

20-Week Intermediate Weight Loss Cycling Plan

20 weeks - 5 rides/week - RPE-based



THIS PLAN ASSUMES

EFFORT SYSTEM

Power zones (% FTP) + HR zones (% max HR)

WEEKLY HOURS

7h

RIDES / WEEK

5

PLAN OVERVIEW

Adaptation

Weeks 1-6 · 4-5h/week

Maximum adaptation time. Slowest ramp for sustainable habit building.

Build

Weeks 7-15 · 5-8h/week

Extended build with very gradual volume and intensity increases.

Consolidation

Weeks 16-18 · 6-8h/week

Maintain volume. Focus on nutrition habits and lifestyle integration.

Taper

Weeks 19-20 · 5-6h/week

Active recovery block. Sustainable maintenance level.

ADAPTATION

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week 1	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 45 min	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 40 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 45 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 75 min	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 40 min
Week 2	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 50 min	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 45 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 50 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 90 min	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 40 min
Week 3	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 55 min	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 50 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 55 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 105 min	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 40 min
Week 4	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 60 min	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 55 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 60 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 120 min	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 40 min
Week 5	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 65 min	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 60 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 65 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 135 min	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 40 min
Week 6	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 70 min	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 65 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 70 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 150 min	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 40 min

BUILD

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week 7	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 72 min	Endurance + 2x8min tempo @ 76-90% FTP / 71-80% HR 77 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 72 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 2.1h	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 45 min
Week 8	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 74 min	Endurance + 2x8min tempo @ 76-90% FTP / 71-80% HR 79 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 74 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 2.2h	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 45 min
Week 9	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 76 min	Endurance + 2x9min tempo @ 76-90% FTP / 71-80% HR 81 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 76 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 2.3h	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 45 min
Week 10	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 78 min	Endurance + 2x9min tempo @ 76-90% FTP / 71-80% HR 83 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 78 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 2.4h	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 45 min
Week 11	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Endurance + 2x10min tempo @ 76-90% FTP / 71-80% HR 85 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 2.5h	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 45 min
Week 12	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Endurance + 2x10min tempo @ 76-90% FTP / 71-80% HR 85 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 2.6h	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 45 min
Week 13	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 55 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 50 min	Rest -	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 90 min	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 35 min
Week 14	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Endurance + 2x11min tempo @ 76-90% FTP / 71-80% HR 85 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 2.8h	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 45 min
Week 15	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Endurance + 2x12min tempo @ 76-90% FTP / 71-80% HR 85 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 2.9h	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 45 min

CONSOLIDATION

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Week 16	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Endurance + 2x12min tempo @ 76-90% FTP / 71-80% HR 85 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 3.0h	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 45 min
Week 17	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Endurance + 2x13min tempo @ 76-90% FTP / 71-80% HR 85 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 3.0h	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 45 min
Week 18	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Endurance + 2x13min tempo @ 76-90% FTP / 71-80% HR 85 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 3.0h	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 45 min

TAPER

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week 19	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Endurance + 2x14min tempo @ 76-90% FTP / 71-80% HR 85 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 80 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 3.0h	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 45 min
Week 20	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 50 min	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 45 min	Rest -	Easy endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 45 min	Long endurance @ 56-75% FTP / 60-70% HR 90 min	Recovery @ 0-55% FTP / 0-59% HR 35 min