

XTERRA Wellington Multisport Festival

XTERRA Short Course Triathlon Training Plan

WELLINGTON FESTIVAL

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	9 December Swim - 500m	10 Cycle - 30min (Speed)	11 Swim - 500m Run Hills - 3km	12 Cycle - 30min (Hills)	13 REST DAY	14 Cycle - 1hr30	15 Run - 30min
	16 Swim - 500m	17 Cycle - 45min (Speed)	18 Swim - 800m Run Hills - 4km	19 Cycle - 30min (Hills)	20 REST DAY	21 Cycle - 1hr30 + 5min Run	22 Run - 40min
3	23 Swim - 800m	24 Cycle - 45min (Speed)	25 Swim - 1000m Run Hills - 5km	26 Cycle - 45min (Hills)	27 REST DAY	28 Cycle - 2hr + 10min Run	29 Run - 50min
	30 Swim - 800m	31 Cycle - 30min (Easy)	1 January Swim - 800m Run Easy - 4km	2 Cycle - 45min (Hills)	3 REST DAY	4 Cycle - 1hr30	5 Run - 50min
5	6 Swim - 1000m	7 Cycle - 45min (Speed)	8 Swim - 1300m Run Intervals - 5km	9 Cycle - 1hr (Hills)	10 REST DAY	11 Cycle - 2hr + 15min Run	12 Run - 1hr
	13 Swim - 1300m	14 Cycle - 1hr (Speed)	15 Swim - 1300m Run Intervals - 6km	16 Cycle - 1hr (Hills)	17 REST DAY	18 MTB - 1 lap Run - 1 laps	19 Lake Swim MTB or Run - 1 lap
7	20 Swim - 1500m	21 Cycle - 1hr (Speed)	22 Swim - 1500m Run Intervals - 6km	23 Cycle - 1hr (Hills)	24 REST DAY	25 RACE SIM: Swim - 500m Cycle - 1 lap, Run - 1 lap	26 Cycle - 1hr30
	27 Swim - 1500m	28 Cycle - 45min (Easy)	29 Swim - 1300m Run Easy - 3km	30 REST DAY	31 Cycle - 20min Run - 10min	1 February RACE DAY!!	2

This 8-week training plan is suited to helping a newbie finish their very first XTERRA Wellington Short Course Triathlon.

- To start this training plan, it is recommended that you have trained 2-4 hours per week for the past 6 weeks prior.
- There are 8 training sessions per week with an average training volume of 4 to 7 hours per week.
- Prior to commencing please ensure you are in good physical health and have had your mountain bike serviced - always wear a helmet on the bike!

Training Notes:

Pool Swimming - incorporate swim drills & intervals.

- swapping for the occasional lake swim would be a great way to practice your sighting skills as well as your ability to swim continuously.

Cycling - depending on accessibility to trails, the assumption is that you will predominantly ride on the road. When you have the opportunity to ride on trail, do so.

- the more you ride on the actual course the better.

- speed: incorporate 2-4 lots of 5min efforts in the middle of the ride.

- hills: go hard on every hill ascent and practice descending too, especially on the trails.

- weekend cycle: is at a slower pace, this is your endurance ride.

Running - trail is best due to its technical aspect.

- hills: option is either an undulating course or hill repeats with easy running pre and post.

- intervals: incorporate a fartlek set in the middle such as 3-2-1 min of effort with 1min recovery between each effort.

- Saturday run is directly after the cycle to get the legs accustomed to running off the bike.

- Sunday run: is at a slow pace, this is your endurance run.

MTB Course Reccie:

Not sure whether the XTERRA Short Course is for you? Download a copy of the course map to your phone and ride the course. This will give you a good idea as to the commitment you require to train, and ultimately complete this course. If you feel there are sections that are beyond your ability, do not despair – the more you ride the course the better you become. You may even want to consider signing up for a 1-on-1 session to work on technical skills – a lifelong investment toward your enjoyment of mountain biking.

Two Weeks Out:

Two weeks from race day is when your training load reaches a peak. This is a great time to complete your weekend sessions on the course, getting to know the finer details.

Race Simulation:

One week out from race day, train on the fully marked course with conditions as close to race day.

Environment:

The lakes and oceans we swim in and the trails we ride and run on are becoming fragile. This is our playground and we need to care for it. If you see any rubbish along the way, please pick it up. The rest of us will appreciate it.

If you have a particular goal in mind and require a more personalised approach to your training or plant-based nutrition, then please feel free to contact **Fitness Locker's** XTERRA-certified coach **Ben** at benjamin@fitnesslocker.co.nz or go to www.fitnesslocker.co.nz for more information about how we can help you achieve your sporting goals. Make sure you follow [Fitness Locker](#) on Facebook and [FitnessLocker](#) on Instagram for updates on upcoming XTERRA training camps.