

Beginner's Training Plan by Paolina Allan



Paolina Allan is an accomplished endurance coach with decades of athletic experience. Her passion for sport has led her to compete in multiple Ironman races, triathlons, and other ultra endurance events. As a coach, Paolina is dedicated to helping athletes of all levels achieve their fitness goals. Her coaching philosophy is centered on

building a strong foundation of physical and mental strength, and she believes that tenacity and perseverance are the keys to success. Paolina's coaching style is highly personalized, and with a stellar athletic resume and a true dedication to her client's success, she is a highly respected coach in the endurance sports community.

Training Plan

Welcome to the first week of the 2023 Ride Training Plan. Here's what you'll be focusing on this week:

- Getting better acquainted with your bike (schedule a bike fitting, check your gear, break your bike in).
- Cycling 3-4 times. The Wednesday Ride is optional, so 5 Rides can be completed if you are comfortable doing so.
- Working on your cadence. Aim to reach 80 90 rpm on all of your Rides this week.
- Don't have a bike yet? Spin class is an option this week.

Monday	• Rest Day			
Tuesday Ride Duration: 45 Min	 Warm Up (10 Min) Power Sprint - 90 rpm (5 Min) Cool Down (5 Min) 	 Power Sprint - 90 rpm (5 Min) Cool Down (5 Min) Power Sprint - 90 rpm (5 Min) 	Cool Down (5 Min)Power Sprint - 90 rpm (5 Min)OR - Spin class	
Wednesday Ride Duration: 50 Min	 Warm Up (5 Min) Power Sprint - 85-90 rpm (10 Min) Cool Down (5 Min) Power Sprint - 85-90 rpm (10 Min) 	 Cool Down (5 Min) Power Sprint - 85-90 rpm (10 Min) Cool Down (5 Min) 	 Your steady aerobic Ride is one of the most important Rides in your regiment. It builds efficiency, power, and durability! 	
Thursday Ride Duration: 45 Min	LEG GameWarm Up (5 Min)	 Steady Ride - RPE 3/4 (30 Min) Power Sprint - Zone 4/RPE 7 (5 Min) 	Cool Down (5 Min)Learn how to pace and finish while staying strong.	
Friday	• Do something off of your bike (strength, y	yoga, running, mobility, relaxation).		
Saturday Ride Duration: 60-75 Min	Keep your RPE (Rate of Perceived Exertion) at a 5 out of 10 during climbs.	 This is a steady, yet sustainable effort was more efficiently, producing the same are energy to do so. 	which will help you use your energy mount of power over time, yet using less	
Sunday Ride Duration: 45-60 Min	 Remember, today's Ride focuses on reco Keep your RPE (Rate of Perceived Exertic 	very, so take it easy and follow a comfortab on) at a 3 to 4 out of 10 during this Ride.	le pace.	

Training Plan

Welcome to the second week of the 2023 Ride Training Plan. Here's what you'll be focusing on this week:

• Heart rate zones. Use the reference guide at the end of this guide to help you calculate your heart rate, and to further understand the various training zones that you will aim for.

Monday	• Rest Day			
Tuesday Ride Duration: 20 Min	 Warm Up (15 min. Finish at Z7) Sprint (5 x 20 Sec) - Easy Spin (40 Sec) Easy Spin (2 Min) Max Effort Ride (Hold for 20 Min) 	• Easy Co • Rememb	g to feel uncomfortable. That's OK! of Down (10 Min) oer to check the reference guide mation on heart rate zones!	
Wednesday Ride Duration: 45 Min	Optional Day OffWarm Up (5 Min)			
Thursday Ride Duration: 45 Min	Warm Up (5 Min)Steady Ride (30 Min at Z2)	Fast Ride (5 Min at Z4)Cool Down (5 Min)	 Learn how to pace and finish while staying strong. 	
Friday	Do something off of your bike (strength)	, yoga, running, mobility, relaxation).		
Saturday Ride Duration: 1 Hr 30 Min	 Increase of 15 min from last week Ride a hilly route Maintain a high rpm when climbing 	 Maintain 80 rpm or higher Use all of the gears on your bik Effort Level = Z2 	e 	
Sunday Ride Duration: 60 Min	Warm up (15 Min)Steady paced (45-60 Min)	• Cool Down (5 Min)		

Training Plan

Welcome to the third week of the 2023 Ride Training Plan. Here's what you'll be focusing on this week:

- Duration. The length of your rides will increase slightly this week.
- Safety. If your bike feels off, get it refit!

Monday	• Rest Day			
Tuesday Ride Duration: 45 Min	 Warm Up (10 Min at Z1) Steady Ride (12 Min at Z2) Power Sprint (4 x 15 Sec - 1 Min Easy R Recovery (2 Min) 	Recovery (2 Min	x 30 Sec - 30 Sec Easy Ride)	
Wednesday Ride Duration: 45 Min	Optional Rest DayWarm Up (5 Min)	Steady Ride (30 Min at Z2)Cool Down (5 Min)	Option to focus on strengthening your core with yoga	
Thursday Ride Duration: 45 Min	Warm Up (5 Min)Steady Ride (10 Min at Z2)	• Power Sprint (5 x 2 Min at Z4 - 2 Min Easy Ride)	 Cool Down (10 Min) This ride will help you overcome short-term fatigue while cycling 	
Friday	• Rest Day			
Saturday Ride Duration: 1 Hr 45 Min	 Ride a hilly route Maintain a high rpm of 80 (or higher) while climbing 	Use your small chain ring while climbing	Spin up any climbsBring 1-2 bottles of water for this type of ride!	
Sunday Ride Duration: 60-75 Min	 Easy Z1/Z2 recovery ride Keep a light tension in your legs as you pedal 	 Work on your handling skills and practice turning corners with speed 	Work on your hand signalingPractice eating and drinking while cycling	

Training Plan

Welcome to the fourth week of the 2023 Ride Training Plan. Here's what you'll be focusing on this week:

- Aim to continue improving your fitness for cycling this week.
- Lock in your determination and discipline for training!
- Try to incorporate yoga or stretching 3 to 4 times this week.

Monday	• Rest Day			
Tuesday Ride Duration: 45 Min	Warm Up (10 Min at Z1)Steady Ride (10 Min at Z2)	Power Sprint (5Cool Down (10	5 x 2 Min at Z4/Z5 - 2 Min Easy Ride at Z1) Min)	
Wednesday Ride Duration: 45 Min	 Optional Rest Day Warm Up (5 Min)	Steady Ride (30 Min at Z2)Cool Down (5 Min)	Option to focus on strengthening your core with yoga	
Thursday Ride Duration: 60 Min	Warm Up (5 Min)Warm Up (10 Min. Finish at Z3)	 Power Sprint (3 x 15 Min. Z3 Effort for 5 Min) 	Recovery (Z1)Cool Down (5 Min)	
Friday	• Rest Day			
Saturday Ride Duration: 2 Hr	 Endurance Ride Try to incorporate some hills.	 Nutrition is key for longer rides. On av 30-75 grams of carbs per hour. Exper 	9	
Sunday Ride Duration: 75-90 Min	 Z2 Recovery Rde Work on maintaining 85 rpm or higher	 Practice your technical skills - signaling, cornering, and carrying speed is important 	 Be at one with your bike. Play with all your gears and understand the difference between them. 	

Training Plan

Welcome to the fifth week of the 2023 Ride Training Plan. Here's what you'll be focusing on this week:

- Riding with others can make cycling more exciting, so check out cycling clubs in your area.
- Spin class is an option this week.
- Stay on top of your stretching!

Monday	• Rest Day			
Tuesday	Strength/Hill Work RideWarm Up (15 Min)	Easy Ride (2 Min)Cool Down (10 Min)		
Ride Duration: 50 Min	• Power Sprint (6-8 x 2 Min at 70 rpm)	This ride promotes muscular health	n.	
Wednesday Ride Duration: 50 Min	Optional Rest DayWarm Up (5 Min)	Steady Ride (30 Min at Z2)Cool Down (5 Min)	Option to focus on strengthening your core with yoga	
Thursday Ride Duration: 60 Min	 Warm Up (5 Min) Build Up Heart Rate (10 Min) Power Sprint (5 x 4 Min at Z4/Z5) 	Easy Ride (3 Min at Z1)Cool Down (10-15 Min)	Get comfortable being uncomfortable during those 4-minute efforts!	
Friday	• Rest Day			
Saturday Ride Duration: 15 Min	Warm Up (15 Min)Steady Ride (1 Hour 45 min at Z2)Cool Down (15 Min)		r stress levels, connect with friends, increase I help you to sustain power over longer efforts	
Sunday Ride Duration: 90 Min	• Feel Good Recovery Ride		route that you'll be on at The Ride to Conquer stand the terrain and road conditions.	

Training Plan

Welcome to the sixth week of the 2023 Ride Training Plan. Here is what you'll be focusing on this week:

- Strength and hill work. Feel the burn!
- This week, let all that hard work from the last few weeks absorb into your cells.

Monday	• Rest Day			
Tuesday Ride Duration: 50 Min	Strength/Hill Work RideWarm Up (15 Min)	Power Sprint (6-8 x 2 Min at 70 rpm)Easy Ride (2 Min)	Cool Down (10 Min)Promotes muscular health	
Wednesday Ride Duration: 50 Min	Optional Rest DayWarm Up (5 Min)	Steady Ride (30 Min at Z2)Cool Down (5 Min)	Option to focus on strengthening your core with yoga	
Thursday Ride Duration: 60 Min	Optional Rest DayWarm Up (5 Min)	Warm Up (10 Min. Finish at Z3)Power Sprint (2 x 15 Min at Z3)	Recovery (5 Min at Z1)Cool Down (5 Min)	
Friday	Rest Day			
Saturday Ride Duration: 1 Hr 45 Min - 2 Hr	Today's ride is light, but it's still a workout!Maintain Z2	How are you feeling on these longer ride Take note of how you feel afterwards.	es? How is your recovery?	
Sunday Ride Duration: 60 Min	Feel Good Recovery RideRide with friends or family today	Stop by a coffee shop if you'd like!Post a picture on social media, and tagGood job this week!	@theride2conquer	

Training Plan

Welcome to the seventh week of the 2023 Ride Training Plan. Here's what you'll be focusing on this week:

- Continuing to build up your intensity.
- Training might be tough, but it will help you maintain a sustainable effort while you cycle
- Resisting short term fatigue will help you to raise your ceiling of fitness.

Monday	• Rest Day			
Tuesday	 Time Trial Tuesday! Warm Up (5 Min at Z1)	Steady Ride (10 Min at Z2)Power Sprint (3 x 6 Min at Z4)	Easy Ride (3 Min at Z1)Steady Ride (20 Min at Z2)	
Wednesday Ride Duration: 50 Min	Optional Rest DayWarm Up (5 Min)	Steady Ride (30 Min at Z2)Cool Down (5 Min)	Option to focus on strengthening your core with yoga	
Thursday Ride Duration: 60 Min	Z4 RideWarm Up (5 Min)Build Up Heart Rate (10 Min)	 Power Sprint (5 x 4 Min at Z4/Z5) Recovery (3 Min at Z1) Cool Down (10-15 Min) 	Get comfortable being uncomfortable during those 4-minute efforts!	
	• Rest Day			
Saturday Ride Duration: 2 Hr 30 Min	Endurance RideMake sure you are practicing good nutrition habits	Stay Hydrated: On hotter days, your fl may be higher than it is on cooler day.		
Sunday Ride Duration: 90 Min	Recovery RideCongrats on getting out as often as	you can for a double weekend of cycling. Watch	n your heart rate during long rides.	

Training Plan

Welcome to week eight of the 2023 Ride Training Plan. Here's what you'll be focusing on this week:

- Remember to maintain a positive mindset this week, even on the days that are more challenging.
- Pacing. Don't push too hard too early.
- Keep up the great work!

Monday	• Rest Day			
Tuesday	Strength/Hill Work RideWarm Up (15 Min)	Power Sprint (8 x 2 Min at 70 rpm)Easy Ride (2 Min)	 Cool Down (10 Min) This ride promotes muscular health	
Wednesday Ride Duration: 50 Min	Optional Rest DayWarm Up (5 Min)	Steady Ride (30 Min at Z2)Cool Down (5 Min)	Option to focus on strengthening your core with yoga	
Thursday Ride Duration: 60 Min	Aerobic RideWarm Up (5 Min)	Steady Ride (50 Min at Z2)Cool Down (5 Min)	 Be mindful of gears on aerobic rides. As you become stronger, harder gears will feel easier with time. 	
Friday	• Rest Day			
Saturday Ride Duration: 2 Hr 30 Min	Steady Ride (2 Hours 45 Min at Z2)Pacing is critical!	 Nutrition is key for longer rides. On average, you'll need between 30-75 grams of carbs per hour. Experiment to see what works for you. 	 Learn to hold back throughout the first hour, instead of pushing yourself too fast and fading out in the last hour 	
Sunday Ride Duration: 75-90 Min	Recovery RideTake a hilly ride today	 Let yourself get uncomfortable on climbs Aim to reach an HR of Z4 Carry your speed over the climbs, and rice 		

Training Plan

Welcome to week nine of the 2023 Ride Training Plan. Here's what you'll be focusing on this week:

- You have made it 2/3 of the way through training.
- If you are willing to do the work, you can have anything.
- Keep the focus going and take your rest seriously!

Monday	• Rest Day			
Tuesday	 Time Trial Tuesday! Warm Up (5 Min at Z1) Steady Ride (10 Min at Z2)	 Power Sprint (3 x 6 Min at Z4) Easy Ride (3 Min at Z1) Steady Ride (20 Min at Z2) 	• Feel those legs work!	
Wednesday Ride Duration: 50 Min	 Optional Rest Day Warm Up (5 Min)	Steady Ride (30 Min at Z2)Cool Down (5 Min)	Option to focus on strengthening your core with yoga	
Thursday Ride Duration: 60 Min	Endurance RideWarm Up (5 Min)	• Steady Ride (15 Min at Z2. Finish in Z3)	 Power Sprint (2 x 15 Min at Z3) Recovery (5 Min at Z1) Cool Down (5 Min) 	
Friday	• Rest Day			
Saturday Ride Duration: 3 Hr	Long Ride - 65 KMAim for a mix of terrain	Remember to spin up on hillsUse all of your gears to make your le	egs turn over faster	
Sunday Ride Duration: 75-90 Min	Recovery RideTake a hilly ride today	Let yourself get uncomfortable on climbsAim for an HR of Z4	 Carry your speed over the climbs, and ride and recover Use all your gears to get up any hill 	

Training Plan

Welcome to week ten of the 2023 Ride Training Plan. Here's what you'll be focusing on this week:

- Stay motivated! You have five more weeks to go.
- Think how far you have come!
- Remember: as the days get hotter, make sure to pack more fluids with you.

Monday	• Rest Day			
Tuesday	Time Trial Tuesday!Warm Up (5 Min at Z1)Steady Ride (10 Min at Z2)	 Power Sprint (2 x 8 Min at Z4) Easy Ride (8 Min at Z1) Steady Ride (20 Min at Z2) 	• Feel those legs work!	
Wednesday Ride Duration: 50 Min	Optional Rest DayWarm Up (5 Min)	Steady Ride (30 Min at Z2)Cool Down (5 Min)	 Option to focus on strengthening your core with yoga 	
Thursday Ride Duration: 75 Min	Endurance RideWarm Up (5 Min)	• Steady Ride (15 Min at Z2. Finish in Z3)	 Power Sprint (3 x 12 Min at Z3) Recovery (4 Min at Z1) Cool Down (5 Min) 	
Friday	Rest Day			
Saturday Ride Duration: 3 Hr	 Long Ride - 75 KM You are pushing up into the higher KM mark on these rides 	 Note how you are feeling, and the fu You may face some discomfort - this 	nel that you need s is to be expected, as long as there is no pain!	
Sunday Ride Duration: 90 Min	Recovery RideGet out and ride with smooth petal strokes!	Sometimes you just need to get out	in order for your legs to warm up!	

Training Plan

Welcome to week eleven of the 2023 Ride Training Plan. Here's what you'll be focusing on this week:

- This week will help you with the finishing touches of your training.
- Remember: check up on your bike and go in for a tune up if needed.
- Hill Repeats will make you feel stronger on your bike, whether you use a trainer or a hill in your area with a 4-5% incline!

Monday	• Rest Day			
Tuesday Ride Duration: 70 Min	 Hill Repeats Warm Up (5 Min at Z1) Steady Ride (10 Min at Z2)	 Power Sprint (6 x 3 Min at low gear / rpm of 70) Recovery (2 Min) 	Cool Down (10 Min)Feel those legs working as you conquer that hill!	
Wednesday Ride Duration: 50 Min	Optional Rest DayWarm Up (5 Min)	Steady Ride (30 Min at Z2)Cool Down (5 Min)	 Option to focus on strengthening your core with yoga 	
Thursday Ride Duration: 75 Min	Fast Leg TrainingWarm Up (5 Min)	 Steady Ride (15 Min at Z2. Finish in Z3) Power Sprint (5 x 5 Min at Z4) 	Recovery (2 Min at Z2)Cool Down (10 Min)Feel the burn!	
Friday	• Rest Day			
Saturday Ride Duration: 3 Hr 3 Min	Long Ride - 80-90 KM4 weeks to go!	 A famous quote: "It never gets easier, Aim to eat and drink while cycling to p when you feel hungry 		
Sunday Ride Duration: 75-90 Min	Recovery RideTake a hilly ride today	Let yourself get uncomfortable on climbsAim for an HR of Z4	 Carry your speed over the climbs, and ride and recover Use all your gears to get up any hill 	

Training Plan

Welcome to week twelve of the 2023 Ride Training Plan. Here's what you'll be focusing on this week:

- Call ahead now if you plan on going into the shop for a final tune up. Bike shops can be busy in the summer.
- Make sure to finalize your nutritional needs on the bike, and think about clothing options.

Monday	• Rest Day			
Tuesday	Time Trial Tuesday!Warm Up (5 Min at Z1)	Steady Ride (10 Min at Z2)Power Sprint (2 x 10 Min at Z4)	Easy Ride (5 Min at Z1)Steady Ride (20 Min at Z2)	
Wednesday Ride Duration: 50 Min	Optional Rest DayWarm Up (5 Min)	Steady Ride (30 Min at Z2)Cool Down (5 Min)	Option to focus on strengthening your core with yoga	
Thursday Ride Duration: 75 Min	Endurance RideWarm Up (5 Min)	• Steady Ride (15 Min at Z2. Finish in Z3)	 Power Sprint (3 x 12 Min at Z3) Recovery (4 Min at Z1) Cool Down (5 Min) 	
Friday	• Rest Day			
Saturday Ride Duration: 3 Hr 30 Min+	 Long Ride - 100 KM Flat routes are delightful but make sure to include some hilly terrain into your ride today. 	Hills make you stronger, and better prepare you for the Ride ahead.	Today marks one of your longest training rides. Congratulations!	
Sunday Ride Duration: 75-120 Min	Recovery RidePick a flatter route today. Your body will thank you.	Nutrition while cycling is important. Two can leave you drained, so make sure you		

Training Plan

Welcome to week thirteen of the 2023 Ride Training Plan. Here's what you'll be focusing on this week:

• Hill Repeats will make you feel stronger on your bike, whether you use a trainer or a hill in your area with a 4-5% incline.

Monday	• Rest Day			
Tuesday Ride Duration: 70 Min	Hill RepeatsWarm Up (5 Min at Z1)Steady Ride (10 Min at Z2)	 Power Sprint (10 x 2 Min at low gear / rpm of 70) Recovery (2 Min) 	Cool Down (10 Min)Feel those legs working as you conquer that hill!	
Wednesday Ride Duration: 50 Min	Optional Rest DayWarm Up (5 Min)	Steady Ride (30 Min at Z2)Cool Down (5 Min)	Option to focus on strengthening your core with yoga	
Thursday Ride Duration: 75 Min	Endurance RideWarm Up (5 Min)	• Steady Ride (15 Min at Z2. Finish in Z3)	 Power Sprint (5 x 5 Min at Z4) Recovery (2 Min at Z2) Cool Down (10 Min) 	
Friday	• Rest Day			
Saturday Ride Duration: 3 Hr 30 Min	 Long Ride - 90 KM Think of this as a dress rehearsal for the Ride 			
Sunday Ride Duration: 75-90 Min	Recovery RideAdapt to being uncomfortable and learn to ride while fatigued.	 Mental focus is needed on long rides. Keep your pace easier than your Saturday ride. Don't ride hard on recovery days. 		

Training Plan

Welcome to week fourteen of the 2023 Ride Training Plan. Here's what you'll be focusing on this week:

- This is your last round of training for this incredible event!
- You have come so far. Be proud of your accomplishments!

Monday	• Rest Day			
Tuesday	Speedy Leg Training	• PS (2 Min) -> Easy Ride (2 Min)	• PS (2 Min) -> Easy Ride (2 Min)	
Ride Duration: 62 Min	• Warm Up (5 Min)	• PS (3 Min) -> Easy Ride (3 Min)	• PS (1 Min) -> Easy Ride (1 Min)	
PS = Power Sprint	Steady Ride (10 Min at Z2-Z3)PS (1 Min) -> Easy Ride (1 Min)	PS (4 Min) -> Easy Ride (4 Min)PS (3 Min) -> Easy Ride (3 Min)	• Cool Down (15 Min)	
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Wednesday	Optional Rest Day	• Steady Ride (30 Min at Z2)	Option to focus on strengthening	
Ride Duration: 50 Min	• Warm Up (5 Min)	• Cool Down (5 Min)	your core with yoga	
Thursday	Threshold Ride	Steady Ride (10 Min at Z3)	Steady Ride (5 Min at Z1)	
Ride Duration: 45 Min	Warm Up (5 Min at Z1)	Steady Ride (5 Min at Z1)	 Z3 helps with improved power on the 	
	• Steady Ride (10 Min at Z2)	• Steady Ride (10 Min at Z3)	bike, and sustained power when riding.	
Friday	• Rest Day			
Saturday	Hilly Terrain Ride - 60 KM	You are now in your taper phase	Let your body absorb all of the	
Ride Duration: 2 Hr	Dial back the distance and time today	Your training load will start to decrease	incredible work you have done.	
Sunday	Recovery Ride	Mental focus is needed during The Ride.		
Ride Duration: 90 Min	 Adapt to being uncomfortable 	You are almost there. Well done!		_

Training Plan

Welcome to week fifteen of the 2023 Ride Training Plan. Here's what you'll be focusing on this week:

- You made it! It is time for the big event. This is everything that you have been training for.
- Make sure to catch up on some sleep this week.
- Make sure that your bike is clean and ready to go
- Don't add anything else to your calendar

Monday	• Rest Day			
Tuesday Ride Duration: 50 Min	 Endurance / Fast Finish Warm Up (10 Min) Steady Ride (15 Min. End at Z2) 	 Power Sprint (3 x 4 Min at Z3. RPE 7) Easy Ride (2 Min at Z1) Cool Down (5 Min) 	 This ride will help you to keep the key in your ignition. Fire your legs up with a bit of work! 	
Wednesday	• Rest Day			
Thursday Ride Duration: 45 Min	 Sprints Warm Up (15 Min. Build up to Z3) Power Sprint (6 x 30 Sec at Z5) 	 Steady Ride (90 Sec at Z1) Steady Ride (25 Min) Well done! You have completed your training! 		
Friday	• Rest Day			
Saturday The Ride	It is finally the big day!Eat a good breakfast - high carbs, low fat	 Stay on top of your nutrition, and don't forget to eat 	 Take a sip of water every 15 minutes You have trained for this!	
Sunday The Ride	 How great are you feeling? Eat a good breakfast - high carbs, low fat	 You are now ready to tackle the last leg of your Ride! Stay on top of your nutrition, and don't forget to eat Take a sip of water every 15 minutes 		

HEART RATE ZONES



Zone	% of Max Heart Rate	Exertion Level	Description
Z5	90-100%	MAXIMUM	Developing max performance capacity and speed
Z4	80-90%	HARD	Increasing aerobic threshold and performance capacity
Z 3	70-80%	MODERATE	Improving aerobic fitness and muscle strength
Z2	60-70%	LIGHT	Building basic endurance and sustainability
Z1	50-60%	VERY LIGHT	Warming up, cooling down, and active recovery