

## 1: Get Fit With Hiking | ACTIVE

*Try a dynamic flexibility circuit anytime you have 10 minutes to improve your hiking fitness. Good trail warmups include double heel lifts (try them on a step to get a good calf stretch too!), split squats, butt kickers, leg swings, and high knees.*

Mountaineering, Backpacking, Hiking, offered by local governments, schools, and private outdoor groups. That is, obsession with exercising only the legs. Find exercises that strengthen those muscles. For example, a rowing machine--as well as a machine like the Health Rider--will work the back, leg, and ab muscles. For those of us who get bored sitting on a machine, get a bicycle and rowboat. I have found that lifting weights, machine workouts, jogging, etc. You can find my method of staying in shape for year-around backpacking below: Here are some suggestions for getting in shape, staying in shape, and staying healthy: Know your physical condition. Know as much as possible about your current condition before you even start an exercise program if not already on one. That knowledge will also minimize potential problems in the backcountry. If you have a health condition, of any consequence, understand beforehand, the implications and potential impact of strenuous exercise and venturing into the backcountry. The backcountry is not the place for medical emergencies. If you exercise regularly, you may already be in good enough shape to tackle day hikes over easy to moderate terrain. However, walking or jogging - not something to which I would subject my knees on pavement is not the same as carrying a pack over a rough trail tread. My suggestion is to first, at least, put on a pack loaded with 5 more pounds than you would be carrying on your hike, then truck around the neighborhood for a few miles to see how it feels. Next, plan a short hike to see how you fare on a trail with the pack on. Gradually, in addition to your regular exercise program, take more difficult hikes that keep challenging you as well as increasing your level of conditioning and endurance. This method is the least painful, if you will, because it leverages off of what you already have and gets you on the trail, immediately. What could be better than hiking yourself into hiking condition. Hey, I bin there! Hiking is so very rewarding in multiple ways but it is a strenuous activity. Swimming, Biking human powered , Walking. I use a combination of Health Rider, free weights, and hiking to stay in shape. Anticipate Level of Difficulty, and Train Accordingly. You will put yourself and your fellow packers at risk, if you think you can wait til the trip and then get in shape on the trail. Two years ago, I went on a five-day trip with a group of Mountaineers. One of the people used to hike with his sons carrying 50 pounds of gear. He was fairly active, a skier and such, so thought he would be okay, based on past experiences. Thus, he went on the hike without training specifically for it. He lasted half a day. He had to go back to the trailhead and wait for us for four additional days because he was one of the drivers. We were all impacted in a negative way. Several weeks before a trip, I anticipate how much weight I will be carrying, then prepare a pack that weighs 10 pounds more than that. That, then, becomes my training pack for the next several weeks - about four or five nights a week - right up until two or three days before the trip. In addition, I continue with my normal exercising routine. Stretching muscles reduces muscle tension and allows better, more flexible movement. Prior to your daily workout, whether in the backcountry, or at home, take some time to stretch your lower back, legs, torso, neck, etc. The point I want to make here is that stretching is necessary and will help prevent soreness and injury, both on and off the trail. Prevent "Pack Lifting" Injury. Jerking a heavy - 30 or more pounds - pack off the ground and swinging it onto your back is a good way to injure your back. The one I use the most is to place my pack on the ground with shoulder harness facing me; next, I grab the shoulder straps - one in each hand - and with straight to slightly bent back and slightly bent knees, I put my knee into the backpadding of the pack and pull the pack up my leg to the upper thigh. With my leg now under the pack for support, I slide my right arm thru the shoulder harness and then turn and do the same with my left arm. Next, I tighten the hip belt and proceed to secure pack as usual. Another method is to rest the pack on a tree stump or embankment and squat down to slip into the shoulder harness. Yet another method is to have someone hold the pack while you slip into the harness. Stay in Shape During the Winter: Lack of commitment to physical conditioning is probably the main reason that many people, who otherwise enjoy hiking and backcountry activities, give it up. It can be hard work and painful especially if you are not in proper physical condition. There are numerous ways to stay in shape,

during the Winter. My personal training regimen remains consistent throughout the year. I do leg, back, and neck stretches as well as abdominal exercises at least once and sometimes twice a day. Several times a week I exercise my leg and back muscles on a Health Rider machine saw it advertised in Backpacker Mag. I put 50 pounds of weight on it under the seat and proceed to do to reps. I also exercise arms and shoulders with 5 lb dumb-bells. Oh yes, I also go hiking, year around. So how about you? The exercise of common-sense is a requirement for the entire "backcountry-experience life-cycle", from initial thoughts, thru actual planning, transportation to, execution of backcountry trip, and return trip home. Plan your backcountry trips, thoroughly, before you leave home. Be as knowledgeable about what lies ahead as physically possible, and you will be much better positioned to achieve and maintain a healthy attitude, perceived and actual security, as well as a darn good time. The following link gets into the details of planning out a trip: Make a hardcopy of the destination and time table for your trip and give it to friends or family. Draw on a topographical map where you will be, how long you will be there, and when you should be back home. This may be your link to survival should you run into trouble in an isolated area. Follow your knowledge, training, and gut instincts the "sixth sense". If you are unsure about a traverse, a climb, a trail, exposure to weather - whatever - back off, live another day, and contemplate your alternatives. Keep in mind, ignoring your "sixth sense" and pushing forward into a questionable situation might be challenging and macho, but it can also be called stupid and have deadly consequences, for both you and your mates. Not only does our psychological and spiritual being speak to us, but our physiological parts send us loud messages as well. Hypothermia is a real concern in the backcountry. For mild hypothermia, get the person into warm, dry conditions - clothes, tent, sleeping bag and provide and encourage consumption of warm drinks. Hyperthermia is also a problem. You can also go here for links which deal with both conditions:

### 2: 6 week beginner mountaineering fitness plan - FitClimb

*Getting in shape for a backpacking trip with a 9-week program. Getting in shape for mountain hikes at high elevation and preparing for high altitude. Getting in shape "physically and mentally" for a thru-hike.*

Want something bigger, grander and more challenging than that measly trail down the road? Cardio Is King Kick up your cardio workout to three minute sessions a week. Gradually increase the length, frequency and intensity of your cardio workouts. Within a month, you should be up to four hour-long cardio sessions a week. The goal is to build up endurance beyond a one-day hike. Make sure to mix up the cardio workouts. That means trail running, the stair climber, stair mill or treadmill are all worthy means to getting in that cardiovascular exercise. If the weather is lousy, hit the gym. Find a building with stairs and get climbing. Another option is to scout out a hilly, local trail. The weight of a backpack can leave even the best runners and cyclists with sore hips, neck and shoulders. Several weeks before the big adventure, grab the backpack that you plan to use on the trip and add some water bottles. Wear the backpack during stair-climbing workouts or short hikes as part of your cardio routine. Keep the total weight to less than 15 pounds that first week and slowly add weight and mileage each week. Long and Steady Once a Week Runners and cyclists training for a high-mileage race typically add a long run or ride to their weekly regimen. Backpackers would be wise to do the same. These long training sessions are best on non-work days. Your first long session should be about 90 minutes to 2 hours long. Make sure to carry a backpack "with a total weight of less than 15 pounds" filled with water and a snack. Trails should have hilly terrain. Keep the intensity moderate and your pace steady. Add time and a little weight to the backpack every week until you hit the five-hour mark. Enjoy the day with a little active rest. That means hopping on a bike, heading outside for a little rock climbing, hitting the tennis court or trying a yoga class. Cross-training keeps weekly fitness routines interesting and works muscles that may otherwise feel neglected. What is a core exercise? In general these are exercises that strengthen your "core muscles" including back, abdominal muscles and pelvis. Core exercises should be completed a few times a week and typically only take 5 to 10 minutes per session. One of the more common core exercises is the plank. Begin by lying on your stomach and then raise yourself up so that your forearms and your toes are resting on the floor. Keep your body flat like a plank. If this is too difficult, lower your knees to the floor. Make sure your head and neck are aligned with the back and that your shoulders are directly above your elbows. Now, tighten those abs and hold for 15 seconds. Rest for 15 and repeat several more times. Add time over the six-week training session until you can hold the plank for 45 seconds to 1 minute per interval.

## 3: Get in Shape For Your Next Backpacking Trip | ACTIVE

*Get tips on getting fit for backpacking season, including gym workouts and outdoor exercises. Get tips on getting fit for backpacking season, including gym workouts and outdoor exercises to wake up your muscles and get your lungs working.*

You might see this program as a bit slow, especially if you feel you are fit. Research also suggests muscles can go from wobbly to wow! Unless you are a gym junkie, consider starting at the beginning to build wow! How good does that sound! But remember, I am not a qualified healthcare professional, and you should check with your GP before following this, or any other, exercise program. This information is intended as reference only and not as medical or professional advice. The 16 week program can be adjusted by how fit you are at the start. I am older and was not very aerobically fit, so I did Basic Fitness for 8 weeks before moving on to Endurance, with a few minutes of slower pace interval training. And now I feel good. An cautionary note on interval training. Interval training involves repeated short and fast activity with big rest periods in between. It can do great things for endurance, as it pushes muscles to work hard. As good as it sounds, interval training can cause significant injury if done too early or with insufficient rest between bursts. Keep them bent, by stopping movements while the joint is still bent – the muscles should work fluidly and not put tensile – pulling – pressure on tendons and ligaments at the joints. Tendonitis is an uncomfortable and preventable injury. A bit about heart rates. MHR is usually worked out with a simple formula, but not all research agrees this is accurate. Men – minus your age. Women – minus your age. You need to do lots of it. The muscles burn stored fat for fuel, with oxygen, so you can walk all day at this pace and not get injured or over-tired – unless you are skinny and have little body fat to release. This rate will improve your functional capacity, by increasing your lung capacity and respiratory rate, but you need to eat beforehand, or you will get tired quickly. This exertion must only be done in very short bursts – a few minute, or a few metres – with a long recovery period in between. If you are contemplating starting a fitness plan, take time first to get to know your heart rate. Then prepare yourself to start by thinking how a good program is shaped like a pyramid – with the big base as a lot of time in aerobic preparedness, building to the great mass of endurance training in the middle, and the tiny pinnacle of interval training perched on top. This coming week, go for a half hour walk with a difference every second day and a longer walk on the weekend. The difference will be how you take your steps. Remember this is getting fit for the task, and the following incline technique is quite different from street walking or running. The incline technique requires you to lean slightly forward, push off on a small step and strike the ball of your foot on the ground first and directly under your hips. Then push off on another small step with that foot, and place the ball of the opposite foot directly under your hips. You can put your heel down once you are stable. At first it feels like a shuffle, but the idea is not to stride out using the bum and back of leg muscles – as we do enough of that in daily walking – but to use the muscles in the front of the legs to support the body and give energy to the next stride. Picture the Johnnie Walker whisky man striding out – that is not what you want to look like! Actively use that foot to push yourself forward for a small step, then plant the opposite foot to stabilise, then push off for another small step. You will look like a little old thing shuffling along at first, but you will soon develop a good cadence and find it very easy and comfortable, especially going up hills. When I first started doing this it felt like I was doing a slow jog or dancing, but still walking, with all the action happening underneath. The added benefit of walking like this is that you will never fall over backwards with your pack on going up hills, as leaning slightly forward and the ball of your foot striking the ground under your hip gives you great stability. The idea is to build your muscles and give them rest to recover – even if you are fit, it is good to do this for a week. Do this for a week, and next week OHB will have a sample schedule of the first 12 weeks. Enjoy your shuffle – I mean – walk.

### 4: BACKPACKING & HIKING for BEGINNERS

*Getting fit for hiking is essential if planning to complete the multi-day trip or carry a heavy load on the back. Poor conditioning can result in back pain which can lead to discomfort when sitting or standing, reduced range of motion, swelling, and muscle stiffness.*

Here are eight exercises or methods to help get in shape for the next outdoor adventure: Abdominal muscles Use effective exercises to help strengthen the abs. Perform the bicycle maneuver or crunches on an exercise ball times per week with crunches per two sets. Leg raises Strengthen the muscles in the region of the lower back using leg raises. Lie face down and place a folded towel or similar to support the chin and give extra comfort. Tense the muscles in the leg and left up inches and remain in that position for seconds. Lower the leg to the start position and repeat with the other leg. Repeat the lift seven times for each leg. Pushups Use pushups to help strengthen the shoulders and upper back. Complete four sets of pushups which can be repeated up to three times per week. Squats Hiking to get in shape is much easier when the body is provided with all-round fitness conditioning. A session of wall squats will help to strengthen the legs and glutes which is beneficial for its ability to strengthen the core. The glutes are involved in several areas when hiking, including keeping the pelvis level, hip flexion, and moving the legs sideways. Other exercises to strengthen the gluteus medius muscles include the single-leg squat. Put into practice Start walking with a light backpack to get used to the extra weight on the back. Stick to a light load for the first few weeks and gradually increase until able to pack in the full amount of hiking supplies. Sleep Get enough sleep while training and in the lead up to the planned hike. Stretches A regular stretching session is certain to help minimize the risk of injury out on the trails. Balance Working on the balance can have an advantage in several areas of the body. For instance, it has the ability to strengthen the hips, knees, and ankles, while also improving endurance and leg strength. Add weight to the different balancing techniques to help increase the level of difficulty.

### 5: 4 Tips to Get Fit for Hiking – Hiking Hydration

*Truth is, if you don't get in shape first, you won't enjoy those longer hiking trails. Start this hiking fitness regimen about six weeks before a big backpacking adventure, and not only will you avoid the hiker hobble, but also you'll increase your enjoyment of your hiking expedition.*

Our overall health and wellness can be positively affected by that movement as well. This includes going for a hike or backpacking trip. You just want to be sure you have the right backpack gear for your journey. Any trek taken in the great outdoors can offer numerous benefits when it comes to both our mental and physical health. In fact, hiking outside can be a whole body wellness experience if you are able to move, meditate and monitor your surroundings. The proper pack will help you achieve all three of those objectives. There are several types of backpacks available. Here is information to help you pick the right one. Moving You want a bag that is of appropriate size so that your body can move about without restriction. Meditating Backpacking can bring such peace. Nature allows you to experience the calmness and quiet of the mountains, woods, or wherever your journey takes you. Monitor While hiking in the outdoors brings all the benefits of the peace and calm, quiet and comfortable, it is important to remember that we are in the home of the animals. Some of those animals can be cute, fuzzy and friendly. Some can be far more dangerous. Being distracted by an overly burdensome, improperly fitting and uncomfortable pack causes a distraction that limits your ability to monitor your surroundings. The results of not paying attention to what is going on around you out in the woods could have consequences that are the stories that horror movies are made of. To achieve these goals that we have previously identified and discussed the answer is to find the best backpack for you. That opportunity is made available through research and looking for the ideal pack that is right for you this year. Fortunately, when it comes to the best hiking backpacks, has many great options for you to choose from. One of these backpacks should be worthy enough to help you enjoy your outdoor adventure in your endeavor to get fit.

### 6: Getting Fit for Hiking: Load Up With a Backpack – Hiking Hydration

*Get Fit for Hiking The best way to get fit for hiking or trekking is to mimic the activity as closely as possible. The amount of conditioning you need depends on your current fitness level and the kinds of trips you have planned.*

View Blog Picture yourself on your first mountaineering trip with friends. A quarter of the way up to base camp your sucking air, your legs are cramping, your feeling queasy, and out of steam. Worst than the physical pain is the emotional frustration and feeling that your holding up the others. Now imagine the same trip. You feel a runners high and loving it. Peak fitness is critical to mountaineering, trekking, major hiking, and backpacking. In my opinion the best way to get in shape for hiking, mountaineering, etc is by doing that sport or similar motion. This article will show you, how you to develop your own fitness plan tailored to your trip. The type and length of outdoor activity will determine your minimum level of fitness. For most major hikes, multi day backpacking trips, and mountaineering day trips Less than ft or meters of elevation gain you can get in shape in less than 8 weeks if you have a good base level of fitness. Aim for at least 12 weeks for most moderate mountaineering activities such as climbing Mt. Here are some tips to keep in mind when developing your own training plan: Figure out your trips maximum elevation gain and distance per day. When working up to your climb, you should be able to accomplish a hike with ft of elevation and similar weight pack to your climb, then get down with energy to spare. Remember getting to the top is half the battle; you need to have energy for the way down. To figure out your maximum heart rate, subtract your age from Men would subtract their age from When working out keep an eye on your heart rate monitor and keep your heart rate in the range of your fitness goal for that session. For more info on MHR click here! Divide the training plan into 3 phases. The first is focusing on your base. In this phase focus on getting into a routine and strength, balance, and flexibility to reduce the chance of injury later and get you prepared for later phases. Start each workout with minutes of stretching and warm up and end with a cool down. If your already active and have a good base you can reduce the amount of time spent in this phase and increase your MHR to or move to the next phase 4. The next phase should focus on increasing endurance and intensity. Interval training is a great way to do this. Aim for days a week with 1 hr of aerobic activity. Activity can include jogging, swimming , biking, or stair climbing. Or get out for actual climbing, hiking, and backpacking for longer time periods at a lower MHR. This can include a hour hike on the weekend with feet meters of elevation gain, wearing your backpack. The last phase is working up to your goal. Try and find similar activities to replicate this. Slowly add extra weight to your pack, this can be done with full water bottles. For most trips this is between lbs Kilograms. On rest days you can practice knots, read articles, stretch, do balance exercises and go for easy walks. Also try making sure your hydrated and trying and getting as much sleep as possible before your climb. Here are some exercised for strength training tailored to hikers and mountaineers.

### 7: Get in hiking or mountaineering shape for that summer trip - FitClimb

*In this article Georgie Bull continues her getting fit for a multi-day hike series.. If you are new here, we suggest you read the two previous articles which will give you some background about how we got to this point.*

Join Fitness â€” Preparing for a Long Distance Backpacking Trip Being in excellent shape before you start a backpacking trip makes a big difference in how much you enjoy your vacation. On the Wonderland Trail, the average hiker will cover the 93 mile trail in 10 days. For many hikers this is a big jump in activity from their daily lives. This makes training before the trip essential for enjoyment and safety. When building up your strength and endurance, take it nice and slow. The key to any training program is to increase your daily exercise very gradually. Increasing your daily exercise too quickly puts you at a high risk of injuries that could derail your training program by preventing you from exercising for weeks or even months. A good rule of thumb is to increase the number of miles that you walk, run or hike by no more than 10 percent a week. My running partner usually ignores this rule it is pretty hard to follow if you are excited about an activity! Exercise sometimes wearing a backpack. When preparing for a long backpacking trip like the Wonderland Trail, the core elements of a good training program are progressively longer hikes with a backpack to develop strength and balance and vigorous daily exercise to develop physical endurance. Hiking with a backpack is an essential part of a good training program for obvious reasons. Carrying a backpack over rough terrain uses your core, leg, and foot muscles for balance in a way that everyday locomotion does not. A training program that includes many day hikes and at least two day backpacking trips will strengthen your muscles and turn you into a sure footed mule. Endurance, not just strength is important for backpacking. Being fit for the trail is not just about strength and balance however. Hiking trails like the Wonderland Trail requires significant physical endurance. Long before you leave for the trail, teach your body to expect heavy exercise many days in a row. While daily backpacking would be the ideal way to prepare for your trip, backpacking is not always convenient. No matter â€” there are many ways to improve your endurance. Cycling, swimming, running and playing sports can all improve your endurance. Find an activity you like and gradually increase the number of days you exercise and the amount of exercise you do each day. Before you are ready to hike the trail you should be comfortable exercising vigorously for an hour or more at least five days a week. Whatever your choice of vigorous exercise, it should be more difficult than hiking with a backpackâ€” remember you are only training for an hour or a few hours each day, but you are planning to hike for hours each day â€” make up for the shortened time with increased intensity. A good exercise target in preparation for long-distance backpacking is a vigorous daily routine plus weekend hiking. If you exercise vigorously for an hour or more each day and hike and backpack on the weekends you should be comfortable taking on a long-distance hike like the Wonderland Trail. This is the minimum required for an enjoyable trip however. If this is all you do, expect to be tired and sore for the first few days of your trip. By the fourth day of backpacking, your body will begin to adjust to the increased workload and you will start feeling stronger and more energetic. How my exercise routine fared the first time I hiked the Wonderland Trail Before I hiked the Wonderland Trail the first time, I ran around six miles most days on relatively flat terrain. I walked and biked and had a moderately active lifestyle and I went on a few three-day backpacking trips. I was sore and tired the first few days on the trail but by the end of the trip my pack felt light and my step was high. Out of shape with little time to do anything about it? If your trip is fast approaching and, despite your good intentions, you are not in as good of shape as you should be there are two things you can do. First, call the Wilderness Information Center and see if they can adjust your campsite reservations to accommodate lower mileage days and even days-off mid trip. Secondly, take a serious look at what is in your pack. Reducing your pack weight will reduce the strength and endurance required to complete your daily hikes.

### 8: A hiking fitness program â€“ 16 weeks to get fit for a trip

*Working out a good safe fitness program for hiking, bushwalking or backpacking is complex. We suggest a simple get fit program for preparation and getting you ready.*

Store Getting Fit to Hike If you want progress and to become a better hiker, you will need to build up your physical abilities. The best way to do this is to start out slowly. If you are a great swimmer and think that you could easily hike for hours on end, you may be right but you could also be sadly mistaken. Hiking uphill and downhill on varied terrain and in a variety of conditions is a specific exercise one that strains your body in ways it may not be used to. Even if you are used to hiking, suddenly adding 30 pounds on your back is going to change your entire experience. The key to training lies in slow but steady progress. Remember, you are walking for enjoyment and it is alright to push your limits but it is important not to go too far. It is best to set challenging but obtainable and measurable goals. Here are some training suggestions: Start with short mile hikes a couple of times per week under not too challenging conditions without a backpack just water and maybe a snack. Steadily increase the length of the hikes until you are comfortable on a 9 mile hike. Now work on increasing the weight of your load by adding more gear, food and drinks until you can comfortably finish a 9 mile hike with a 30 lb. You are now ready to go on all day hikes and you can train in more challenging terrains and greater vertical gains. Continue to increase distance and weight and size of your pack. You should eventually be able to carry up to a third of your body weight on your back. There is a big difference between hiking on flat terrain and dealing with uphill- and downhill walking. Depending on what your goals are, you could continue to increase the number of vertical feet gained on your hikes. There is also a huge difference in hiking on consecutive days and single day hikes with periods of rest between them. Hiking on consecutive days brings the added challenges of dealing with possible blisters, muscle aches and skin irritation. Training to hike on consecutive days will prepare you and help reduce the likelihood of these happening to you. Follow this plan and it will help to increase your hiking fitness, get your body adjusted for hiking and should also improve your overall fitness level. If you are planning a long hiking trek, it is always good to train by also increasing intensity.

### 9: [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com) Â» Getting Fit to Hike

*Running and strength training will get you fit to hike. Photo Credit: Andrey Kryuchkov/iStock/Getty Images Depending on your current fitness level and the hike's difficulty, you will want to give yourself anywhere between two to eight weeks to prepare your body for hiking.*

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