

# 8 WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM

**SUNDAY, 27 APRIL 2025** 

choose your challenge

WESTCYCLE



## 50KM RAPIDS CHALLENGE | 8 WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM

This training program is designed to help you prepare for the 50km Rapids Challenge.

#### **WEEK 1-3 GOAL**

Establish a solid fitness foundation to support future high-quality training.

We focus on building training volume first, then gradually introduce intensity as fitness improves.

MAR 3-9 Ride every second day of the week at an intensity of 7/10, or moderate intensity, so you can still talk to someone beside you. Aim to ride 1-1.5hrs each session for 3-4 sessions across the week.

MAR 10-16

As above, but increase the training volume by 10% this week. Aim for 3-4 sessions across the week.

MAR 17 - 23

As above yet aim to ride 1.5hrs a day or 10% more than the previous week. Aim for 3-4 sessions across the week.





TUES

Rest

DAY 4

Ride 1-1.5 hr 7/10 intensity

DAY 6

Ride 1-1.5 hr 7/10 intensity DAY 1

Ride 1-1.5 hr 7/10 intensity (You can still talk to someone)

DAY 3

WED

Rest

DAY 5

Rest

DAY 7

SUN

Rest



TUES

Rest

DAY 4

Ride 1-1.5 hr 7/10 intensity Increase by 10%

DAY 6

Ride 1-1.5 hr 7/10 intensity Increase by 10% DAY 1

Ride 1-1.5 hr 7/10 intensity Increase by 10%

DAY 3

WED

Rest

DAY 5

Rest

DAY 7

SUN



Ride 1 hr 8/10 intensity (You can still talk to someone)

DAY 2

TUES

DAY3

WED

DAY 4

Ride 1 hr 8/10 intensity DAY 5

FRI

DAY 6

SAT

DAY 7

Ride 1 hr 8/10 intensity



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#### WEEK 4-6 GOAL

Continue to build training volume, but introduce some intensity as the program progresses toward the final 2 week phase.

MAR 24 - 30 Ride every second day of the week for 1-1.5hrs at 7/10 pace. On two days complete the following 'interval set': after a warm up of 10-20mins, find a small hill, or headwind section of road, ride at 9/10 intensity for 2 mins, then recover at a VERY easy pace for 2 mins. Repeat 6 times.

MAR 31 – APR 6 Ride every second day of the week for 1-1.5hrs at 7/10 pace. On one day complete an interval the same as above, but up the volume to 10 intervals. This is one of the hardest sessions you will do! You've got this!

On one day ride for 2hrs in total at 7/10 pace.

**APR** 7 - 13

RECOVERY WEEK. After last week's exertions, ride every second day at 7/10 pace for just 1 hour, completing 3-4 sessions across the week.





Ride 1.5 hr 7/10 intensity

DAY 2

**TUES** 

DAY 3

Ride 1.5 hr 7/10 intensity Complete 6x 9/10 intensity intervals

DAY 4

THUR

DAY 5

Ride 1.5 hr 7/10 intensity

DAY 6

SAT

DAY 7

Ride 1.5 hr 7/10 intensity Complete 6x 9/10 intensity intervals



MON

DAY 2

Ride 1.5 hr 7/10 intensity DAY 3

WED

DAY 4

Ride 1.5 hr 7/10 intensity Complete 10x 9/10 intensity intervals DAY 5

FRI

DAY 6

Ride 2 hr 7/10 intensity DAY 7

SUN



Ride 1 hr 7/10 intensity

DAY 2

TUES

DAY3

WED

DAY 4

Ride 1 hr 7/10 intensity DAY 5

FRI

DAY 6

SAT

DAY 7

Ride 1 hr 7/10 intensity



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#### WEEK 7-8 GOAL

Final prep for the big event! Here we are seeking to replicate the event's challenging sections and overall duration.

APR 14 - 20 Ride every second day of the week for 1-1.5hrs at a 7/10 pace. On one day complete an interval set on a hill, or headwind as follows: 3mins riding at 9/10 pace, 3mins recovery. Repeat 5 times. On one day ride for 3hrs in total at 7/10 pace. Include 6 x 2min 9/10 efforts with 2mins recovery between during the ride.

APR 21 - 27 Taper into the event, consider reducing the training to just 1hr every second day during the week at 7/10 intensity. You've made it to Event Day - enjoy the Brigadoon Super Challenge!





MON

DAY 2

Ride 1.5 hr 7/10 intensity Complete 5x9/10 intensity intervals DAY 3

WED

DAY 4

THUR

DAY 5

Ride 1.5 hr 7/10 intensity

DAY 6

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Ride 3hrs 7/10 intensity Complete 6x9/10 intensity intervals DAY 7

SUN



MON

DAY 2

Ride 1 hr 7/10 intensity DAY3

WED

DAY 4

THUR

DAY 5

Ride 1 hr 7/10 intensity

DAY 6

SAT

DAY 7

EVENT DAY





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