 40 mins	Rest	<i>Rest - go for a 20 min roll if you would like too.</i> <i>Get excited! It's tomorrow :)</i>	Event Day! Have fun!

TRAINING PLAN GUIDE

This training plan is just a guide. If you can't fit all sessions in each week, that's okay! Focus on going for a regular long ride and try to fit in at least one of the mid-week sessions. Fit in what you can do.

Aerobic Rides

Include a 5 min warm up and a 5 min cool down. For the remainder ride at a pace you could feel you could 'ride all day' at, this should be about a 3 or 4/10 effort.

Cross Training

Move your body! Take your pick from jog/walk, swimming, gym, circuits, pilates or yoga.

Longer Ride

This is similar to the aerobic ride, just a bit longer! Include a 10 min warm up and a 10 min cool down. For the remainder ride at a pace you could feel you could 'ride all day' at, this should be about a 3 or 4/10 effort.

Tempo Ride

Include a 10 min warm up and a 5 min cool down. For the remainder ride at a higher pace than your aerobic or endurance ride. Work at a 5 or 6/10 effort, you should feel like you are breathing at a level that makes it too hard to chat.

TOP TIPS

- Ride with friends, this makes the longer rides more enjoyable and keeps you accountable for your training.
- Listen to your body, training is both mental and physical. If you don't feel up to training one day or life gets in the way, write the session off and move on to the next. Don't try to double up your sessions but remember how good moving your body makes you feel!
- By week 6 decide what you are going to wear for the event and wear this as much as you can during the next 2 weeks of training.
- Get your bike serviced a week or 2 before the event so you are ready to go!
- Enjoy it and remember how far you have come!

This training plan assumes a base level of fitness, you should always consult your physician or other healthcare provider before starting an exercise program or changing your diet.