

# WELCOME RIDERSE YOUR TRAINING PLAN 

(ongratulations on being selected to participate in Life Time UNBOUND Gravel. Life Time UNBOUND Gravel is a challenging event, but the reward of crossing the finish line in downtown Emporia is like no other. This training plan is designed to help you get to the start line physically prepared for the challenges ahead.

## HERE ARE A FEW TIPS FOR USING THIS GUIDE

1. Customize the workouts to fit your schedule. Shorten the workouts if necessary or swap workouts throughout the week to fit into your life.
2. Consistency is key in training for Life Time UNBOUND Gravel. Even if you can't follow all the workouts perfectly, stay focused on riding consistently throughout the Spring.
3. Each workout provides a suggested ride time rather than miles to help you fit these rides into your daily schedule.
4. Come into this plan having already established a consistent riding routine.

You can start from zero with this plan, but you'll see bigger results if you already have strong base fitness.
5. Have fun and stay positive! You're already on track to success by following a plan!


## FINDING YOUR TRAINING ZONES

## FTP AND FTHR ZONES

FTP is your Functional Threshold Power and your FTHR is your Functional Threshold Heart Rate. If you have a power meter or a heart rate monitor, perform an FTP or FTHR test to determine your zones:
A) Warm up well. Then ride for 20 minutes as hard as you can and record your average power or heart rate for that 20-minute segment.
B) Determine your FTP by taking $95 \%$ of your 20-minute power average. Use this number to determine your zones by using the percentages below.
C) Determine your FTHR by taking your average heart rate from the 20-minute effort and using this number to determine your zones by using the percentages below.

## PERCEIVED EXERTION

Perceived Exertion is based on a scale of $1-10$ with 1
being very easy spinning and 10 being a short, all-out sprint. Most Life Time UNBOUND Gravel training occurs between a zone of 2 and 4 due to the nature of this long gravel event. If you don't have a power meter or heart rate monitor, use the Perceived Exertion
ranges below that correspond with each training zone.

| ZONE | DESCRIPTION | PERCEIVED EXERTION | POWER ZONES | HEART RATE ZONES | UR POWER OR HEART RATE ZONES |
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| 1 | Active Recovery | $<2$ | < $55 \%$ | < 68\% |  |
| 2 | Endurance | 2-3 | 55-75\% | 69-83\% |  |
| 3 | Tempo | 3-4 | 75-90\% | 84-94\% |  |
| 4 | Threshold | 4-5 | 90-105\% | 95-105\% |  |
| 5 | VO2 Max | 6-7 | 105-120\% | 106-110\% |  |
| 6 | Sprint | 7+ | > 120\% | > $111 \%$ |  |

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## GOALS/TIPS \& TRICKS

ach workout in Your Garmin Guide Training Plan for Life Time UNBOUND Gravel provides efforts or intervals at different intensity levels. These zones range from 1 - 6 . You can determine your zone efforts several different ways.
## GOAL SETTINGS

Set your intentions for the season. Pick three training or race goals that you can focus on while training for Life Time UNBOUND Gravel and write them below:

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## NUTRITION \& HYDRATION

Practice your nutrition and hydration race plan during training. Decide what and how much to eat and drink each hour to keep you body topped up. Remember that Life Time UNBOUND Gravel can be very hot, so plan accordingly.

## FOODS

## DRINK

## EQUIPMENT CHECK

Make sure your bike is in great working condition. Schedule an appointment with your local bike shop for a tune-up several weeks before UNBOUND. That way, you can hit the start line feeling confident in both your training and your equipment.

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 DAY OFF | 2 ZONE 3 EFFORTS 3HR 30MIN <br> - 30 min warm up <br> - $2 \times 15$ min Zone 3 <br> - 10 min easy between <br> - $3 \times 10$ min Zone 3 <br> -5 min easy between <br> - Cool down Zone 2 | CHOICE RIDE $3 \mathrm{HR}$ <br> Fun ride of your choice. Group ride, mountain bike ride, gravel ride. Get out and enjoy your day. |
| 4 | DAY OFF |  | 5X5 MIN ZONE 4 1HR 30MIN <br> - 30 min warm up <br> - $5 \times 5 \mathrm{~min}$ Zone 4 <br> - 4 min easy between <br> - Cool down Zone 2 |  | 2X20 MIN ZONE 3 1HR 30MIN - 20 min warm up $-2 \times 20 \mathrm{~min}$ Zone 3 <br> -10 min easy between <br> - Cool down Zone 2 | 7 | DAY OFF | 8 <br> 2X10 MIN SWEET SPOT 1HR 30MIN <br> -30 min warm up - $2 \times 10$ min High Zone 3 - 5 min easy between <br> - Cool down Zone 2 | 9 <br> ZONE 3 LONG EFFORTS 4HRS <br> -30 min warm up <br> - 1x30 min Zone 3 <br> -15 min easy between <br> - $2 \times 20 \mathrm{~min}$ Zone 3 <br> -10 min easy between <br> - $3 \times 10 \mathrm{~min}$ Zone 3 <br> -5 min easy between <br> - Cool down Zone 2 | CHOICERIDE 2HRS <br> Fun ride of your choice. Group ride, mountain bike ride, gravel ride. Get out and enjoy your day. |
| 11 | DAY OFF <br> - Rest Week | 12 | $\begin{gathered} \text { EASY RIDE } \\ \text { 1HR } \\ \text { - Easy Zone } 1 \text { Ride } \end{gathered}$ |  | BASE RIDE 1HR - Steady Zone 2 Ride |  | 5X5 MIN ZONE 3 1HR 30MIN <br> - 30 min warm up <br> - $5 \times 5 \mathrm{~min}$ Zone 3 <br> -3 min easy between <br> - Cool down Zone 2 | 15 DAY OFF | 16 $\begin{aligned} & \text { BASE RIDE } \\ & 2 \mathrm{HR} \end{aligned}$ <br> - Steady Zone 2 Ride | 17 <br> CHOICE RIDE 1HR <br> Fun ride of your choice. Group ride, mountain bike ride, gravel ride. Get out and enjoy your day. |
| 18 | DAY OFF |  | 4X4 MIN ZONE 4 1HR 30MIN <br> - 30 min warm up <br> - $4 \times 4 \mathrm{~min}$ Zone 4 <br> -3 min easy between <br> - Cool down Zone 2 |  | 2X10 MIN SWEET SPOT 1HR 30MIN - 30 min warm up - $2 \times 10$ min High Zone 3 - 5 min easy between <br> - Cool down Zone 2 | 21 | BASE RIDE 1HR <br> - Steady Zone 2 | 22 DAY OFF | 23 3X20 MIN SWEET SPOT 4HR <br> -60 min warm up - $3 \times 20$ min High Zone 3 <br> - 10 min easy between <br> - Cool down Zone 2 | 24 CHOICE RIDE $2 \mathrm{HR}$ <br> Fun ride of your choice. Group ride, mountain bike ride, gravel ride. Get out and enjoy your day. |
| 25 | DAY OFF | 26 | 6X1 MIN ZONE 5 1HR 30MIN <br> - 30 min warm up <br> - $6 \times 1 \mathrm{~min}$ Zone 5 <br> -2 min easy between <br> -10 min easy riding $-6 \times 1 \mathrm{~min}$ Zone 5 <br> -2 min easy between <br> - Cool down Zone 2 |  | 2X15 MIN ZONE 3 <br> 1HR 30MIN <br> - 30 min warm up <br> - $2 \times 15 \mathrm{~min}$ Zone 3 <br> - 10 min easy between <br> - Cool down Zone 2 | 28 | BASE RIDE 1HR - Steady Zone 2 | 29 DAY OFF | 30 <br> 4X15 MIN SWEET SPOT 5HR <br> - 60 min warm up - $4 \times 15 \mathrm{~min}$ High Zone 3 <br> - 10 min easy between <br> - Cool down Zone 2 | 31 <br> CHOICE RIDE 2HR <br> Fun ride of your choice. Group ride, mountain bike ride, gravel ride. Get out and enjoy your day. |

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## APRIL 2024



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| - 30 min warm up |
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| - 3x1 min Zone 4 |
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| - Cool down Zone 2 | \& \& RACE SIMULATION * 120-140 MILES SEE BELOW \& 5 \& DAY OFF <br>

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| 1HR 30MIN |
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| -30 sec easy between |
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| - Steady Zone 2 Ride | \& \& | CHOICE RIDE |
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| - Steady Zone 2 | \& \& | 9 PRERACE BUMP 1HR |
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| - 20 min warm up - $2 \times 2 \mathrm{~min}$ Zone 3 |
| -2 min easy between - $3 \times 1 \mathrm{~min}$ Zone 4 |
| -2 min easy between $-2 \times 30 \mathrm{sec}$ Zone 5 - 2 min easy |
| - Cool down Zone 2 | \& \multicolumn{4}{|r|}{| Find a route or loop with rolling hills that simulates UNBOUND. Set up your "checkpoint" with extra hydration and nutrition to resupply after each loop. |
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| Ride for approximately 40-50 miles before stopping at your checkpoint to resupply your food and drink. |} \& \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{| Repeat the loop or choose another 40-50 mile route before stopping to resupply again. |
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| Ride your goal race pace or effort to practice. Recover well after this race simulation! |} <br>

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