Crock Pot Split Pea Stew

10 servings (1 ½ cups)

Ingredients:

- 10 cups water+ 3 Tbsp low sodium vegetable bouillon base (or use 10 cups of low sodium vegetable broth)
- 24 oz green split peas
- 2 small yellow onions, coarsely chopped
- 5 medium carrots, coarsely chopped
- 2 cups lean ham cubes
- 1/4 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp dried parsley flakes
- 5 medium red potatoes, cubed
- 1 1/2 cups frozen green peas

Directions:

- 1. In a crock pot, combine all ingredients EXCEPT for potatoes and peas. Set crock pot on low for 10 hours.
- 2. For final two hours of cooking, add in potatoes and peas. *Note: as an alternative you can pre-boil the potatoes until soft and add them in with the peas 15 minutes prior to serving.

Nutrition Information per serving: Calories 385, Fat 1.7g, Carbs 70g, Fiber 21.3g Protein 25.3g Cholesterol 12 mg, Sodium 405mg *Eat8020.com*

Crock Pot Hungarian Beef Goulash

Yield 8 servings (1 cup)

Ingredients

- 2 pounds beef stew meat, (such as chuck), trimmed and cubed
- 2 teaspoons caraway seeds
- 1 1/2-2 tablespoons sweet or hot paprika, (or a mixture of the two), preferably Hungarian (see Ingredient Note)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 1 large or 2 medium onions, chopped
- 1 small red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 14-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1 14-ounce can reduced-sodium beef broth
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch mixed with 2 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 lb whole wheat pasta cooked

Directions

- 1. Place beef in a 4-quart or larger slow cooker. Crush caraway seeds with the bottom of a saucepan. Transfer to a small bowl and stir in paprika, salt and pepper. Sprinkle the beef with the spice mixture and toss to coat well. Top with onion and bell pepper.
- 2. Combine tomatoes, broth, Worcestershire sauce and garlic in a medium saucepan; bring to a simmer. Pour over the beef and vegetables. Place bay leaves on top. Cover and cook until the beef is very tender, 4 to 4 1/2 hours on high or 7 to 7 1/2 hours on low.
- 3. Discard the bay leaves; skim or blot any visible fat from the surface of the stew. Add the cornstarch mixture to the stew and cook on high, stirring 2 or 3 times, until slightly thickened, 10 to 15 minutes. Serve sprinkled with parsley.
- 4. Serve over cooked pasta

Nutritional Information per Serving: Calories 380 Fat $6.5 \mathrm{g}$ Carbs $48 \mathrm{g}$ Fiber $6 \mathrm{g}$ Protein $32 \mathrm{g}$ Cholesterol $48 \mathrm{mg}$ Sodium $260 \mathrm{mg}$

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Oven Roasted Squash with Garlic and Parsley

Original Recipe Yield 10 servings (3/4 cup)

Ingredients

- 5 pounds winter squash (such as butternut, buttercup, kabocha or hubbard), peeled, seeded and cut into 1-inch chunks (see Tip)
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, divided
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped Italian parsley

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
- 2. Toss squash with 4 teaspoons oil, salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Spread evenly on a large baking sheet. Roast, stirring occasionally, until tender throughout and lightly browned, 30 to 45 minutes (depending on the variety of squash).
- 3. Heat the remaining 2 teaspoons oil in a small skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant but not brown, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Toss the roasted squash with the garlic and parsley. Taste, adjust the seasoning and serve.

Nutritional Information per Serving: Calories 104 Fat 3g Carbs 21g Fiber 6g Protein 2g Cholesterol 0mg Sodium 357 mg Eatingwell.com