



Free Printable Food Journal

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How To Keep A Food Journal Tips

Make Counting Veggies/Fruits Easy

Tabulating all the different food items in your meals and snacks can be a BIG pain. Make your life easier by counting a cup of veggies as 50 calories, and a cup worth of fruit as 100 calories. Just watch out for avocado, which is a vegetable but very high in (healthy) fat, which means it has a lot of calories!

Portion Size Reference

Here are a list of portion sizes so you can eyeball them:

- 3 oz. of meat is as big as a deck or cards, or a blackberry
- 1 ounces of cheese is about size of your thumb
- 1 cup is equal to the size of a baseball
- A teaspoon is the tip of the thumb to the first joint
- A tablespoon is three thumb tips

Use NutritionData.com For Calorie Reference

If you can't find the calorie information for foods that you want to eat, check out NutritionData.com. You can search for just about any food that you want to eat. Just pay attention to serving sizes when viewing calorie content.

How to Calculate Calorie % Breakdown for the Day

For your reference, 1 gram of protein has 4 calories, 1 gram of carbohydrates has 4 calories, and 1 gram of fat has 9 calories. Another quick tip, 1 gram of fiber is equal to 1 gram of carbs, but it has no calories. So foods that are high in fiber will be less in calories than you would expect. One more thing, it's ok if your calorie breakdown percentages aren't perfect, you're just trying to get a sense of your macronutrient balance.

NOTE: The following page is a SAMPLE Food Journal for a 140 pound woman who is looking to lose 20 pounds by eating roughly 1400 calories each day. She's looking for moderate carb, moderate fat, higher protein intake, which is reflected in the calorie % breakdown.

Sample Daily Food Journal

Date 6/16/10 Mon Tue **Wed** Thu Fri Sat Sun (circle)

	Calories	Protein (g)	Carbs (g)	Fat (g)
Daily Totals	1397	90	147	50
Calorie % Breakdown	100%	26%	42%	32%

Qty	Measure	Food	Calories	Protein (g)	Carbs (g)	Fat (g)	Mood Before	Mood After
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Breakfast

Time of Day: 8:00am

5	Whole	Egg Whites	80	20	0	0	Tired	Energized
1	Slice	Whole Wheat Toast	110	4	24	1		
1	Medium	Orange	60	0	15	0		
		Totals	250	24	39	1		

Lunch

Time of Day: 1:00pm

4	Ounces	Grilled Chicken Breast	130	27	0	3	Relieved	Happy
2	Cups	Lettuce with Veggies	60	0	12	0		
1/2	Cup	Brown Rice	108	3	22	1		
2	Tbsp.	Wishbone Vinaigrette	60	0	3	5		
		Totals	358	30	37	9		

Dinner

Time of Day: 7:30pm

6	Ounces	Salmon	232	24	0	12	Good	Good
8	Spears	Asparagus	24	0	6	0		
1	Medium	Sweet Potato	100	2	24	0		
	Time of Day	Totals	356	26	30	12		

Snacks

Time of Day: 10am/4pm

1	Handful	Almonds	162	6	6	14	Ok	Good
1	Bar	Snickers Bar	271	4	35	14	Anxious	Guilty!
		Totals	433	10	41	28		

Check 8 Ounce Glasses of Water



Day in Review

I was very happy I ate wholesome, natural foods today, I kept my portions small, and overall my energy levels were really high. I was upset after I ate that snickers bar. I was stressed from work, need to be aware next time!

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Breakfast Time of Day:

Totals								

Lunch Time of Day:

Totals								

Dinner Time of Day:

Totals								

Snacks Time of Day:

Totals								

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