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Baked Parsnip Chips

~10-20 chips per parsnip

INGREDIENTS

Parsnips
Oil
Salt & Pepper



INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Oil a baking sheet.
- 2. Slice parsnips very thinly.
- 3. Toss slices in a bowl with oil, salt, and pepper and spread on a baking sheet.
- 4. Bake in preheated oven until the outside is crispy, shaking occasionally, for 15-20 minutes.
- 5. Serve immediately.

Use any leftover trimmings to make vegetable broth.

Mashed Parsnips

18 1/4-cup servings

INGREDIENTS

21/2 lbs. parsnips, peeled and quartered

1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

4 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted

½ cup milk

Salt and pepper to taste

2 Tbsp. snipped fresh chives



INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Place the parsnips in a saucepan with water to cover. Add the lemon juice.
- 2. Simmer for 20 minutes or until very tender; drain.
- 3. Mash, adding the butter and cream. Season with salt and pepper.
- 4. Serve immediately, garnish with snipped chives.

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You can also use these recipes with other root vegetables like carrots and beets.

Turnip Fries

16 ½-cup servings

INGREDIENTS

3 lbs. turnips

1 Tbsp. vegetable oil

¹/₃ cup grated parmesan cheese

1 tsp. garlic salt

1 tsp. onion powder

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Grease a baking sheet.
- 2. Peel the turnips and cut into French fry-sized sticks, about ½ by 4 inches. Place into large bowl and toss with the vegetable oil to coat.
- 3. Place the parmesan cheese, garlic salt, onion powder in a resealable plastic bag, and shake to mix. Place the oiled turnips into the bag and shake until evenly coated with the spices.
- 4. Spread out onto the prepared baking sheet.
- 5. Bake in oven until the outside is crispy and the inside is tender. About 20 minutes.
- 6. Serve immediately.

Glazed Root Vegetables

40 1/4-cup servings

INGREDIENTS

5 lbs. white turnips, peel and dice, can also mix with familiar root vegetables such as carrots

3 Tbsp. butter Maple syrup

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Cover turnips with boiling water. Cook 15 minutes; drain.
- 2. Put turnips, butter and syrup in a skillet.
- 3. Sauté until glazed, stirring occasionally.



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Winter Root & Apple Salad

INGREDIENTS

1 small sweet onion, peeled & finely diced

1 Tbsp minced garlic

4 Tbsp whole grain mustard

2 Tbsp apple cider vinegar or apple cider

2 Tbsp local honey

1 large celeriac*

2 large carrots

10 cups cabbage

4 large apples, unpeeled and cored

Salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make the dressing: In a medium bowl combine the onion, garlic, mustard, apple cider vinegar, and honey. Mix well and set aside.

- 2. Peel all the skin from the celeriac with a paring knife. Grate the celeriac, carrots, and cabbage coarsely with a food processor. Set aside. Grate the apples with the box grater or food processor.
- 3. Add the grated roots and apples to the dressing and toss gently. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Set aside for at least 10 minutes before eating.

*Celeriac, also called celery root, is grown for its globular root, which has a taste that is similar to a blend of celery and parsley. It stores well in Vermont throughout the winter.

Roasted Cabbage

10 1/4-cup servings*

INGREDIENTS

Green or red cabbage Olive oil Salt & pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 400°F

- 1. Chop cabbage into big chunks.
- 2. Toss cabbage with olive oil, salt, and pepper.
- 3. Arrange in a single layer on a cookie sheet.
- 4. Bake until golden brown, serve hot!

*per pound of untrimmed raw cabbage