**Loaded Baked Potato Dip with Crispy Fingerling Chips**

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**Description:** Whipped light and creamy potatoes with smoky bacon, cheddar, sour cream, and chives, baked in the oven and served with crispy sea salt chips.

**Servings:** 12

**Preparation Time:** 10 minutes

**Cooking Time:** 30 minutes

**Total Time:** 40 minutes

**Potato Type:** Dehydrated Potato Flakes, Frozen Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Mashed Potatoes, or Refrigerated Mashed Potatoes

**Course:** Appetizer

**Ingredients**

*Loaded Baked Potato Dip***:**

* 2.2lbs (1 kg) Prepared Mashed Potatoes (Dehy), \*Fresh or Frozen Prepared Mashed Potatoes can be subbed
	+ 2-3/4 cups (660ml) Water
	+ 4.5 tablespoons (75g) Butter, Unsalted
	+ ½ teaspoon (1g) Kosher Salt
	+ 1-1/2 cups (360ml) Milk
	+ 3 cups (150g) Potato Flakes
* 1/3 cup (90g) Bacon Bits
* 1/3 cup (8g) Chopped Chives (Green Onions can be subbed)
* ¾ cup (120g) Shredded Cheddar Cheese
* ½ cup (120ml) Sour Cream
* 1 teaspoon (2g) Kosher Salt
* 1 teaspoon (1g) Freshly Ground White Pepper

*Fingerling Potato Chips***:**

* 1-1/2 lbs (680g) Fingerling Potatoes, thinly sliced, lengthwise
* As Needed Vegetable Oil for frying
* 1 teaspoon Fine Sea Salt

**Preparation**

1. Preheat the oven to 350 °F (177 °C)
2. To make the fingerling potato chips, heat the oil to 350 °F. Thinly slice the potatoes using a knife or a mandolin. Hold the potatoes in water until ready to fry. To fry drain the potatoes and dry them slightly in a salad spinner or just on some paper towels. Fry the potatoes in batches, until they are crisp. About 6-8 minutes. Drain the chips on a tray lined with paper towels and season them with sea salt.
3. To make the potato dip, heat the water, butter and salt to boiling in a medium saucepan. Remove from the heat. Stir the milk and the potato flakes into the potatoes with a small whisk or fork until the potatoes are the desired consistency. Mix in the bacon, chives, ½ cup cheese, sour cream, salt and pepper. Transfer the loaded mash into an oven safe dish. Top the potatoes with the remaining ¼ cup of cheese and place in the oven for 8-10 minutes or until the cheese is melted and the potato dip is hot.
4. Arrange the chips next to the potato dip and enjoy!



Vitamin C: 20.19mg