QMT-50 - PLAN OVERVIEW



This plan consists of a basic outline to guide you in preparation for your upcoming trail event. You may adapt it according to your current abilities, experience, specific needs and reality. Don't forget progression and being constant are key, as well as is respecting the zones indicated in this plan. Trail outings, versus road outings, will be integrated to the plan as weeks go by. Outings are planned in terms of time and consider the average time to complete the chosen event. You may need to adjust the duration of your outing depending on your abilities and personal estimated time to complete the course. If you feel you need more personalized planning, tips or follow-ups to your training, Tout.Trail coaches can help you with that.

Naming convention:

- Zones (V1 to V5): Polarized training is a way of organizing a training plan in which most of the training stress occurs at low or high intensity, in zones 1 and 2, coupled with intensity blocks. What each training zone represent are explained at the following page.
- Cross-training and rest days: These days are strategically planned to balance training stress with recovery time. Don't forget resting is a part of training. Cross-training can also be applied to limit impacts on the body while staying active.
- Shock weekends (WEC): A "shock weekend" in trail running is a period of two to three days during which an athlete significantly intensifies their running training. The duration of outings is limited to allow better recovery and avoid over-fatigue. These outings should be done consecutively and in the suggested order, wherever possible.



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Training zones

Speed	% MAS	Breathing Capacity	Perceived Effort Level
V1	50-70%	Easy	1-3/10
V2	70-78%	Hard to speak a full sentence	3-5/10
V3	78-76%	Hard to speak 3 consecutive words	5-6/10
V4	86-94%	Hard to talk	7-8/10
V5	94-102%	Impossible to talk	9-10/10



Training should be enjoyable. Respect your body and its limits, and don't hesitate to consult a health professional should you experience any pain or discomfort along the way.

MARCH 2025



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
						Long trail run: 1h30 V1	45 min V1-2 (road trail)	Notes
1	Rest or cross 03 training (swimming, bike,)	04 35 min V1	Speed work: 20 min V1, 5x 1 min V4 1 min easy, 15 min V1	06 35-45 min V1 hilly road or trail	Rest or cross 07 training (swimming, bike,)	08 Long trail run 1h45 V1 Party D+ MSA	50 min V1-2 (road or trail) End with 5x30 sec fast (V4-5) 30 sec easy	Start training gradually if you've been hibernating over the winter!
2	Rest or cross 10 training (swimming, bike,)	40 min V1	Speed work: 20 min V1, 10x 1 min V4 1 min easy, 15 min V1	40-50 min V1 hilly road or trail	Rest or cross 14 training (swimming, bike,)	Long trail run 2h V1	55 min V1-2 (road or trail) End with 5x45 sec (V4-5) fast 45 sec easy	Training goals
3	Rest or cross training (swimming, bike,)	18 45 min V1	Speed work: 15 min V1, 15x 1 min V4 1 min easy, 15 min V1	20 50-60 min V1 hilly road or trailtrail	Rest or cross training (swimming, bike,)	22 Long trail run: 2h30 V1	23 1h V1-2 (road or trail) End with 5x45 sec fast (V4-5) 45 sec easy	Aim to climb 2000 to 3000m in March. Increase elevation
4	Rest or cros 24 training (swimming, bike,)	25 20 min V1	26 Speed work: 15 min V1, 5x 1 min V4 1 min easy, 10 min V1	27 30 min V1 hilly road or trail	Rest or cros 28 training (swimming, bike,)	29 Long trail run: 1h30 V1	40 min V1-2 (road or trail) End with 5x1 min fast (V4-5) 30 sec rest	gradually. Remember to do 1 or 2 strengthening sessions a week!

APRIL 2025



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5	Rest or cross 31 training (swimming, bike,)	01 40 min V1	Speed work: 10 min V1, 5 min V3, 1 min easy, 3x 2min V4 1 min easy, 5 min V3, 10 min V1	45-55 min V1 hilly road or trail	Rest or cross 04 training (swimming, bike,)	05 Long trail run: 2h V1	1h V1-2 (road or trail) End with 5x1 min fast (V4-5) 30 sec easy
6	Rest or cross 07 training (swimming, bike,)	08 45 min V1	Speed work: 10 min V1, 8 min V3, 1 min easy, 4x 2min V4 1 min easy, 8 min V3, 10 min V1	50-60 min V1 hilly road or trail	Rest or cross 11 training (swimming, bike,)	Long trail run: 2h30 V1	1h10 V1-2 (road or trail) End with 6x1 min fast (V4-5) 30 sec easy
7	Rest or cross training (swimming, bike,)	15 50 min V1	Speed work: 10 min V1, 10 min V3, 1 min easy, 5x 2min V4 1 min easy, 10 min V3, 10 min V1	1h - 1h10 V1 hilly road or trail	Rest or cross training (swimming, bike,)	Long trail run 3h V1	20 1h15 V1-2 (road or trail) End with 7x1 min fast (V4-5) 30 sec easy
8	Rest or cross 21 training (swimming, bike,)	22 25 min V1	23 Speed work: 10 min V1, 2x10 min V3, 1 min easy, 10 min V1	24 35 min V hilly road or trail	Rest or cross 25 training (swimming, bike,)	26 Long trail run: 1h30 V1	27 45 min V1-2 (road or trail)
9	Rest or cross training (swimming, bike,)	29 40 min V1	Speed work: 15 min V1, 8x 2 min up hill V4 - down hill easy, 15 min V1				
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Notes

Spring training can be tough. Respect the trails an opt for dirt roads if conditions aren't conductive to trail running.

Training goals

Breathe through your nose and aim for 3000 to 4000m of positive altitude gain in April.

Keep up your weight training.

MAY 2025



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THRUSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
9				50-60 min V1 hilly road or	Rest or cross 02 training (swimming,	03 Long trail run: 2h30 V1	1h V1-2 (road or trail) End with 5x1 min fast (V4-5) 30 sec easy	Notes	
10	Rest or cross training (swimming, bike,)	06 45 min V1	Speed work: 15 min V1, 10x 2 min up hill V4- down hill easy, 15 min V1	trail 08 1h15-1h30 V1 hilly road or trail	Rest or cross 09 training (swimming, bike,)	Long trail run: 3h V1	11 1h15 V1-2 (road or trail) End with 6x1 min fast (V4-5) 30 sec easy	Think about gearing your train more specifically to the terrain which you'll be running at QMT: roots and positive gradient.	
11	Rest or cross 12 training (swimming, bike,)	13 50 min V1	Speed work: 15 min V1, 15x 2 min up hill V4 - down hill easy, 15 min V1	Rest	16 WEC day 1: 1h30 V1-2 trail	17 WEC day 2: 3h30 V1-2 trail	18 WEC day 3 2h V1-2 trail	Training goals	
12	Rest or cross 19 training (swimming, bike,)	20 25 min V1	Rest	22 45 min V1 hilly road or trail	Rest or cross 23 training (swimming, bike,)	24 Long trail run: 2h V1	25 1h V1-2 (road or trail) End with 4x1 min fast (V4-5) 30 sec easy	First WEC planned! Have fun and testing your equipment and nutron Aim for 5,000 to 6,000m of pos	
13	Rest or cross 26 training (swimming, bike,)	27 45 min V1	28 Speed work: 20 min V1, 12x 30 sec V5 30 sec easy, 20 min V1	29 1h-1h10 V1 hilly road or trail	Rest or cross 30 training (swimming, bike,)	Long trail run 3h30 V1		altitude gain in May. Reduce of training if necessary. Test numerical during the WEC and during loo outings.	
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13							1h15 V1-2 (road or	Note
13							trail) End with 8x1 min fast (V4-5) 30 sec easy	Start getting used to time your race will st
14	Rest or cross training (swimming, bike,)	03 50 min V1	Q4 Speed work: 20 min V1, 17x 30 sec V5 30 sec easy, 20 min V1	1h10-1h20 V1 hilly road or trail	Rest or cross training (swimming, bike,)	07 Long trail run: 4h30 V1	08 1h30 V1-2 (road or trail) End with 8x1 min fast (V4-5) 30 sec easy	the QMT-50). This will to get accustomed to especially if you ten often in the afterno
15	Rest or cross training (swimming, bike,)	10 55 min V1	Speed work: 20 min V1, 20x 30 sec V5 30 sec easy, 20 min V1	Rest	13 WEC day 1: 2h V1-2 trail	14 WEC day 2: 5h V1-2 trail	15 WEC day 3 3h V1-2 trail	Training
16	Rest	17 30 min V1	18 Speed work: 15 min V1, 7x 2 min V4 1 min easy, 5x 30 sec V5 30 sec easy, 10 min V1	50-60 min V1 hilly road trail	Rest or cross training (swimming, bike,)	Last long trail run: 4h V1-2	22 1h V1-2 (road or trail) End with 5x1 min fast (V4-5) 30 sec easy	Aim for 6000 to 800 altitude gain
17	Rest or cross training (swimming, bike,)	40 min V1	25 Speed work: 15 min V1, 5x 2 min V4 1 min easy, 5x 30 sec V5 30 sec easy, 10 min V1	45 min V1 hilly road or trail	Rest or cross training (swimming, bike,)	28 Long trail run : 1h30	29 1h V1-2 (road or trail) End with 5x1 min fast (V4-5) 30 sec easy	Continue to equipment and of the continue to equipment and of the continue to expense the continue to

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JULY 2025



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THRUSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
18	Rest or cross 30 training (swimming, bike,)	40 min V1	Speed work: 10 min V1, 5x 2 min V4 1 min easy, 10 min V1	03 Rest	Shake out run: 10 min V1, 5x 30 sec V5 30 sec easy, 10 min V1	O5 QC MEGA TRAIL	06 Repos	Notes Time for viewalization. Disturbations of
	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	Time for visualization. Picture yourself smiling at the start and then, with the same smile at the finish line.
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Training goals
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Focus on sleep, nutrition and recovery leading up to the race. Take in all the efforts you've made.
	28	29	30	31				Enjoy your race, be proud of yourself and give it your all.