

CATERAN YOMP

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54 MILES : GOLD : PERTSHIRE : SCOTLAND

TRAINING PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

The gold beginner plan prepares you to be out on your feet for approximately 24 hours. It is designed for people who want to walk at a steady pace, somewhere between 2 and

3 miles per hour. Whilst some of the training sessions are up to 9 hours long, the intensity will be relatively low so find some pleasant routes and enjoy the scenery as you train.

TRAINING TIPS

- Remember, this is an endurance event, the majority of your training should be long and slow paced rather than short and fast.
- Consistency is key, by getting out several times a week, you'll build on each session. Aim to exercise 3 or 4 times a week and gradually build up the distances as you go.
- Ensure you train on similar terrain as the actual Yomp event. Include hilly, flat and trail routes regularly into your training schedule.
- Train with other members of your team; you'll get to know their strengths and weaknesses and you'll learn how to help each other along.
- Adding in a cross training session will further enhance your fitness without putting too much strain on your body. Swimming, yoga or pilates are ideal.
- Including leg and core strengthening into your weekly schedule will help make the hills feel so much easier. This will be crucial in helping conserve energy levels throughout your training and on the day.

PACING

The table below shows how many miles you would expect to complete in a given time. This will change depending on the terrain, but the more even you keep the pace, the better. If you walk between 25-30 mins per mile, expect to complete the 54 miles in between 22-24 hours.

Hours	2 miles/ hour	3 miles/ hour
1	2	3
2	4	6
3	6	9
4	8	12
5	10	15
6	12	18
7	14	21
8	16	24
9	18	27
10	20	30
11	22	33
12	24	36
13	26	39
14	28	42
15	30	45
16	32	48
17	34	51
18	36	54
19	38	
20	40	
21	42	
22	44	
23	46	
24	48	

TAKE ON THE YOMP

TRAINING OVERVIEW

Your training will be predominantly easy/steady miles where the intensity is low. Your key focus is 'time on feet' because you have to get used to being on your feet for a very long duration. Consistency is very important in your training because it is impossible to be out for 12-15 hours regularly training trying to cover the mileage, so one of the biggest differences in your training is that you will have longer Saturday and Sunday back to back sessions to help you get in the mileage required without putting too much stress on the body.

If you're planning on walking at 2 miles an hour, your expected time will be 27 hours so you'll need to learn to push yourself in order to achieve the 24 hours. Your Tuesday session focuses more on the quality of your training and includes power walking, Kenyan Hills and hill reps. These sessions are shorter but have a higher intensity to develop glute strength, speed and increase the efficiency of your respiratory system.

TYPES OF SESSIONS

EASY

A very easy pace allowing you to ease the muscles and help get rid of any stiffness. The idea of this sessions is to do an active recovery where you are just turning your legs over.

STEADY

During a steady walk you need to put in a bit of effort but still feeling comfortable. You may feel slightly out of breath but you should be able to hold a conversation.

POWER WALK/JOGGING

Power walks or jogs are done at a faster pace. You should experience controlled discomfort and be able to say only a few words during the burst of effort. Power walks/jogs can be maintained for a long or short periods depending on your fitness levels and terrain.

INTERVAL REPETITIONS

Intervals are done at a high intensity for a short period of time with a recovery between each interval. If you were doing 10 x 1 min with 1 min rec, power walk or jog for 1 min then walk slowly for 1 min, repeat again until all 10 have been completed. Always warm up with a 10 minute walk first before starting your intervals.

HILL REPETITIONS

On a moderate slope, power walk for a given time with high intensity. Make your way back slowly to the starting point so you are fully recovered ready to start again.

KENYAN HILLS

Power walk continuously up and down a hill, or on a hilly course maintaining the same effort on both the up and the down. You should feel like you're working hard but, at the same time, be in control. I call this 'controlled discomfort'.

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FULL TRAINING PLAN

Remember that each week you'll get a more detailed weekly plan, with training best practice, tips on nutrition and additional strength training.

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
12 WEEKS TO GO	Rest	10x3 min PW 1 min rec	1 hr easy (2-3 m)	XT/R	ST	2 hr easy (4-5 m)	2½ hr easy (5-6½ m)
11 WEEKS TO GO	Rest	12x3 min PW 1 min rec	1½ hr easy (3-4 m)	XT/R	ST	2 hr easy (4-5 m)	3½ hr easy (7-9 m)
10 WEEKS TO GO	Rest	10x2 min PW up hill, walk back to start for rec	1½ hr easy (3-4 m)	XT/R	ST	3 hr steady (6-8 m)	4½ hr easy (9-12 m)
09 WEEKS TO GO	Rest	12x2 min PW up hill, walk back to start for rec	1½ hr easy (3-4 m)	XT/R	ST	3½ hr steady to inc 3x15 min PW (7-9 m)	5½ hr steady (11-14½ m)
08 WEEKS TO GO	Rest	2x15 min KH	2 hr easy (4-5 m)	XT/R	ST	4 hr steady to inc 3x20 min PW (8-10 m)	6 hr easy (12-15 m)
07 WEEKS TO GO	Rest	20 min KH	2 hr easy (4-5 m)	XT/R	ST	3 hr steady to inc 4x20 min PW (6-8 m)	9 hr easy (18-22 m)
06 WEEKS TO GO	Rest	10x2 min PW up hill, walk back to start for rec	1 hr easy (2-3 m)	Rest	ST	2 hr steady (4-5 m)	4 hr steady (8-10 m)
05 WEEKS TO GO	Rest	25 min KH	2 hr easy (4-5 m)	XT/R	ST	4 hr steady to inc 3x30 min PW (8-10 m)	8 hr easy (16-20 m)
04 WEEKS TO GO	Rest	25 min KH	2 hr easy (4-5 m)	XT/R	ST	4 hr steady to inc 4x30 min PW (8-10 m)	7 hr easy (14-18 m) 4 hr steady (8-10m)
03 WEEKS TO GO	Rest	12x3 min PW up hill, walk back to start for rec	1½ hr easy (3-4 m)	XT/R	ST	3 hr steady to inc 3x20 min PW (6-8 m)	4 hr steady (8-10m)
02 WEEKS TO GO	Rest	10x3 min PW up hill, jog back to start for rec	1 hr easy (2-3 m)	XT/R	ST	1½ hr steady to inc 3x20m PW (3-4m)	2 hr steady (4-5m)
01 WEEKS TO GO	Rest	1 hr easy (2-3 m)	45 mins easy (1½-2¼ m)	30 mins easy (1-1½m)	Rest	Yomp	Yomp

PW Power Walk **KH** Kenyan Hills **XT** Cross Training **ST** Strength Training **R** Rest **Hr** Hour/s **Min** Minute/s **Rec** Recovery **M** Mile/s