Stuffed Bell Peppers

Prep: 25 min Cook: 105 min Serves: 8

Ingredients:

- 1 cup brown rice, uncooked
- ½ cup lentils, uncooked
- 1 ½ cups chicken stock
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon thyme, crushed using a mortar and pestle
- 8 small bell peppers, tops removed and seeded
- ⅔ cup water chestnuts
- ½ cup fresh parsley, finely chopped
- · 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1 stalk celery, without leaves, finely chopped
- · 2 small carrots, finely chopped
- 2 cups mushrooms, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon margarine

Directions:

- Combine the brown rice, lentils, chicken stock, salt, and thyme, and cook until the rice and lentils are done, about 45 minutes. Add a little chicken stock if necessary.
- 2. Cut the tops off the bell peppers. Remove the seeds and inner membranes and rinse well. Set aside.
- **Nutrition Information** Serving size: 311g Calories: 190 8 servings **Amount per Serving** % Daily Value Total Fat 2g 3% Saturated Fat 0g Trans Fat 0g Cholesterol 5mg 9% Sodium 210mg Total Carbohydrate 37g 13% 25% Dietary Fiber 5g **Total Sugars** Added Sugars 0g Protein 7g Vitamin D 0mcg Calcium 4% 41ma Iron 2mg 10% Potassium 565mg 10%
- 3. Melt the margarine and sauté the water chestnuts, parsley, minced garlic cloves, and all of the vegetables until tender.
- 4. Combine all ingredients except the peppers and mix well.
- 5. Stuff the vegetable/grain mixture (½ cup per pepper) into peppers and place in a baking pan with ½ inch of water in it.
- 6. Bake, covered, for 45 minutes at 325°. Remove the cover and bake for an additional 15 minutes or until the tops are browned.