TURKISH · DINNER · LUNCH

Akçaabat Köfte (Trabzon Grilled Beef Meatballs)

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50 min | Serves 6 | 495 kcal a serve | Video 10:20 in Turkish · Harun Aksu

Dairy-free | Nut-free

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42 g protein and 15 g net carbs a serve: freshly ground beef köfte with just a little stale bread as binder, grilled over charcoal and served with grilled peppers and tomatoes.

Ingredients 6 · SERVES 6

- [ ] 500 g **beef rib meat** (dana kaburga), 600 g beef shoulder (dana kol) and 100 g caul fat or suet, minced together
- [ ] 150 g **stale white bread**
- [ ] 4 cloves **garlic** (7–8 g)
- [ ] 15 g (1½ tatlı kaşığı) **salt**
- [ ] 3 **tomatoes**, halved and grilled, to serve
- [ ] 6 **long green peppers** (sivri biber), grilled, to serve

Contains: Gluten. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Cut the rib meat and shoulder into chunks, along with the caul fat or suet. 0:55
2. Put the meat and fat in a bowl with the stale bread torn into pieces and the garlic. 2:00
3. Pass everything through a meat grinder, knead it briefly, then grind it a second time for a fine, smooth mince. 2:30
4. Add the salt and knead the mince for several minutes, wetting your hands now and then, until it is sticky and holds together well. 4:10
5. With wet hands, shape small flat oval köfte and lay them on a tray. 5:20
6. Light a charcoal grill. When the coals glow, grill the peppers and tomato halves. 6:15
7. Grill the köfte over the hot coals, turning once, until browned on both sides and cooked through. 7:25
8. Serve the köfte hot with the grilled peppers and tomatoes. 8:55

> **Tip** Serves 6 is our estimate for about 1.35 kg of mix. No charcoal? Use a very hot griddle pan. The 15 g of salt is generous; use less if you like. The cook also serves grilled bread and an onion-parsley salad; skip the bread to keep carbs low.

The method is a summary in our words, in English — the video (in Turkish) shows every step.

One serve gives you 1 OF 6 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
495 kcal	42 g	17 g	1.9 g	28 g	1,220 mg
2,070 kJ	84% of a day	15 g net · 3.1 g sugars	7% of a day	10 g saturated	53% of a day
		6% of a day		36% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 12% · protein 35% · fat 53% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin B12 169% · Zinc 89% · Selenium 69% · Vitamin B6 42% · Vitamin C 37% · Iron 25%

Source of (10–19%) Potassium 16% · Magnesium 11%

⚠ One serve has about 53% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

Recipe and video: Harun Aksu (@Harunaksu) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=Be94KrzrusM, published 8 February 2020. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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