



Recipes for the
ROAD



*Happy Holidays
Celebrate Safely!*



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Almost Champagne Punch

Ingredients

- 4 cups white-cranberry-strawberry juice
- 1 blood orange (a regular orange works too, with red food coloring)
- 4 cups ice
- 1/2 cup frozen cranberries
- 1 cup halved strawberries
- Club soda or Sprite

Directions

In a large punch bowl, pour in the juice. Cut an orange in half, juicing one half directly into the bowl, and then thinly slice the other half into semicircles. Next, add the ice, cranberries, strawberries, and the orange slices. Just before serving, gently pour in the club soda or Sprite for a refreshing fizz.

Sweet-and-Savory Peppermint Popcorn

Ingredients

- 1-pound white chocolate, chopped
- 30 peppermint candies, crushed (3/4 cup), divided
- 10 cups popped popcorn (from about 1/3 cup kernels)
- Flaky sea salt

Directions

Start by lining two baking sheets with parchment paper. In a microwave-safe bowl, melt the chocolate on high, stirring every 30 seconds, until it's smooth and creamy, which should take about 1 to 2 minutes. Once melted, mix in 1/2 cup of crushed peppermints. Carefully fold in the popcorn until it's well coated. Transfer the popcorn mixture onto the prepared baking sheets and sprinkle with salt and the remaining 1/4 cup of crushed peppermints. Place the sheets in the refrigerator until the chocolate has hardened, which should take about 20 minutes. Store the finished treat in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 3 days.

'Tis the Season for Holiday Travel

According to the American Automobile Association (AAA), a staggering 90% of holiday travelers will be getting around by car this season, with nearly 105 million people expected to hit the road. This surge in travel will lead to significantly heavier traffic, resulting in travel times projected to be about 25% longer than usual. To ensure a smooth journey, it's essential to plan ahead: start by checking your vehicle to ensure it's in good condition, including tires, brakes, and fluids; pack wisely with both necessities and comfort items like snacks and entertainment; and stay aware of weather conditions that may impact your route. Additionally, using GPS or travel apps to find the best routes and taking regular breaks to rest and recharge will help keep you alert and focused, making for a safer and more enjoyable travel experience during this busy time of year.

