

Best Served Wild: The Ultimate Guide to Real Food for Real Adventures

Are you an outdoor enthusiast who loves to explore the wilderness? Do you want to fuel your adventures with nutrient-rich, real food? Then look no further than *Best Served Wild*! This comprehensive guidebook provides everything you need to know about preparing and packing delicious, healthy meals for your next outdoor adventure.

In *Best Served Wild*, you'll learn how to:



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- Choose the right foods for your adventure
- Prepare meals that are both nutritious and delicious
- Pack your food safely and efficiently
- Cook your meals over a campfire or camp stove

- Clean up your campsite and leave no trace

With over 100 recipes to choose from, *Best Served Wild* has something for everyone, whether you're a seasoned backpacker or a weekend camper. You'll find recipes for hearty breakfasts, energizing lunches, and satisfying dinners, all made with real, unprocessed ingredients.

So what are you waiting for? Grab your copy of *Best Served Wild* today and start planning your next adventure!

Chapter 1: Choosing the Right Foods for Your Adventure

The first step to planning a successful outdoor meal is choosing the right foods. When selecting your food, you'll need to consider the following factors:

- **The length of your trip:** If you're going on a short hike or camping trip, you can get away with packing lighter foods, such as sandwiches, snacks, and fruit. However, if you're planning a longer trip, you'll need to pack more substantial meals that will provide you with sustained energy.
- **The climate:** If you're hiking or camping in a cold climate, you'll need to pack foods that are high in calories to help you stay warm. In a warm climate, you can pack lighter foods, such as salads and sandwiches.
- **Your dietary restrictions:** If you have any dietary restrictions, be sure to choose foods that meet your needs. There are many delicious and nutritious gluten-free, dairy-free, and vegan options available.

- **Your personal preferences:** Ultimately, the best foods for your outdoor adventure are the ones that you enjoy eating. Choose foods that you'll look forward to eating, even when you're tired and hungry.

Once you've considered these factors, you can start to choose the foods that you'll pack for your trip. Here are a few suggestions:

- **Breakfast:** Oatmeal, granola, pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage
- **Lunch:** Sandwiches, wraps, salads, leftovers from dinner
- **Dinner:** Pasta dishes, rice dishes, stews, soups, chili
- **Snacks:** Fruit, vegetables, nuts, seeds, trail mix, energy bars

Chapter 2: Preparing Meals That Are Both Nutritious and Delicious

Once you've chosen your foods, it's time to start preparing your meals. When preparing your meals, you'll want to focus on creating dishes that are both nutritious and delicious.

Here are a few tips for preparing nutritious and delicious outdoor meals:

- **Use whole, unprocessed ingredients.** Whole, unprocessed ingredients are packed with nutrients and flavor. When possible, choose fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins.
- **Limit processed foods.** Processed foods are often high in calories, unhealthy fats, and sugar. They can also be difficult to digest, which can lead to stomach problems on your trip.
- **Add spices and herbs to your dishes.** Spices and herbs can add flavor and nutrients to your meals. They can also help to improve

digestion and reduce inflammation.

- **Cook your meals thoroughly.** Cooking your meals thoroughly will help to kill bacteria and parasites. It will also make your food easier to digest.

Chapter 3: Packing Your Food Safely and Efficiently

Once you've prepared your meals, it's time to pack them for your trip. When packing your food, you'll want to focus on safety and efficiency.

Here are a few tips for packing your food safely and efficiently:

- **Use airtight containers.** Airtight containers will help to keep your food fresh and prevent it from spoiling. They will also help to protect your food from insects and animals.
- **Pack your food in layers.** Packing your food in layers will help to prevent it from getting crushed. It will also help to keep your food organized and easy to find.
- **Use a cooler to keep your food cold.** If you're packing perishable foods, you'll need to use a cooler to keep them cold. Be sure to pack your cooler with ice or frozen gel packs.
- **Keep your food away from heat.** Heat can cause your food to spoil quickly. Be sure to keep your food away from heat sources, such as the sun and the engine of your car.

Chapter 4: Cooking Your Meals Over a Campfire or Camp Stove

Once you're at your campsite, it's time to start cooking your meals. You can cook your meals over a campfire or a camp stove.

Here are a few tips for cooking your meals over a campfire or camp stove:

- **Build a safe campfire.** If you're cooking over a campfire, be sure to build a safe campfire. Clear away any flammable materials from around your campfire and build your fire in a pit that is surrounded by rocks.
- **Use a camp stove safely.** If you're cooking over a camp stove, be sure to use it safely. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for operating your camp stove.
- **Cook your food thoroughly.** Cooking your food thoroughly will help to kill bacteria and parasites. It will also make your food easier to digest.
- **Be careful not to overcook your food.** Overcooked food can be tough and dry. Be sure to cook your food until it is just cooked through.

Chapter 5: Cleaning Up Your Campsite and Leaving No Trace

After you've finished eating, it's important to clean up your campsite and leave no trace. Here are a few tips for cleaning up your campsite and leaving no trace:

- **Pack out all of your trash.** Do not leave any trash behind at your campsite. Pack out all of your trash and dispose of it properly.
- **Clean your dishes and cookware.** Be sure to clean your dishes and cookware before you leave your campsite. Do not leave any food or grease behind.
- **Put out your campfire.** If you built a campfire, be sure to put it out completely before you leave your campsite. Pour water on the fire and

stir it until the coals are cold.

- **Leave your campsite the way you found it.** When you leave your campsite, be sure to leave it the way you found it. Do not leave any trace of your stay behind.

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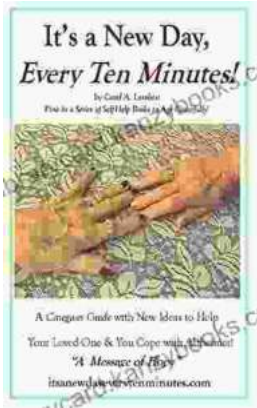
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