



Ryan Ford: Parkour Strength Training: A creative movement practice for anytime / anywhere.



Ryan Ford has been a Parkour athlete / coach since 2004. Founder of Apex School of Movement and Parkour EDU. Author of *Parkour Strength Training*. Learn about fundamental parkour strength movements to develop your body - anytime and anywhere. This could be in your living room, at the park, in the city, in the woods, etc. Through creative movement with everyday obstacles, you will build practical movement strength, mobility, and skill to apply in life and other athletics.

TOP EMBODIMENT TIP: It's ok to say, 'I don't know,' when it comes to Parkour - it's a very new science, and we should keep an open mind, keep researching, keep exploring.

Workouts for: Upper body pulling strength exercises

- Passive Hanging, Pull-ups, Chin-ups, Knees to Elbows and other exercises involving a pull-up bar.
- Climb-ups climbing a wall, or up and over a fence or gate.

Workouts for: Upper body pushing strength

- Wall Support - pushing yourself up and over a wall. Handstand - up against a wall or freestanding.

Workouts for: Legs and lower body exercises

- Beginner: Full Squat, Box Jump, Monkey Plant
- Intermediate/Advanced: Dragon Pistol, Basic Combo, Sitting Good Morning / Pancake, Cossack Squat.

Training Workouts: Structure, Warm-ups and Cool-downs

- Structure Always include at least one of these three exercises: Bar Hang, Wall Support, Full Squat.
- Warm-ups Full Squats, Quadrupedal Movement (QM), Jogging, Pull-ups or Push-ups.
- Cool-downs Mobility work, like your warm-ups, but not as intense, more about light stretching.

The Environment: Objects to use in Parkour workouts

- Ground rail can be made using materials found at a hardware store eg piping. Outside, use a low wall.
- Small ramp / book- useful for getting heels on the ground in squatting positions
- Pull-up bar, tree branch, railings; Dumbbells, weight plate, wooden pole
- Wall, bench, picnic table, sturdy kitchen counter, sofa, fence, gate shin-high, waist-high, chest-high

<u>Resources</u>

- Courses: Remote Training Program (various courses) see ParkourEDU website
- Website: <u>www.ParkourEDU.org</u> and <u>www.APEXgyms.com</u>
- Social: @ryanmford, YouTube channel: Ryan Ford



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