

Low Sodium Cookbook

Appetizers and Snacks:

Banana Fizz Favorite

Serving Size: 1/2 cup, makes 5 servings

Ingredients:

One 4-serving size package any flavor gelatin. Can use sugar-free.

3/4 cup boiling water

1/2 cup cold water

Ice cubes

1 banana, sliced

Preparation:

- 1. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water.
- 2. Combine cold water and ice cubes to make 1-1/4 cups; add to gelatin mixture, stirring until slightly thickened. Remove unmelted ice.
- 3. Place banana slices in five dessert glasses.
- 4. Measure 1-1/3 cups of the gelatin and spoon over banana slices.
- 5. Whip the remaining gelatin with an electric mixer until fluffy, and about doubled in volume.
- 6. Pour over clear gelatin in glasses.
- 7. Chill until firm, about 1 hour.

Nutrition information:

- 78 Calories
- 19 g carbohydrates
- 1 g protein

- <1 g fat
- 0 mg cholesterol
- 42 mg sodium

Made with sugar-free gelatin:

- 27 Calories
- 6 g carbohydrates
- 1 g protein

- <1 g fat
- 0 mg cholesterol
- 47 mg sodium

Cherry Berry Granola

Serving Size: ½ cup, makes 18 servings

Ingredients:

5 cups instant oatmeal

3 tablespoons flax seed, ground (optional)

3 tablespoons wheat germ

1/2 cup sunflower seeds, salted or unsalted

1/2 cup coconut (optional)

1 cup walnuts, chopped

1 cup dried cherries or cranberries

1 cup raisins



1 cup warm water

1/2 cup brown sugar

2 teaspoons vanilla

Preparation:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375° F.
- 2. In a large bowl, mix together the oatmeal, flax seed, wheat germ, sunflower seeds, coconut, and walnuts.
- 3. In another bowl, dissolve the brown sugar in the warm water and stir in the vanilla. Pour the liquid over the oat mixture, and toss to coat.
- 4. Spread the mixture evenly over a baking sheet.
- 5. Place in the oven for 40-60 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes.
- 6. Once the granola is golden brown, toss with the dried cherries, cranberries, and raisins. Let mixture cool.
- 7. Store in an airtight container.

- 163 Calories
- 23 g carbohydrates
- 4 g protein
- 3 g fiber

- 7 g fat
- 0 mg cholesterol
- 10 mg sodium

Mango Salsa

Serving Size: 1/4 cup, makes 8 servings

Ingredients:

2 medium mangos

1 medium jalapeno pepper (2 teaspoons)

1/2 cup chopped cilantro

1/4 cup lemon juice

Preparation:

- 1. Chop mango
- 2. Chop pepper- avoid seeds (2 teaspoon)
- 3. Mix all together

Serving idea: great with grilled salmon or with low sodium tortilla chips

- 39 Calories
- 10 g carbohydrates
- <1 g protein
- 1.5 g fiber

- <1 g fat
- 0 mg cholesterol
- 13 mg sodium

Herb Dip

Serving Size: 2 tablespoons, makes 12 servings

Ingredients:

1/2 cup skim milk

1 cup low fat cottage cheese

2 tablespoons chopped parsley

2 tablespoons chopped chives

1/2 teaspoon dried basil

1/8 teaspoon curry powder (optional)

1/8 teaspoon paprika

1 small garlic clove, minced





Preparation:

- 1. Puree all ingredients in blender until smooth.
- 2. Serve with crisp raw vegetables.



- 21 Calories
- 1 g carbohydrates
- 3 g protein

- Trace of fat
- 1 mg cholesterol
- 82 mg sodium

Main Entrees:

Crispy Baked Fish

Serving Size: 3 ounces, makes 4 servings

Ingredients:

1 pound cod fillets

2 egg whites

3 tablespoons cornmeal

3 tablespoons flour

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

3/4 teaspoon paprika

1/4 teaspoon dill weed

1/8 teaspoon black pepper

1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese



Preparation:

- 1. Rinse and drain fish.
- 2. Blend dry ingredients together.
- 3. Spray baking pan with cooking spray.
- 4. Dip fish in beaten egg whites, and then coating mixture; shake off excess coating. Lay fish into the pan.
- 5. Bake 15-20 minutes at 375° F or until fish flakes and is golden brown.

- 150 Calories
- 5 g carbohydrates
- 23 g protein
- <1 g fiber

- 1 g fat
- 119 mg cholesterol
- 119 mg sodium

Buttermilk Baked Chicken

Serving Size: 1 chicken breast, makes 12 servings

Ingredients:

12 4-oz skinless, boneless chicken breasts

1/2 cup flour

2 egg whites, lightly beaten

1/2 cup buttermilk

1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard

2 cups crushed corn flakes

1 teaspoon paprika

1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1/8 teaspoon black pepper

Parsley garnish



Preparation:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 425° F. Lightly spray a roasting pan with vegetable oil cooking spray.
- 2. Wash chicken breasts; pat dry with paper towels.
- 3. Measure the flour onto a plate.
- 4. Mix together the egg whites, buttermilk, and mustard; whisk until smooth.
- 5. Place the corn flake crumbs in a medium mixing bowl and season with paprika and peppers.
- 6. Dip the chicken in the flour; coat well and shake off the excess.
- 7. Next dip the chicken in the egg mixture and then into the cereal crumbs, pressing to make the crumbs stick.
- 8. Place the chicken in the roasting pan; bake uncovered without turning for 25-30 minutes, or to an internal temperature of 160° F.
- 9. Garnish with minced parsley.

- 234 Calories
- 9 g carbohydrates
- 9 g protein
- <1 g fiber

- 4 g fat
- 97 mg cholesterol
- 168 mg sodium

Brasta

Serving Size: 2 cups, makes 5 servings

Ingredients:

2 bundles of broccoli

10 ounces rotini pasta

4 tablespoons olive oil

2 large garlic cloves

1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes

1/4 teaspoon pepper

2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese





Preparation:

- 1. Cut broccoli into florets and cook in steamer or in covered microwavable dish with 3 tablespoons water. Cook on high power until tender.
- 2. While broccoli is cooking, cook pasta per directions on box. Do not add salt to the water.
- 3. Mix oil, garlic, and pepper in small microwavable bowl and cook in microwave for 1 minute.
- 4. Serve with shredded Parmesan cheese.

- 327 Calories
- 44 g carbohydrates
- 10 g protein
- 4 g fiber

- 12 g fat
- 2 mg cholesterol
- 90 mg sodium

Meatloaf

Serving Size: 1 slice, makes 8 servings

Ingredients:

2 pounds ground chicken

1 medium onion, chopped

1 clove garlic, chopped

1 egg (or 1/4 cup egg substitute)

1/4 cup green pepper, chopped

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

1/2 cup oatmeal

1/4 cup low sodium tomato or vegetable juice





Preparation:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
- 2. Mix all ingredients together except for the vegetable juice.
- 3. Shape into loaf and bake for 1 hour and 5 minutes.
- 4. Pour tomato or vegetable juice over top of loaf.
- 5. Bake additional 10 minutes. Cut into 8 slices.

- 212 Calories
- 3 g carbohydrates
- 37 g protein
- <1 g fiber

- 5 g fat
- 123 mg cholesterol
- 120 mg sodium

Soups, Salads, and Sides:

Corn and Red Pepper Chowder

Serving Size: 6 ounces, makes 5 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 large onion
- 1 tablespoon margarine
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups reduced sodium chicken broth or homemade broth
- 2 cups fresh or frozen-and-thawed corn kernels
- 1 large red bell pepper, diced
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper or black pepper
- 1 cup skim milk

Preparation:

- 1. Cook onion in margarine in a large sauce pan for 4 minutes.
- 2. Sprinkle with flour; cook and stir 1 minute.
- 3. Add broth, corn, bell pepper and pepper. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 4. Stir in milk and heat through.

- 134 Calories
- 24 g carbohydrates
- 5 g protein

- 3 g fat
- 0 mg cholesterol
- 61 mg sodium

Apple Salad

Serving Size: ½ cup, makes 6 servings

Ingredients:

4 apples, cubed

1 sweet onion, diced

2 tablespoons salad oil

2 tablespoons vinegar

1/8 teaspoon salt (optional)

Lettuce



Preparation:

- 1. Place apples and onions in salad bowl.
- 2. Blend oil, vinegar, and salt until well mixed. Pour over apples and onions.
- 3. Toss lightly.
- 4. Serve on bed of lettuce.

Note: for higher fiber content, do not peel the apples.

Serving idea: garnish with chopped walnuts.

- 100 Calories
- 16 g carbohydrates
- <1 g protein
- 2 g fiber

- 5 g fat
- 0 mg cholesterol
- 45 mg sodium (with addition of 1/8 teaspoon salt)

Broccoli Salad

Serving Size: ½ cup, makes 12 servings

Ingredients:

2 heads broccoli, cut into small pieces

2/3 cup golden raisins or currants

1/2 cup sliced green onion

1/4 cup bacon flavored crumbles

2 tablespoons chopped unsalted nuts or sunflower seeds

1 cup low-fat mayonnaise

1/2 cup sugar

3 tablespoons cider vinegar

Preparation:

- 1. Place first 5 ingredients into salad bowl.
- 2. Combine mayonnaise, sugar, and vinegar together in another bowl.
- 3. Add salad dressing just before serving.

- 151 Calories
- 20 g carbohydrates
- 4 g protein
- 1 g fiber

- 7 g fat
- 11 mg cholesterol
- 24 mg sodium

Healthy Rice Medley

Serving Size: 3/4 cup, makes 6 servings

Ingredients:

1 cup brown rice

1/4 cup wild rice

1/8 cup chopped onions

1/4 cup diced carrots

1/4 cup chopped celery

1/4 cup sliced fresh mushrooms

1/4 cup green peas

1/8 cup dried chopped apricots or dried cranberries

3-4 tablespoons olive oil

Preparation:

1. Prepare rice according to package directions. Set aside.

2. Sauté remaining ingredients in olive oil.

3. Toss rice and vegetable mix together.

Serving idea: may be served warm as a side dish or cold as a snack or salad. Tastes better the second day.

- 216 Calories
- 32 g carbohydrates
- 4 g protein
- 2 g fiber

- 8 g fat
- 0 mg cholesterol
- 15 mg sodium

Roasted Vegetables

Serving Size: 1/2 cup, makes 8 servings

Ingredients:

5-6 cups vegetables cut into 3/4 inch pieces (eggplant, carrot, pepper, onion, potato, squash, mushrooms, tomatoes, etc.)

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

1 clove minced garlic

2 teaspoon dried basil pepper to taste



Preparation:

- 1. Spray baking dish with non-fat cooking spray.
- 2. Mix olive oil, balsamic vinegar, garlic, basil, and pepper together for marinade.
- 3. Toss vegetables in marinade.
- 4. Spread in baking dish and cover with foil. Bake 10 minutes at 450° F.
- 5. Remove foil and bake for 35-45 minutes until fluid is evaporated and vegetables are tender.

Nutrition information:

- 61 Calories
- 11 g carbohydrates
- 1.5 g protein
- 2 g fiber

- 2 g fat
- 0 mg cholesterol
- 141 mg sodium

Contact your health care provider for more information.