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## The Ultimate Thanksgiving Smoked Turkey & Holiday Menu Guide

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#### **SMOKED TURKEY QUICK GUIDE**

#### **Turkey Size:**

12–18 lb whole turkey (fully thawed)

## Brine (12-24 hours)

- 1 gallon water
- 1 cup kosher salt
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp garlic powder
- 1 Tbsp onion powder
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 2 bay leaves

#### Rinse and pat turkey dry after brining.

#### **Butter Rub**

- 1 cup softened butter
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp garlic powder
- 2 Tbsp onion powder
- 1 Tbsp smoked paprika
- 1 Tbsp thyme
- 1 Tbsp rosemary
- 1 tsp salt

• 1 tsp black pepper

#### Rub under the skin, over the skin, and inside the cavity.

## **Smoking Instructions**

• Smoker Temperature: 225-250°F

• Wood: Apple / Cherry / Hickory

• Time: 30-40 minutes per pound

## **Internal Temperature:**

Breast: 165°F

• Thigh: 175-180°F

Rest turkey 30–45 minutes before carving.

#### **HOLIDAY MENU**

#### **Sides**

- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Cornbread Stuffing
- Green Bean Casserole
- Honey-Glazed Carrots
- Cranberry Orange Relish
- Dinner Rolls

#### **Desserts**

- Pumpkin Pie
- Pecan Pie

#### **Drinks**

- Apple Cider
- Sweet Tea

• Sparkling Cranberry Punch

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