Grilled Salmon with Watercress Salad & Buttermilk Dressing

HANDS-ON TIME: 35 min TOTAL TIME: 35 MIN; SERVES 4: 3 oz salmon & 2 cups salad each

CROUTONS:

- 2 cups cubed rye bread (1/2 inch thick)
- 1 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

BUTTERMILK DRESSING:

- 1/3 cup buttermilk
- 3 Tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp cider vinegar
- 1 Tbsp chopped fresh dill
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp fine sea salt
- Hot sauce to taste

SALMON & SALAD:

- 1 lb wild salmon, skin on, cut into 4 portions
- 1/4 tsp fine sea salt
- 1/4 tsp ground pepper
- 8 cups gently packed trimmed watercress (about 2 large bunches)
- 1/2 cup fresh sauerkraut, preferably purple

Instructions: Rye croutons, mustard and sauerkraut pair beautifully with wild salmon from the Northwest. Most large supermarkets sell sauerkraut in the refrigerated section; if you can't find purple sauerkraut, feel free to use green (or make your own). A rich dill-infused buttermilk dressing brings it all together.

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. **To prepare croutons:** Toss bread and oil in a medium bowl. Spread on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake until crisp, 10 to 15 minutes.
- 3. Meanwhile, preheat grill to high.
- 4. **To prepare dressing:** Whisk buttermilk, mayonnaise, vinegar, dill, mustard, garlic, 1/4 tsp salt and a couple dashes of hot sauce in a small bowl.
- 5. **To prepare salmon:** Season salmon with salt and pepper. Oil the grill rack. Grill the salmon, skin-side down and without turning, until just cooked through, 3 to 6 minutes, depending on thickness. Transfer to a clean plate and tent with foil to keep warm.
- 6. Toss watercress with half of the dressing. Serve the salmon on the salad, garnished with sauerkraut and the croutons. Serve the remaining dressing on the side.

CAL 279 | FAT 14G (SAT, 3G) | CHOLESTEROL 58MG | CARBS 11G | SUGARS 3G | PROTEIN 26G | FIBER 2G | SODIUM 568MG | POTASSIUM 623MG

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