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Saba Shioyaki (Salt-Grilled Mackerel)

20 min · Serves 2 · 322 kcal a serve · Video 5:22 · Cooking with Chef Dai

Pescatarian · Dairy-free · Nut-free

Mackerel is an oily fish rich in omega-3 fats: one fillet gives about 3 g of omega-3, around a day's vitamin D and many times the daily vitamin B12, and it is grilled with nothing but salt.

Diet notes: Carnivore if you leave out the daikon radish, lemon wedge, parsley and soy sauce; Keto (1.1 g net carbs a serve); Gluten-free with a swap: use gluten-free soy sauce (tamari).

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Ingredients 6 · SERVES 2

- [ ] 2 **mackerel fillets**, skin on (about 5 oz each)
- [ ] **salt**, seasoned liberally (about ½ tsp)
- [ ] grated daikon (mooli) radish, a small mound (about 2 tbsp) a serve, to serve
- [ ] 1 **lemon wedge**, to serve
- [ ] **parsley** sprig, to garnish
- [ ] a few drops of **soy sauce** on the radish, to serve (optional)

Amounts in US units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

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

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Pat the mackerel fillets completely dry; any water left on them dilutes the flavour and stops the skin crisping. 2:12
2. Lightly score the skin in a criss-cross pattern so it doesn't curl, and cut each fillet in half. Thread onto skewers if you like, to hold the pieces flat. 0:26
3. Season both sides liberally with salt. 2:32
4. Cook under a very hot overhead grill (broiler) for about 5 minutes on the first side, then flip and cook about 3 minutes more, until browned and crisp but still juicy inside. 2:45
5. Twist the skewers out gently so the flesh doesn't tear. Serve skin-side up with a mound of grated daikon, a lemon wedge and parsley; squeeze lemon over the fish and add a drop of soy sauce to the radish as you eat. 3:48

> **Tip** Serves 2 (our estimate: one fillet each). For strict carnivore, eat it with just the salt and leave the daikon, lemon and soy sauce off. A very hot grill pan or barbecue works too.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One serve gives you 1 OF 2 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
322 kcal	29 g	1.7 g	0.5 g	21 g	840 mg
1,350 kJ	58% of a day	1.1 g net · 0.9 g sugars	2% of a day	5 g saturated	36% of a day
		1% of a day		27% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 1% · protein 37% · fat 62% — fits keto: 1.1 g net carbs, 62% of the energy from fat

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin B12 950% · Omega-3 203% · Selenium 113% · Vitamin D 96% · Vitamin B6 30% · Magnesium 29% · Vitamin K 22%

Source of (10–19%) Potassium 12% · Iron 12% · Vitamin E 12% · Zinc 11% · Vitamin C 11%

Recipe and video: Cooking with Chef Dai (@CookingwithChefDai) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=askf71pqrPY, published 12 November 2015. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, 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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