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16-WEEK BEGINNER MARATHON TRAINING PLAN

This 16-week beginner marathon training plan is designed for someone with a solid running base and has run a half marathon previously. If you're using this plan, you should begin your training on January 13.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 January 13-19	2.5mi Run	Rest	Rest	2.75mi Run	Rest	Rest	4 miles
2 January 20-26	Rest	Rest	2.5 miles	Rest	3.25 miles	Rest	5 miles
3 Jan 27 - Feb 2	Rest	Rest	2.75 miles	Rest	3.75 miles	Rest	6 miles
4 February 3-9	Rest	Rest	2 miles	Rest	2.5 miles	Rest	4.5 miles

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5 February 10-16	Rest	Rest	2.75 miles	Rest	4 miles	Rest	7.5 miles
6 February 17-23	Rest	Rest	3.75 miles	Rest	2.75 miles	Rest	9.5 miles
7 Feb 24 - Mar 2	Rest	Rest	3.5 miles	Rest	3.5 miles	Rest	11 miles
8 March 3-9	Rest	Rest	2.25 miles	Rest	3.25 miles	Rest	5.5 miles
9 March 10-16	Rest	Rest	3 miles	Rest	2.75 miles	Rest	14 miles
10 March 17-23	Rest	Rest	5 miles	Rest	5.5 miles	Rest	11 miles

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11 March 24-30	Rest	Rest	2.75 miles	Rest	3.75 miles	Rest	17 miles
12 Mar 31 - Apr 6	Rest	Rest	2 miles	Rest	3.5 miles	Rest	8 miles
13 April 7-13	Rest	Rest	3 miles	Rest	2.75 miles	Rest	20 miles
14 April 14-20	Rest	Rest	2.75 miles	Rest	3 miles	Rest	13.1 miles
15 April 21-27	Rest	Rest	2.75 miles	Rest	3 miles	Rest	8 miles
16 Apr 28 - May 4	Rest	Rest	3 miles	Rest	Rest	Rest	PITTSBURGH MARATHON

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NOTES:

Long Run: Focused on building endurance to prepare for the goal race distance. These runs are critical for increasing stamina and developing the ability to sustain effort over long distances.

Rest Day: Dedicated to recovery from active training days. Rest days may include optional cross-training activities, such as strength training, cycling, swimming, or yoga, performed a few times a week to support overall fitness and injury prevention.

Easy Run: Performed at a comfortable pace, allowing you to maintain a conversation with a training partner. Most of your weekly mileage should fall within this category to promote consistent, sustainable progress.

Speed Day: Best suited for Wednesdays, these runs offer an opportunity to include faster running, such as tempo, steady-state, or intervals, based on your preference and goals. They are optional and can be tailored to your needs.