



TRAINING PROGRAM

Experienced Runners

(those who have been running regularly, but don't have a time goal)

GOAL: To Finish in the Upright Position

This program is designed for those who are already running, and want to step up to the 10 mile distance. Only 3 weekly training days are needed: 30 minutes on Tuesday and Thursday, and a longer session on the weekend. On half of the weekends, most runners will be running and walking for an hour or less. For more information, see my book GALLOWAY TRAINING PROGRAMS at www.JeffGalloway.com.

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TRAINING PROGRAM OVERVIEW



The long run is the key to finishing with strength.

As you increase the length of these, you'll prepare to "go the distance" on raceday. You cannot go too slowly on the long runs: your goal is simply to finish each one with strength. To avoid a slowdown at the end of the race, please finish each one on the schedule—even if you walk most of it.

No huffing and puffing! On long runs, you want to be able to carry on a conversation throughout – even at the end. A very slow pace, with liberal walk breaks, will allow almost everyone to feel strong on almost every long one. If you're breathing hard at the end of a long one, you need to adjust to a slower pace with more walk breaks from the beginning of the next one.

Running form: Never sprint during a running segment—keep feet low to the ground, using a light touch of the feet, and a relatively short stride. Most runners find that an upright posture is best but do what feels natural for you. Let your foot move in the natural way. Most runners land on the heel and gently roll off the midfoot.

Walking form: walk with a gentle stride that is relatively short. Power walking and long striding increase injury risk.

Slow down in the heat! Surveys have shown that runners tend to slow down a minute per mile when the temperature is 70F, and an additional minute per mile at 80F (compared with performances at 60F or below).

Please make these pace adjustments on the hot long run days, using more frequent walk breaks to avoid heat stress. Don't wear a hat on hot days, try to run before the sun rises above the horizon and pour water over the top of your head.

Long run pace should be at least 2 min/mi slower than current 10 mile race pace, predicted by the MM (as noted on the following page).

The results of the "magic mile" will predict your best performance possible on raceday. Time limit for the race is 16 min/mi. If you think that you may be challenged to run 16 minutes per mile on race day, please practice 15:00 to 15:30 per mile pace on the "Thursday run", as noted below.

Run-walk-run ratio should correspond to the pace used. Here are suggested strategies:

Note: it is OK to walk more frequently than listed

9 min/mi: run 4 minute/walk 1 minute (4/1)

10 min/mi: 3/1

11 min/mi: 2:30/1

12 min/mi: 2/1

13 min/mi: 1/1

14 min/mi: 30 seconds/30 seconds

15 min/mi: run 30 seconds/walk 45 seconds, or run 20 seconds/walk 40 seconds

16 min/mi: run 20 seconds/walk 40 seconds

17 min/mi: run 15 seconds/walk 45 seconds

Two 30-minute "maintenance runs" are needed each week to sustain the conditioning needed—usually on Tuesday and Thursday. If you are already running more than this, and are not having any trouble, you can continue with your current mileage on maintenance days.

Race Day practice. On the Thursday runs, after the standard warm-up, time yourself for 2 miles and try to run the pace you feel is realistic on raceday, using the appropriate run-walk-run ratio. As you use a variety of run-walk-run strategies, you should find the right ratio for you. Hint: shorter run segments have often reduced or eliminated slowdown at the end of distance races.

It is fine to do cross training on the non-running days if you wish. There will be little benefit to your running in doing this, but you'll improve overall fitness. On the cross training days, don't do exercises that fatigue the calf muscles (stair machines).

Standard warmup: walk for 3-5 minutes, then, run for 15-30 seconds and walk for the rest of the minute for 5 minutes. Then, gradually increase the amount of running, reducing the amount of walking for 5 minutes as you wish. Remember—no huffing and puffing.

On Tuesday, after the standard warm-up, try various run-walk-run strategies to discover what works best for you. Shorter running segments often result in faster times and less fatigue.

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On Thursday, after the standard warmup, time yourself for 2 miles, running a pace that is realistic on raceday—using the run-walk-run strategy as noted above.

Standard cool down: walk for 10 minutes with a gentle and short stride.

Magic Mile: I suggest doing this after the standard warm-up noted above. By the end of the training program, multiply your best magic mile time by 1.2 to see what an all-out pace on an ideal day would be. You will need to run 12:15 or faster in the MM by the end of the season to predict a pace of 16 min/mi on raceday (this is needed to avoid the “sweeper bus”).

NOTE: This is an evening race. I suggest that you run at least two of the longer runs in the evening. This will not only help you prepare for running in the dark but help you adjust your nutrition throughout the day, leading up to the race.

The “Magic Mile” time trial (MM) is a reality check on your goal pace on raceday, and has been the best predictor of current potential per mile pace on an ideal day.

- Use the standard warmup, noted above
- Run around a track if at all possible (or a very accurately measured segment)
- Time yourself for 4 laps (1600 meters or one mile). Start the watch at the beginning, and keep it running until you cross the finish of the 4th lap.
- **On the first MM, don’t run all-out: run at a pace that is slightly faster than your current easy pace.**
- Only one MM is done on each day it is assigned.
- On each successive MM, your mission is to beat the previous best time.
- Don’t ever run so hard that you hurt your feet, knees, etc. Maintain a short stride, picking up the cadence or turnover.
- Jog slowly for the rest of the 30 minutes assigned on that day, taking as many walk breaks as you wish.

After you have run 3 of these (not at one time--on different weekends) you’ll see progress and will run them hard enough so that you are huffing and puffing during the second half. For prediction purposes, you want to finish, feeling like you couldn’t go much further at that pace. Try walking for about 10-15 seconds after each lap during the MM. Most runners who’ve reported in after trying it both ways, record a faster time when taking short walk breaks.

Note: This training advice is given as one runner to another. For medical questions, ask your doctor.

TRAINING PROGRAM SCHEDULE



GOAL DATE: OCTOBER 4, 2014

The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror™ 10-Miler Experienced Runners

Tuesday - 30 minutes

Thursday - 30 minutes

Saturday - Listed below

WEEK 1

TUESDAY June 3	THURSDAY June 5	SATURDAY June 7
30 minutes	30 minutes	3 miles

WEEK 2

TUESDAY June 10	THURSDAY June 12	SATURDAY June 14
30 minutes	30 minutes	4 miles

WEEK 3

TUESDAY June 17	THURSDAY June 19	SATURDAY June 21
30 minutes	30 minutes	3 miles

WEEK 4

TUESDAY June 24	THURSDAY June 26	SATURDAY June 28
30 minutes	30 minutes	5 miles

WEEK 5

TUESDAY July 1	THURSDAY July 3	SATURDAY July 5
30 minutes	30 minutes	3 miles

WEEK 6

TUESDAY July 7	THURSDAY July 10	SATURDAY July 12
30 minutes	30 minutes	6 miles



WEEK 7

TUESDAY July 15	THURSDAY July 17	SATURDAY July 19
30 minutes	30 minutes	3 miles with Magic Mile

WEEK 9

TUESDAY July 29	THURSDAY July 31	SATURDAY August 2
30 minutes	30 minutes	3 miles with Magic Mile

WEEK 11

TUESDAY August 12	THURSDAY August 14	SATURDAY August 16
30 minutes	30 minutes	3 miles with Magic Mile

WEEK 13

TUESDAY August 26	THURSDAY August 28	SATURDAY August 30
30 minutes	30 minutes	3 miles

WEEK 8

TUESDAY July 22	THURSDAY July 24	SATURDAY July 26
30 minutes	30 minutes	7 miles

WEEK 10

TUESDAY August 5	THURSDAY August 7	SATURDAY August 9
30 minutes	30 minutes	8 miles

WEEK 12

TUESDAY August 19	THURSDAY August 21	SATURDAY August 23
30 minutes	30 minutes	9 miles

WEEK 14

TUESDAY September 2	THURSDAY September 4	SATURDAY September 6
30 minutes	30 minutes	10 miles



WEEK 15

TUESDAY September 9	THURSDAY September 11	SATURDAY September 13
30 minutes	30 minutes	3 miles with Magic Mile

WEEK 17

TUESDAY September 23	THURSDAY September 25	SATURDAY September 27
30 minutes	30 minutes	3 miles

WEEK 19

TUESDAY October 7	THURSDAY October 9	SATURDAY October 11
30 minutes	30 minutes	3 miles

WEEK 16

TUESDAY September 16	THURSDAY September 18	SATURDAY September 20
30 minutes	30 minutes	11 miles

WEEK 18

TUESDAY September 30	THURSDAY October 2	SATURDAY October 4
30 minutes	30 minutes	<i>The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror™ 10-Miler</i>