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Training plans

Below are your beginner and intermediate training plans to help prepare you for the 15-mile route of The Banham Marsden March. You can adapt these guides to your current fitness level. Remember, do what's comfortable for you, at a pace that suits you.

Slow pace: one that you're comfortable with for a longer period.

Moderate pace: this is a little quicker, but you should still be able to maintain a conversation.

Fast pace: this is quicker still and would be difficult to maintain for extended periods.

You can choose days to suit you, although we recommend you take your recovery days following tough sessions, particularly the longer walks. Try to pick new and interesting routes with varying terrain to help keep you motivated.

The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity cannot take any responsibility for injuries, illnesses or accidents that may occur when following this guide. If you feel unsure or unwell, please stop and seek professional help immediately.

Beginner guide

15-mile walkers

Follow this guide if walking non-stop at a moderate pace for an hour is too challenging at the moment:



Tuesday

30 mins slow

Thursday

30 mins moderate pace

Sunday

3-4 miles slow



Tuesday

10 mins fast pace, 5 mins slow, repeat x 5 (1 hour 15 mins total)

Thursday

1 hour 15 mins moderate pace

Sunday

6-8 miles slow



Tuesday

15 mins moderate pace, 5 mins slow repeat x 3 (1 hour total)

Thursday

45 mins moderate pace

Sunday

4-5 miles slow



Tuesday

15 mins fast pace, 5 mins slow, repeat x 4 (1 hour 20 mins total)

Thursday

1 hour 30 mins moderate pace

Sunday

8-10 miles slow



Tuesday

20 mins moderate pace, 5 mins slow, repeat x 3 (1 hour 15 mins total)

Thursday

1 hour moderate pace

Sunday

5-6 miles slow



Tuesday

30 mins moderate pace

Thursday

45 mins slow



Intermediate guide

15-mile walkers

Follow this guide if walking non-stop at a moderate pace for an hour is currently achievable:



Tuesday

45 mins slow

Thursday

45 mins moderate pace

Sunday

4 miles slow



Tuesday

10 mins fast pace, 5 mins moderate, repeat x 5 (1 hour 15 mins total)

Thursday

1 hour 30 mins moderate pace

Sunday

8 miles slow



Tuesday

15 mins moderate pace, 5 mins fast repeat x 3 (1 hour total)

Thursday

1 hour moderate pace

Sunday

5 miles slow



Tuesday

15 mins fast pace, 5 mins moderate, repeat x 4 (1 hour 20 mins total)

Thursday

1 hour 45 mins moderate pace

Sunday

10 miles slow



Tuesday

20 mins moderate pace, 5 mins fast, repeat x 3 (1 hour 15 mins total)

Thursday

1 hour 15 mins moderate pace

Sunday

6 miles slow



Tuesday

30 mins moderate pace

Thursday

45 mins slow

