AMERICAN · DINNER · LUNCH

Texas-Style Salt and Pepper Pulled Pork

495 min · plus about 2 hours resting · Serves 14 · 442 kcal a serve

Video 8:49 · HowToBBQRight

Carnivore · Gluten-free ingredients · Dairy-free · Nut-free

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Just pork, salt and pepper: one serve gives about 35 g of protein with selenium, zinc and vitamin B12 and no sugar from rubs or sauce, though the salt-and-pepper bark makes it salty.

Diet notes: Keto (0.8 g net carbs a serve).

Ingredients

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- [ ] 1 **bone-in pork butt** (Boston butt), about 3.6 kg
- [ ] 70 g **coarse kosher salt** (mixed 50:50 with the pepper)
- [ ] 30 g **coarse ground black pepper**

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

Contains: none of the common allergens in the listed ingredients. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Set up a smoker or kettle for indirect cooking at 135°C, adding a few chunks of oak or other hardwood to the hot coals for smoke. 1:47
2. Mix the salt and pepper in a shaker jar and give the pork butt a good, even coat on every side. There is no need to trim much. 0:47
3. Smoke fat-side down for 4–5 hours, without opening the lid, until a dark bark has formed and the centre is about 74–77°C. 2:41
4. Wrap the pork tightly in butcher paper (or foil), return it to the pit with a probe thermometer and cook until the centre reaches 92–93°C, about 2–3 hours more. 3:29
5. Rest it, still wrapped, in a dry esky or cooler for at least 1 hour, ideally 2. Pull out the blade bone and shred the meat by hand, mixing the bark through. 5:00

> **Tip** Serves about 14 (our estimate from 3.6 kg). We count all 60 ml of salt, so sodium is high (about 1,760 mg a serve); a lighter coat cuts it. In Texas it comes with bread, onion and jalapeños. Freezes well.

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

One serve gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
442 kcal	35 g	1.3 g	0.5 g	32 g	1,760 mg
1,850 kJ	70% of a day	0.8 g net · 0 g sugars	2% of a day	12 g saturated	77% of a day
		0% of a day		41% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 1% · protein 32% · fat 67% — fits keto: 0.8 g net carbs, 67% of the energy from fat

High in (20%+ of a day) Selenium 91% · Zinc 51% · Vitamin B12 50% · Vitamin B6 26%

Source of (10–19%) Iron 12% · Potassium 11% · Vitamin D 11%

⚠ One serve has about 77% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

Recipe and video: HowToBBQRight (@howtobbqright) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=k8yRj1RS5rA, published 28 June 2018. 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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