

26.2 MILE RUCK TRAINING PLAN

"THINK NOT ONLY UPON THEIR PASSING, REMEMBER THE GLORY OF THEIR SPIRIT"

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NORMANDY RUCK SCHEDULE

*Your rate of perceived exertion (RPE) refers to how hard you think you're pushing yourself during exercise. It's subjective, which means that you decide how hard you feel you're working during physical activity.

WEEK 1

SUNDAY OR MONDAY

START

TUESDAY

THURSDAY

RUN INTERVALS (RPE6)

SATURDAY

ENDURANCE RUCK: 6 MI OR 90 MIN (30/20LBS)

WEEK 2

SUNDAY OR MONDAY

TUESDAY

HEAVY RUCK OR CADENCE RUCK

THURSDAY

RUN INTERVALS (RPE8)

SATURDAY

ENDURANCE RUCK:

AM RUCK: 5 MI OR 75 MIN (30/20LBS) PM RUCK: 2 MI IN <30 MIN (25/15LBS)

WEEK 3

SUNDAY OR MONDAY

OPTIONAL RECOVERY RUCK: 60 MIN (20/10LBS) KEEP HR: <(180-AGE-5) **TUESDAY**

HEAVY RUCK OR CADENCE RUCK

THURSDAY

CADENCE RUCK OR RUN INTERVALS (RPE6)

SATURDAY

ENDURANCE RUCK:

7 MI OR 1 HR 45 MIN (30/20LBS)

WEEK 4

SUNDAY OR MONDAY

TUESDAY

HEAVY RUCK OR CADENCE RUCK

THURSDAY

RUN INTERVALS (RPE6) **SATURDAY**

ENDURANCE RUCK:

AM RUCK: 90 MIN (30/20LBS)
PM RUCK: 3 MI IN <45 MIN (25/15LBS)

WEEK 5

SUNDAY OR MONDAY

OPTIONAL RECOVERY RUCK: 60 MIN (20/10LBS) KEEP HR: <(180-AGE-5) **TUESDAY**

HEAVY RUCK OR CADENCE RUCK

THURSDAY

RUN INTERVALS (RPE8)

SATURDAY

ENDURANCE RUCK:

8 MI OR 2 HRS (30/20LBS)

WEEK 6

SUNDAY OR MONDAY

TUESDAY

HEAVY RUCK OR CADENCE RUCK

THURSDAY

CADENCE RUCK OR RUN INTERVALS (RPE6)

SATURDAY

ENDURANCE RUCK:

AM RUCK: 90 MIN RACE SIMULATION PM RUCK: 4 MI IN <60 MIN (25/15LBS)

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WEEK 7

SUNDAY OR MONDAY

OPTIONAL RECOVERY RUCK:

KEEP HR: <(180-AGE-5)

60 MIN (20/10LBS)

HEAVY RUCK OR CADENCE RUCK

THURSDAY

OPTIONAL RECOVERY RUCK:

60 MIN (20/10LBS) KEEP HR: <(180-AGE-5) **SATURDAY**

ENDURANCE RUCK:

10 MI OR 2.5 HRS (30/20LBS)

WEEK 8

SUNDAY OR MONDAY

OPTIONAL RECOVERY RUCK: 60 MIN (20/10LBS) KEEP HR: <(180-AGE-5) **TUESDAY**

TUESDAY

HEAVY RUCK OR CADENCE RUCK

THURSDAY

CADENCE RUCK OR RUN INTERVALS (RPE6)

SATURDAY

ENDURANCE RUCK:

8 MI OR 2 HRS (30/20LBS)

WEEK 9

SUNDAY OR MONDAY

TUESDAY

HEAVY RUCK OR CADENCE RUCK

THURSDAY

OPTIONAL RECOVERY RUCK:

60 MIN (20/10LBS) KEEP HR: <(180-AGE-5) SATURDAY

ENDURANCE RUCK:

AM RUCK: 8 MI OR 2HRS (30/20LBS) PM RUCK: 3 MI IN <45 MIN (25/15LBS)

WEEK 10

SUNDAY OR MONDAY

OPTIONAL RECOVERY RUCK: 60 MIN (20/10LBS) KEEP HR: <(180-AGE-5) **TUESDAY**

HEAVY RUCK OR CADENCE RUCK

THURSDAY

CADENCE RUCK OR RUN INTERVALS (RPE6)

SATURDAY

ENDURANCE RUCK:

8 MI OR 2HRS (30/20LBS)

WEEK 11

SUNDAY OR MONDAY

TUESDAY

OPTIONAL RECOVERY RUCK:

60 MIN (20/10LBS) KEEP HR: <(180-AGE-5) **THURSDAY**

HEAVY RUCK OR CADENCE RUCK

SATURDAY

GORUCK RACE

HEAVY RUCK OPTIONS

Workouts progress in level of intensity. Choose whichever you feel best fits your fitness level.



HEAVY RUCK WARMUP & COOL DOWN

WARM UP

10 MIN RUCK AT RPE2-3 (20/10LBS)

HEAVY RUCK TIME: 28-MIN

WORKOUT TIME: 35-MIN

COOL DOWN

10 MIN RUCK AT RPE2 (20/10LBS) IS OPTIONAL

WORKOUT #1	WORKOUT #2	WORKOUT #3	WORKOUT #4
2 SETS: HEAVY RUCK (>35/25LBS) 7-MIN REST UP TO: 90-SEC REST UP TO: 1-MIN 2 SETS: HEAVY RUCK (>35/25LBS) 7-MIN REST UP TO: 90-SEC	6 SETS: HEAVY RUCK (>35/25LBS) 5-MIN REST UP TO: 1-MIN HEAVY RUCK TIME: 30-MIN WORKOUT TIME: 36-MIN	3 SETS: HEAVY RUCK (>35/25LBS) 8-MIN REST UP TO: 90-SEC HEAVY RUCK TIME: 24-MIN WORKOUT TIME: 29-MIN	5 SETS: HEAVY RUCK (>35/25LBS) 6-MIN REST UP TO: 1-MIN HEAVY RUCK TIME: 30-MIN WORKOUT TIME: 35-MIN

WORKOUT #5	WORKOUT #6	WORKOUT #7	WORKOUT #8
4 SETS: HEAVY RUCK (>35/25LBS) 7-MIN REST UP TO: 1-MIN	2 SETS: HEAVY RUCK (>35/25LBS) 12-MIN REST UP TO: 90-SEC	3 SETS: HEAVY RUCK (>35/25LBS) 10-MIN REST UP TO: 2-MIN	2 SETS: HEAVY RUCK (>35/25LBS) 15-MIN REST UP TO: 1-MIN
HEAVY RUCK TIME: 28-MIN WORKOUT TIME: 32-MIN	HEAVY RUCK TIME: 24-MIN WORKOUT TIME: 27-MIN	HEAVY RUCK TIME: 30-MIN WORKOUT TIME: 36-MIN	HEAVY RUCK TIME: 30-MIN WORKOUT TIME: 32-MIN

CADENCE RUCK OPTIONS

Workouts progress in level of intensity. Choose whichever you feel best fits your fitness level.

CADENCE RUCK WARMUP & COOL DOWN

During your 10min warm-up, count the number of steps you take for 1-minute. Do this 3-4 times during your warm-up. This is your average rucking cadence. Your target fast cadence is your slow cadence plus 5%. Example: If your average cadence was 130, then your fast cadence is 130*1.05 or 136-137.

WARM UP

10MIN RUCK AT RPE2-3 (20/10LBS)

COOL DOWN

10MIN RUCK AT RPE2 (20/10LBS) IS OPTIONAL

WORKOUT #1

1 SET | 14 ROUNDS: FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS): 60-SEC EASY CADENCE (20/10LBS): 60-SEC

SUMMARY:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS)
TIME: 14-MIN

MOVE TIME: 28-MIN WORKOUT TOTAL 28-MIN

1 SET | 10 ROUNDS:

WORKOUT #2

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS): 90-SEC EASY CADENCE (20/10LBS): 90-SEC

SUMMARY:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS)

TIME: 15-MIN MOVE TIME: 30-MIN WORKOUT TOTAL 30-MIN WORKOUT #3

1 SET | 8 ROUNDS:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS): 2-MIN EASY CADENCE (20/10LBS): 90-SEC

SUMMARY:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS)

TIME: 16-MIN
MOVE TIME: 28-MIN
WORKOUT TOTAL 28-MIN

WORKOUT #4

1 SET | 4 ROUNDS: FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS): 4-MIN EASY CADENCE (20/10LBS): 3-MIN

SUMMARY:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS)

TIME: 16-MIN MOVE TIME: 28-MIN WORKOUT TOTAL 28-MIN

WORKOUT #8

2 SETS | 10 ROUNDS:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS): 60-SEC

EASY CADENCE (20/10LBS): 30-SEC

REST BETWEEN SETS: 1-MIN

WORKOUT #5

1 SET | 12 ROUNDS: FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS): 90-SEC

EASY CADENCE (20/10LBS): 60-SEC

SUMMARY:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS)
TIME: 18-MIN

MOVE TIME: 30-MIN WORKOUT TOTAL 30-MIN

WORKOUT #6

1 SET | 6 ROUNDS:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS): 3-MIN EASY CADENCE (20/10LBS): 2-MIN

SUMMARY:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS)
TIME: 18-MIN
MOVE TIME: 30-MIN
WORKOUT TOTAL 30-MIN

WORKOUT #7

1 SET | 4 ROUNDS:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS): 5-MIN EASY CADENCE (20/10LBS): 3-MIN

SUMMARY:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS)
TIME: 20-MIN
MOVE TIME: 32-MIN

WORKOUT TOTAL 32-MIN

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FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS)
TIME: 20-MIN
MOVE TIME: 30-MIN

MOVE TIME: 30-MIN WORKOUT TOTAL 31-MIN

WORKOUT #9

1 SET | 10 ROUNDS:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS): 2-MIN EASY CADENCE (20/10LBS): 60-SEC

SUMMARY:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS)

TIME: 20-MIN
MOVE TIME: 30-MIN
WORKOUT TOTAL 30-MIN

WORKOUT #10

1 SET | 8 ROUNDS:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS): 3-MIN EASY CADENCE (20/10LBS): 90-SEC

SUMMARY:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS)

TIME: 24-MIN MOVE TIME: 36-MIN WORKOUT TOTAL 36-MIN

WORKOUT #11

1 SET | 5 ROUNDS:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS): 5-MIN EASY CADENCE (20/10LBS): 2-MIN

SUMMARY:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS) TIME: 25-MIN

MOVE TIME: 35-MIN
WORKOUT TOTAL 35-MIN

WORKOUT #12

1 SET | 6 ROUNDS:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS): 4-MIN EASY CADENCE (20/10LBS): 90-SEC

SUMMARY:

FAST CADENCE (20/10LBS)

TIME: 24-MIN
MOVE TIME: 33-MIN
WORKOUT TOTAL 33-MIN

RUNIERVALS RPE6 DPTIDNS

Workouts progress in level of intensity. Choose whichever you feel best fits your fitness level.

RUN INTERVALS RPE6 WARMUP & COOL DOWN

WARM UP

200M WALK 200M JOG

COOL DOWN

4 SETS:

50M CONTROLLED SPRINTS

50M WALK

WORKOUT #1

8 SETS: **RUN (RPE6): 60-SEC WALK (RPE1-2): 15-SEC**

REST 1-MIN

8 SETS:

RUN (RPE6): 60-SEC WALK (RPE1-2): 15-SEC

REST 1-MIN

8 SETS:

RUN (RPE6): 60-SEC WALK (RPE1-2): 15-SEC

RUN TIME: 24-MIN WORKOUT TIME: 31-MIN

6 SETS:

RUN (RPE6): 4-MIN WALK (RPE1-2): 1-MIN

WORKOUT #2

RUN TIME: 24-MIN WORKOUT TIME: 30-MIN

WORKOUT #3

6 SETS: RUN (RPE6): 2-MIN WALK (RPE1-2): 30-SEC

REST 2-MIN

6 SETS:

RUN (RPE6): 2-MIN WALK (RPE1-2): 30-SEC

RUN TIME: 24-MIN WORKOUT TIME: 32-MIN

WORKOUT #4

3 SETS:

RUN (RPE6): 8-MIN WALK (RPE1-2): 2-MIN

RUN TIME: 24-MIN

WORKOUT TIME: 30-MIN

WORKOUT #5

RUN (RPE6): 7-MIN **WALK (RPE1-2): 90-SEC**

REST 1-MIN

2 SETS:

2 SETS:

RUN (RPE6): 7-MIN WALK (RPE1-2): 90-SEC

RUN TIME: 28-MIN WORKOUT TIME: 35-MIN

RUN TIME: 30-MIN

WORKOUT TIME: 36-MIN

WORKOUT #7

9 SETS:

RUN (RPE6): 90-SEC WALK (RPE1-2): 15-SEC

REST 90-SEC

9 SETS:

RUN (RPE6): 90-SEC WALK (RPE1-2): 15-SEC

WORKOUT TIME: 33-MIN

WORKOUT #8

5 SETS:

RUN (RPE6): 6-MIN WALK (RPE1-2): 1-MIN

RUN TIME: 30-MIN WORKOUT TIME: 35-MIN

WORKOUT #9

RUN (RPE6): 3-MIN WALK (RPE1-2): 30-SEC

REST 1-MIN

4 SETS:

4 SETS:

RUN (RPE6): 3-MIN WALK (RPE1-2): 30-SEC

RUN TIME: 24-MIN WORKOUT TIME: 29-MIN

6 SETS:

WORKOUT #6

RUN (RPE6): 5-MIN WALK (RPE1-2): 1-MIN

WORKOUT #10

RUN (RPE6): 2-MIN

RUN (RPE6): 2-MIN

RUN TIME: 28-MIN

WALK (RPE1-2): 15-SEC

WORKOUT TIME: 33-MIN

REST 90-SEC

WALK (RPE1-2): 15-SEC

7 SETS:

7 SETS:

RUN TIME: 27-MIN

WORKOUT #11

4 SETS: RUN (RPE6): 4-MIN WALK (RPE1-2): 30-SEC

REST 1-MIN

4 SETS:

RUN (RPE6): 4-MIN WALK (RPE1-2): 30-SEC

RUN TIME: 32-MIN **WORKOUT TIME: 37-MIN**

WORKOUT #12

5 SETS:

RUN (RPE6): 3-MIN **WALK (RPE1-2): 15-SEC**

REST 90-SEC 5 SETS:

RUN (RPE6): 3-MIN WALK (RPE1-2): 15-SEC

RUN TIME: 30-MIN WORKOUT TIME: 34-MIN

RUN INTERVALS RPE 8 DPTIONS

Workouts progress in level of intensity.

Choose whichever you feel best fits your fitness level.



RUN INTERVALS RPE6 WARMUP & COOL DOWN

WARM UP

200M WALK 200M JOG

WORKOUT #4

COOL DOWN

4 SETS:

50M CONTROLLED SPRINTS

WORKOUT #6

50M WALK

WORKOUT #1	WORKOUT #2	WORKOUT #3
8 SETS: RUN 45-SEC AT RPE8 RUN 45-SEC AT RPE3 NO REST B/T REPS OR SETS ***OR*** (ATHLETE CHOICE)	6 SETS: RUN 75-SEC AT RPE8 RUN 75-SEC AT RPE3 NO REST B/T REPS OR SETS ***OR***(ATHLETE CHOICE)	8 SETS: RUN 1-MIN AT RPE8 RUN 1-MIN AT RPE3 NO REST B/T REPS OR SETS ***OR***(ATHLETE CHOICE)
12 SETS: RUN 150M AT RPE8 RUN 75M AT RPE3 NO REST B/T REPS OR SETS	5 SETS: RUN 300M AT RPE8 RUN 150M AT RPE3 NO REST B/T REPS OR SETS	8 SETS: RUN 200M AT RPE8 RUN 100M AT RPE3 NO REST B/T REPS OR SETS

10 SETS: RUN 1-MIN AT RPE8 RUN 1-MIN AT RPE3 NO REST B/T REPS OR SETS	5 SETS: RUN 2-MIN AT RPE8 RUN 2-MIN AT RPE3 NO REST B/T REPS OR SETS
OR(ATHLETE CHOICE)	***OR***(ATHLETE CHOICE)
10 SETS: RUN 200M AT RPE8 RUN 100M AT RPE3 NO REST B/T REPS OR SETS	5 SETS: RUN 400M AT RPE8 RUN 200M AT RPE3 NO REST B/T REPS OR SETS
	RUN 1-MIN AT RPE8 RUN 1-MIN AT RPE3 NO REST B/T REPS OR SETS ***OR***(ATHLETE CHOICE) 10 SETS: RUN 200M AT RPE8 RUN 100M AT RPE3

WORKOUT #5

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