• THE LOOP

The Stat THE **2019** CORVETTE ZR1 IS **FAST, LIKE** THE THREE RUNNERS **ON PAGE 40 WHO** HELPED MAKE IT. AT 210 MPH. IT **I6_**7 **CAN DO A** MARATHON IN 7:29. times faster than times faster than THAT'S: the fastest American the world record marathon time, for speed on a Schwinn bicycle run by Ryan Hall

(2:04:58, average

of 12.58 mph)





Yes, running with music can make your workout feel easier. But according to research from Brunel University in London, listening to the right kind of music specifically, 20 to 30 minutes of slow, sedate tunes—after a run can also speed recovery. Chill music can lower your levels of cortisol, a hormone released when we're stressed, the study authors say. Look for songs that are 90 to 115 beats per minute, like "The Cascades" by Fleet Foxes, "Appointments" by Julien Baker, "Still Beating" by Mac De-Marco, "Bleak Bake" by King Krule, and "Freak" by Lana Del Ray. For this and other playlists, go to runnersworld.com/ running-music.

The Gallery

Talk about extreme running. These readers didn't let the **recent cold snap** force them inside-for better or worse.

(108.92 mph)



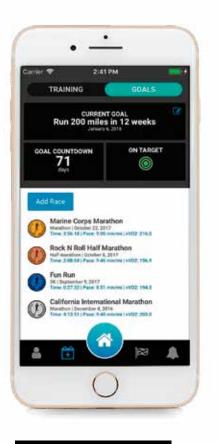
"My greatest work to date. I call it 'Tusks.'" —@skiznil



"I can't say I miss spending hours in the sub-zero deep freeze." —@eat.well.play.hard



"A very enjoyable run with no frostbite." —@mike.bialick



The Shameless Promotion

We all need a little guidance when it comes to training. That's why we

created the My Run Plan app to help runners of all levels prep for their next race or big goal. You get a personalized coaching platform that automatically adjusts your plan based on your daily performances and fitness level. But don't just take our word for it. Check out this user review:

"The coaching tips are a lifesaver, and I never realized how helpful a running-specific calendar would be on my phone. Now, I can't imagine not having it there." —Riley McDermott,

It there." — Riley McDermott, training for the Red Mountain 55K The Bad Idea

MILK AND COOKIES MILE

Here at *Runner's World* HQ, we always look to go the extra mile. We ran a Taco Mile in May (basically a Beer Mile, with tacos) and a Beer Mile in June. After those, er, successes, we moved on to channeling holiday spirit.



THE CHALLENGE Drink 7 ounces of milk and eat 2 cookies per quarter-mile lap. Repeat 3 times.



THE WINNERS Video Producer Derek Call, 9:02; Food and Nutrition Editor Heather Mayer Irvine, 9:53



THE COURSE Quarter-mile trail at *Runner's World* HQ in Emmaus, PA



THE PHOTO FINISH Web Producer Paige Triola bit off a little more than she could chew.

