Crispy Carrot Fries

- 1 pound carrots scrubbed but not peeled
- 1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt

Turn the oven on to 400 degrees F. Wash hands with soap and warm water, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds. Rinse carrots under cool running water and scrub with a clean vegetable brush to remove any dirt before chopping. Put the carrots on the cutting board and cut them into thirds. Cut the thinnest end into 2 spears. Cut the two thicker parts into 4 spears each so you get about 10 carrot fries from each carrot. Place the spears on a baking sheet. Drizzle with oil. Sprinkle with salt. With clean hands, rub the carrot pieces until they're lightly coated with oil. Put the baking sheet in the oven and bake until carrots are browned and crispy, about 35 to 40 minutes. Serve right away. Refrigerate leftovers.

Yield: 4 servings. Serving size: ¼ cup. Nutrition Analysis: 70 calories, 3.5g total fat, 0g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 280mg sodium, 13g total carbohydrate, 3g fiber, 6g total sugars, 0g added sugars, 1g protein, 0% DV vitamin D, 4% DV calcium, 2% DV iron, 8% DV potassium.



Kentucky Carrots

SEASON: June through early August

NUTRITION FACTS: Carrots are an excellent source of vitamin A, which is important for growth and development, immune function, red blood cell formation, skin and bone formation, and vision.

SELECTION: Choose well-shaped, smooth, firm, crisp carrots with deep color and fresh, green tops. Avoid carrots that are soft, wilted, or split.

STORAGE: Refrigerate carrots in a plastic bag with tops removed for up to 2 weeks.

PREPARATION: Rinse and remove ends, peel if desired. Eat carrots raw or cooked. Use raw in salads, with dips, or plain as a snack. To cook whole or cut carrots, steam, boil, microwave, roast, or add to stir-fries, soups, stews, and casseroles.

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