LIFETIME® Unbound " GRAVEL

YOUR GARMIN GUIDE 50 TRAINING PLAN

WELCOME RIDERS! YOUR TRAINING PLAN

Congratulations 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	YOUR POWER OR HEART RATE ZONES
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%	

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:

1		
2		
3		

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.

TUNE-UP DATE

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FEBRUARY 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
19 EASY RIDE 1HR - Zone 1 Ride	20 2X10 MIN ZONE 3 1HR 30MIN - 30 min warm up - 2x10 min Zone 3 - 5 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	21 DAY OFF	22 BASE RIDE 1HR - Steady Zone 2	23 DAY OFF	24 2X20 MIN ZONE 3 2HR - 30 min warxm up - 2x20 min Zone 3 - 10 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	26 CHOICE RIDE 1HR Fun ride of your choice. Group ride, mountain bike ride, gravel ride. Get out and enjoy your day.
26 DAY OFF	27 4X4 MIN SWEET SPOT 1HR 30MIN - 30 min warm up - 4x4 min High Zone 3 - 3 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	28 DAY OFF	29 BASE RIDE 1HR - Steady Zone 2			CADMIN

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MARCH 2024

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1 DAY OFF	2 ZONE 3 EFFORTS 2HR 30MIN - 30 min warm up - 2x15 min Zone 3 - 10 min easy between - 2x10 min Zone 3 - 5 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	3 CHOICE RIDE 1HR Fun ride of your choice. Group ride, mountain bike ride, gravel ride. Get out and enjoy your day.
4	DAY OFF	5 5X5 MIN ZONE 4 1HR 30MIN - 30 min warm up - 5x5 min Zone 4 - 4 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	6 DAY OFF	 7 1X20 MIN ZONE 3 1HR 15MIN 20 min warm up 1x20 min Zone 3 10 min easy between Cool down Zone 2 	8 DAY OFF	9 ZONE 3 LONG EFFORTS 3HRS - 30 min warm up - 1x30 min Zone 3 - 15 min easy between - 2x20 min Zone 3 - 10 min easy between - 2x10 min Zone 3 - 5 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	10 CHOICE RIDE 1HR Fun ride of your choice. Group ride, mountain bike ride, gravel ride. Get out and enjoy your day.
11	DAY OFF - Rest Week	12 EASY RIDE 1HR - Easy Zone 1 Ride	13 DAY OFF	14 5X5 MIN ZONE 3 1HR 30MIN - 30 min warm up - 5x5 min Zone 3 - 3 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	15 DAY OFF	16 BASE RIDE 1HR - Steady Zone 2	17 CHOICE RIDE 1HR Fun ride of your choice. Group ride, mountain bike ride, gravel ride. Get out and enjoy your day.
18	DAY OFF	19 BASE RIDE 1HR 30MIN - Steady Zone 2	20 DAY OFF	21 2X10 MIN SWEET SPOT 1HR 15MIN - 20 min warm up - 2x10 min High Zone 3 - 5 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	22 DAY OFF	23 3X20 MIN SWEET SPOT 3HR - 60 min warm up - 3x20 min High Zone 3 - 10 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	24 CHOICE RIDE 1HR 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 - 30 min warm up - 6x1 min Zone 5 -2 min easy between -10 min easy riding - 6x1 min Zone 5 -2 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	27 DAY OFF	28 BASE RIDE 1HR - Steady Zone 2	29 DAY OFF	30 4X15 MIN SWEET SPOT 3HR 30MIN - 30 min warm up - 4x15 min High Zone 3 - 10 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	31 CHOICE RIDE 1HR Fun ride of your choice. Group ride, mountain bike ride, gravel ride. Get out and enjoy your day.

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	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	DAY OFF	2 BASE RIDE 1HR - Steady Zone 2	3 DAY OFF	4 3X10 MIN ZONE 4 1HR 30MIN - 20 min warm up - 3x10 min Zone 4 - 10 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	5 DAY OFF	6 ZONE 3 LADDER 3HR - 30 min warm up - 1x30 min Zone 3 - 10 min easy - 2x15 min Zone 3 - 10 min easy between - 3x10 min Zone 3 - 5 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	7 CHOICE RIDE 1HR Fun ride of your choice. Group ride, mountain bike ride, gravel ride. Get out and enjoy your day.
8	DAY OFF - Rest Week	9 EASY RIDE 1HR - Easy Zone 1 Ride	10 DAY OFF	11 5X5 MIN ZONE 3 1HR 30 MIN - 30 min warm up - 5x5 min Zone 3 - 3 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	12 DAY OFF	13 BASE RIDE 1HR - Steady Zone 2	14 CHOICE RIDE 1HR Fun ride of your choice. Group ride, mountain bike ride, gravel ride. Get out and enjoy your day.
15	DAY OFF	16 5X90 SEC ZONE 5 1HR 30MIN - 30 min warm up - 5x90 sec Zone 5 - 2 min easy between - 10 min easy rounds - 5x90 sec Zone 5 - 2 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	17 DAY OFF	18 5X5 MIN ZONE 4 1HR 15MIN - 20 min warm up - 5x5 min Zone 4 - 5 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	19 DAY OFF	20 ZONE 3 EFFORTS 4HR - 30 min warm up - 1x20 min Zone 3 - 10 min easy between - 2x15 min Zone 3 - 8 min easy between - 3x10 min Zone 3 - 5 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	21 CHOICE RIDE 1HR Fun ride of your choice. Group ride, mountain bike ride, gravel ride. Get out and enjoy your day.
22	DAY OFF	23 3X10 MIN ZONE 4 1HR 30MIN - 30 min warm up - 3x10 min Zone 4 - 10 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	24 DAY OFF	25 BASE RIDE 1HR - Steady Zone 2	26 DAY OFF	27 2X20 MIN ZONE 3 2HR - 60 min warm up - 2x20 min Zone 3 - 10 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	28 CHOICE RIDE 1HR Fun ride of your choice. Group ride, mountain bike ride, gravel ride. Get out and enjoy your day.
29	DAY OFF	30 5X5 MIN ZONE 4 1HR 30MIN - 30 min warm up - 5x5 min Zone 4 - 5 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2					



MAY 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1 DAY OFF	2 BASE RIDE 1HR - Steady Zone 2	3 PRE "RACE" RIDE 1HR - 30 min warm up - 3x1 min Zone 3 - 2 min easy between - 10 min build from Iow Zone 3 to mid Zone 4 - 3x1 min Zone 4 - 2 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	4 RACE SIMULATION * 40-50 MILES SEE BELOW	5 DAY OFF
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13 DAY OFF	14 8X30 SEC ZONE 5 1HR 30MIN - 30 min warm up - 8x30 sec Zone 5 - 30 sec easy between -10 min easy riding - 8x30 sec Zone 5 - 30 sec easy between - Cool down Zone 2	15 DAY OFF	16 BASE RIDE 1HR - Steady Zone 2	17 DAY OFF	18 2X20 MIN ZONE 3 2HR - 60 min warm up - 2x20 min Zone 3 - 10 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2	19 CHOICE RIDE 1HR Fun ride of your choice. Group ride, mountain bike ride, gravel ride. Get out and enjoy your day.
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27 DAY OFF	28 BASE RIDE 1HR - Steady Zone 2	29 PRE RACE BUMP 1HR - 20 min warm up - 2x2 min Zone 3 - 2 min easy between - 3x1 min Zone 4 - 2 min easy between - 2x30 sec Zone 5 - 2 min easy - Cool down Zone 2	Find a route or loop with rollin Practice eating and drinkir and hydration drink you plan c Use the same equipment y	MULATION g hills that simulates UNBOUND. ng while riding. Use the same food on using at UNBOUND . ou plan on using at UNBOUND orts/bibs, top/jersey, and shoes.	Make sure these are comfortable needed after this ride. Ride your goal race pace or eff after this big effort!	

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JUNE 2024

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1. Stay relaxed while riding	. The more relaxed you are, t	he easier it will be to			Zone 3 to mid Zone 4 - 3x1 min Zone 4	plan! Have fun!		
navigate your bike on Life 7	Fime UNBOUND gravel. Tak	e a deep breath if you feel			- 2 min easy between - Cool down Zone 2			

2. Practice riding near other riders. The more comfortable you are riding close to other riders, the more fun you can have out on course. Get to know your fellow cyclists and help encourage each other to the finish.

yourself tensing up.

3. Keep your eyes up and look ahead for potential obstacles. Be prepared to slow down for water crossings or extremely chunky sections of road.

4. Plan ahead when approaching hills and be ready to shift to an easier gear just before you reach the hill. Practice shifting on different grades during training so you're ready for the Flint Hills at UNBOUND.



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