



May 12, 2018

5K Walk Training Schedule



The Fifth Third River Bank Run will take place in downtown Grand Rapids, MI on Saturday, May 12, featuring the largest 25K road race in the country, the USA 25K Open Championship and 25K wheelchair/handcycle divisions. Other events include the 25K Relay, 10K, 5K Run, 5K Community Walk and the *FREE* Fifth Third Junior (ages 5-12) on Wednesday, May 9 at Wyoming High School.


Use this schedule to guide you toward the finish line and feel free to adapt it for your own personal training style. Check out the free training events for helpful information and networking toward success on the second Saturday of May. Connect online for – area training groups, answers to questions and more to take you every step of the way.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WEEK 12						
18-Feb	19-Feb	20-Feb	21-Feb	22-Feb	23-Feb	24-Feb
Rest day	Rest or walk	10 minute walk	Rest or walk	10 minute walk	Rest day	1 mile walk
WEEK 11						
25-Feb	26-Feb	27-Feb	28-Feb	March 1	2-Mar	3-Mar
20-40 minute walk	Rest or walk	10 minute walk	Rest or walk	10 minute walk	Rest day	1 mile walk
WEEK 10						
4-Mar	5-Mar	6-Mar	7-Mar	8-Mar	9-Mar	10-Mar
20-40 minute walk	Rest or walk	15 minute walk	Rest or walk	15 minute walk	Rest day	1.5 mile walk
WEEK 9						
11-Mar	12-Mar	13-Mar	14-Mar	15-Mar	16-Mar	17-Mar
30-60 minute walk	Rest or walk	15 minute walk	Rest or walk	15 minute walk	Rest day	1.5 mile walk
WEEK 8						
18-Mar	19-Mar	20-Mar	21-Mar	22-Mar	23-Mar	24-Mar
30-60 minute walk	Rest or walk	15 minute walk	Rest or walk	15 minute walk	Rest day	1.75 mile walk
WEEK 7						
25-Mar	26-Mar	27-Mar	28-Mar	29-Mar	30-Mar	31-Mar
35-60 minute walk	Rest or walk	20 minute walk	Rest or walk	20 minute walk	Rest day	2 mile walk



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WEEK 6						
2-Apr	2-Apr	3-Apr	4-Apr	5-Apr	6-Apr	7-Apr
40-60 minute walk	Rest or walk	20 minute walk	Rest or walk	20 minute walk	Rest day	2.25 mile walk
WEEK 5						
8-Apr	9-Apr	10-Apr	11-Apr	12-Apr	13-Apr	14-Apr
45-60 minute walk	Rest or walk	20 minute walk	Rest or walk	20 minute walk	Rest day	2.25 mile walk
Week 4						
15-Apr	16-Apr	17-Apr	18-Apr	19-Apr	20-Apr	21-Apr
45-60 minute walk	Rest or walk	25 minute walk	Rest or walk	25 minute walk	Rest day	2.5 mile walk
Week 3						
22-Apr	23-Apr	24-Apr	25-Apr	26-Apr	27-Apr	28-Apr
50-60 minute walk	Rest of walk	25 minute walk	Rest or walk	25 minute walk	Rest day	2.75 mile walk
Week 2						
29-Apr	30-Apr	1-May	2-May	3-May	4-May	5-May
55-60 minute walk	Rest or walk	30 minute walk	Rest or walk	30 minute walk	Rest day	3 mile walk
Week 1						
6-May	7-May	8-May	9-May	10-May	11-May	12-May
60 minute walk	Rest or walk	30 minute walk	Rest or walk	30 minute walk	Rest day	

1st Saturday of the Month Training Run, 8a-David D Hunting YMCA (475 Lake Michigan Dr NW)

2nd Tuesday of the Month "No Problems" Training Series, 6p-Perring Brewing Company (5910 Comstock Park Dr NW)

Last Wednesday of the Month Hills & Hops, 6p-John Ball Park south parking lot



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Remember to warm up and stretch before your workout as well as cool down after your workout.

Benefits of Training:

EASY Pace: Improves body's ability to transport blood and oxygen

TEMPO Pace: Improves the lactate threshold

STEADY Pace: Increases aerobic capacity (VO2 Max)

RACE Pace: Improves speed and economy

HILL Training: Develops leg strength and power

EASY Pace: This is a recovery run. If you're really tired, you may even decide to take this day off. Easy days are planned recovery days, which are essential to staying injury free

TEMPO Pace: This is just above your present 10K race pace. For example, if your 10K pace is 7 minutes per mile, your "tempo" pace would be somewhere in the range of 7:30-7:45 per mile. A key test is the "talk test." If you can still talk, although uncomfortable, you're probably okay. If you're running so hard you can't talk at all, you're running too fast

STEADY Pace: This is used at the end of some long runs. You may incorporate other "steady" efforts on your general run days. Steady means you're moving along, not really at "tempo" or race pace, but a steady effort

RACE Pace (RP): This should be based on your goal pace for your Fifth Third River Bank Run event. Your race pace should be a realistic goal, challenging but achievable.

HILL Training: Run up the hill(s) hard and jog down easy. Plan 10-15 minutes of actual running uphill during your training

Before undertaking a training schedule, please read the following: Fifth Third River Bank Run and Greg Meyer disclaim any liability to persons who undertake these training programs. These schedules are for runners who have no current physical or health problems.

It is recommended that runners be examined by a qualified physician before beginning one of these schedules or other programs of strenuous exercise. Greg Meyer feels that a person who completes one of these programs should be able to complete the Fifth Third River Bank Run 25K, 10K or 5K. Neither Fifth Third Bank nor Greg Meyer claim that these programs are correct for any particular person. It is your responsibility to determine that you are fit enough to undertake one of these programs and monitor its effect on your health.

If you cannot physically complete the first four weeks of your event's schedule, you should re-evaluate whether you should compete in that event. Before you begin training, buy a good pair of running shoes from the experts at Gazelle Sports who know how to fit running shoes. Carefully stretch your muscles before and after each workout, and drink appropriate amounts of water before, during and after each workout.