10 Week Training Programme for Tour de Lakes

Training Programme interpretation:

Recovery Ride = For active recovery. Comprised of easy, flat rides in small gear at 50% effort or below

Endurance kms = For basic aerobic development - Comprised of longer, steady rides - 50-75% effort

Strength = For improving strength and power at lactate threshold – Comprised of big gear intervals, cadence 50-65 rpm – 60-90% effort

Tempo = For improving aerobic endurance. Comprising steady state intervals, cadence 85-105 rpm - 70-85% effort

V02 = For improving power at v02 max. Comprising of high intensity intervals at high cadence – 100-140rpm – 100% effort

Power Pole Sprints – for improving explosive power and ability to deal with pace change – Comprising of 100% sprint efforts, out of the seat, between two power poles. Leave 5 minutes between sprints

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1	SouthPort	Recovery	Wednesday	Rest Day	1 hour recovery ride	Saturday Club	Bunch ride 3 hours
Starting	Summer Crit	Ride 1 hour	Worlds		with 3 x power pole	Race: Gore to	Endurance kms
Feb 10	Series 1 at		6pm report for		sprints	Waikiwi Classic	
	Teretonga		a 6.30pm start			79km	
	OR		at Rimu School				
	2 hours with 2						
	x 10 minute						
	strength						
	intervals with						
	10 mins rest						
	between						
	efforts						
Week 2	Rest Day	2 hours	Wednesday	2 hours with 3 x 10	1 hour recovery ride	Saturday Club	Bunch ride 3 hours
Starting		with 2 x	Worlds	minute tempo		Race: Beast of the	Endurance kms
Feb 17		10min	6pm report for	efforts, 10 minutes		East Te Tipua	
		strength	a 6.30pm start	in between efforts		50km Handicap	
		intervals,	at Rimu School				
		10 minutes					
		between					
		efforts					

Week 3 Starting Feb 24	Southport Criterium Race 2 — Teretonga. 6pm report for a 6.30pm start.	Rest Day	Wednesday Worlds 6pm report for a 6.30pm start at Rimu School	2.5 hours with 3 x 10 minute tempos, with 10 minute between efforts	1.5 hour recovery ride with 5 x power pole sprints	Saturday Club Race: Myross Bush Graded Points Race	Bunch ride 3-4 hours Endurance kms
Week 4 Starting March 3	Rest Day	AGE GROUP TRACK CHAMPS If not racing on the track,	AGE GROUP TRACK CHAMPS OR 1.5 hours with 2 x 10 minute	AGE GROUP TRACK CHAMPS OR 2.5 hours with 10 x power pole sprints.	AGE GROUP TRACK CHAMPS Or Rest Day	AGE GROUP TRACK CHAMPS OR Bunch Ride or 2.5 hours tempo ride.	AGE GROUP TRACK CHAMPS OR Bunch Ride — Endurance ride 3+
		then 2 hours with Warm up, then 1 x 10min tempo, then 3 x 4 minute v02 efforts	tempo efforts, 10 min between.				hours
Week 5 Starting March 10	Rest Day	Recovery Ride 1 hour	Wednesday Worlds Wednesday Worlds 6pm report for a 6.30pm start at Rimu School	Recovery Ride 1.5 hours	Recovery Ride 1 hour	Saturday Club Race: Woodlands Circuit 64km	Criterium – Bill Richardson Drive AND 2 hour road ride – Endurance kms

Week 6 Starting March 17	Southport Criterium Series Race #3 - Teretonga. 6pm report for a 6.30pm start.	Rest Day	Wednesday Worlds Wednesday Worlds 6pm report for a 6.30pm start at Rimu School	Recovery Ride 1.5 hours	3.5 hours with 1 x 10min tempo then 5 x 5 minute vo2's with 5 minutes between efforts	Saturday Club Race: Browns Circuit 54km	Bunch ride 3-4 hours Endurance kms
Week 7 Starting March 24	Rest Day	2 hours with 3 x 10 minute tempo efforts with 10 minutes between efforts	Wednesday Worlds Wednesday Worlds 6pm report for a 6.30pm start at Rimu School	2 hours with 1 x 10 min tempo then 4 x 4 minute vo2's with 4 minutes between efforts	1 hour recovery ride	Saturday Club Race: Dipton West Handicap	2 hours with 1 x 10 min tempo and then 5 x 1 min Vo2's with 1 minute between
Week 8 Starting March 31	Southport Criterium Series Race #4 - Teretonga. 6pm report for a 6.30pm start.	Rest Day	Wednesday Worlds Wednesday Worlds 6pm report for a 6.30pm start at Rimu School	3 hour road ride with 1 x 10 min tempo then 5 x 4 minute vo2s with 4 minutes between efforts	Easy 1 hour road ride with 5 x power pole sprints	Southland Time Trial Champs	Southland Road Champs
Week 9 Starting April 7	Rest Day	2 hour ride with 5 x 1 minute vo2's with 1 minute between	2.5 hour with 1 x 10 minute tempo, and 10 x 15 second sprints with 3 minutes between efforts	Rest Day	1.5 hour easy road ride, with 5 x power pole sprints	Two stage race: Riverton – Otautau – Tautapere 56km Tuatapere – Riverton 46km	2 hours with 1 x 10 min tempo and then 5 x 1 min Vo2's with 1 minute between

Week 10	Rest Day	1.5 hour	Rest Day	1 hour recovery	TOUR de LAKES	TOUR de LAKES	TOUR de LAKES
Starting		ride with 5		ride with 3 x power	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
April 14		x power		pole sprints to			
		pole sprints		open up legs			
Week 11	TOUR de	Well					
Starting	LAKES	earned					
April 21	DAY 4	rest!					

Skills to practice on all longer rides: Eating! Every 30 minutes eat something. As well as drinking little and often. So it is all 2nd nature!

Other essential aspects of this training plan: Ensure your off the bike nutrition is up to scratch and you are refuelling correctly immediately following training. Recover hard, stretch, SLEEP and if you can, get a weekly massage.