

# Dangerous potatoes

## FLAMBÉ

(Solanum Tuberosum Periculosum)



### RECIPE 3 - FLAMBÉ DANGEROUS POTATOES

Traditionally flambéing is associated with the table presentation of certain types of food in which flaming alcohol is used to cook the exterior to crispness. However Dangerous Potato flambé is more of a safety measure than a meal.

#### INGREDIENTS

1. One flamethrower with portable backpack-mounted propane cylinders.  
\*Do not attempt to operate a flamethrower until you are 18.
2. A large pair of tongs.
3. A selection of thin wooden steaks.
4. Optional spade. This will be necessary if collecting during the daytime, however a night harvesting will definitely require the additional use of metal pants.
5. Metal pants? (use at chef's discretion.)
6. A pinch of salt.
7. Chef's hat.

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A long way away, there is a wood. A very pretty wood that's good for walking in. There are trees and bushes, streams and ditches, birds and rabbits. But, at night there are...  
**DANGEROUS POTATOES!!!**

If you were to go there in the day time, you would find it's just like any other wood really. And, when the bluebells come out... oh... when the bluebells come out... it's the prettiest wood in the world.

It's easy to forget about all the bad things when you smell the perfume from the bluebells in Bluebell Wood. I even think the smell can work magic. And that's why people still go there to walk and think and feel happy.

Oh yes, it's so easy to forget. But you must never forget about...  
**THE DANGEROUS POTATOES!!!**

### METHOD

1. For a daytime catch, enter Bluebell Wood any hour after sun-rise and locate an area of ground displaying fresh soil and teeth marks.
2. Slowly dig down until you uncover a sleeping Dangerous Potato and grab firmly with your tongs.
3. Hold at arms length and flambé with the flamethrower until golden brown and no longer barking at you.
4. Blast for a few seconds more to be sure. Dangerous Potatoes are sneaky.
5. Add salt, skewer with a wooden steak and dine al-fresco avoiding the eyes and teeth.....  
.....though I quite like them actually, hhhhmmmmmm crunchy!
6. The night time version of this meal is far more hazardous as Dangerous Potatoes awaken from sleep at night immediately and will not be sluggish or blinded by the daylight; so be sure to wear your metal pants and chef's hat. It is a cavalier and foolish chef who believes he can serve his guests Dangerous Potato Flambé at night without wearing the correct protective clothing. You have been warned.
7. Enter Bluebell Wood any hour after sundown and locate an area of ground displaying fresh soil and teeth marks. You may also detect the faint smell of chips.
8. Commence jumping up and down vigorously on the spot shouting at the top of your voice or singing loudly. (Humming classical music badly also works well.)
9. You will instantly be caught in a hail of flying, gnashing teeth so have the flamethrower ready and primed.
10. If you time this right the night sky will be illuminated by a cascade of flaming Dangerous Potatoes, which you can collect in the chef's hat from where they fall, add salt and enjoy.

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