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### Introduction

I grew up fat. This was due to a combination of a lousy metabolism, undiagnosed depression that I self-medicated through eating my feelings, and terrible eating habits. I tried many diets and attempts to exercise the weight away, all of which were miserable failures.

Then, in my early twenties, I stumbled upon the *right* way to go about losing weight. Over a period of eight months, I lost sixty pounds. That was twenty years ago, and unlike most dieters, I've kept the weight off since then.

Here's the thing about the strategy I was using: I didn't have to suffer. It didn't take enormous amounts of willpower. I didn't have to deprive myself of the foods I loved. And while I wouldn't say it was the easiest thing in the world, it wasn't particularly hard.

How I did this, and how you can replicate my success, is the subject of my upcoming book, *The Weight Loss Habit: The No Gimmick, No BS, (Sort of) Easy Way to Lose Weight and Keep It Off Forever.* 

One thing I discovered is that unlike with most traditional diets, with my strategy it is perfectly fine to eat fast food, as long as you do it in the right way. This eBook contains the chapter from *The Weight Loss Habit* explaining how to do this. It also contains the appendix listing what foods are safe for someone trying to lose weight to eat at the top fast food chains in America.

If you find this useful, enjoyable, or interesting, please follow my blog at <u>selfhelpingyourself.com</u> and sign up for my newsletter at <u>selfhelpingyourself.com/subscribe</u> so you can be alerted when the full book is released. Please also follow me and the blog on Twitter at <u>@stevenraymarks</u> and

<u>@yourselfhelping</u>, and like and follow the Facebook page <u>facebook.com/selfhelpingyourself</u>.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I hope that it leads to you living a healthier and happier life.

## Eating Fast Food for Fun and Weight Loss

Fast food is the bogeyman of the health industry. From films like *Supersize Me* and books like *Fast Food Nation*, it's often blamed for the obesity epidemic. It's the shorthand and example of people eating terribly just because it's convenient.

Obviously, if you're regularly downing 1,200 calorie monster burgers along with 600 calorie large fries and an extra-large 350 calorie sugary soda, then topping it off with a 1,200 calorie milkshake, that's not doing your health any favors.

All the people tut-tutting about fast food act like anyone who goes to McDonalds is a complete idiot. But there are excellent reasons to eat fast food. As its name implies, it's fast. And convenient. If you're a busy mother rushing to get your kids from school to practice to a recital to home before heading in to work at your second job, you don't have time to make a home-cooked meal.

Plus, it tastes good.

Fortunately, there are healthy ways to eat fast food. You can enjoy the convenience and flavor without consuming 3,000+ calories a meal.

First of all, get a diet soda instead of a sugary soda. That saves you a bunch of calories for free.

Next, skip the milkshakes and french fries. Yes, I know these can be delicious. But you can't expect to make fast food healthy without a bit of sacrifice.

Instead of fries, get a side-salad, which most fast food burger places will let you substitute into your meal at no extra cost. Be careful with the dressing for the salad. A lot of salad dressing is shockingly high in calories. (The full Weight Loss Habit book has an entire chapter about high-calorie "healthy" foods.) They typically give you the same size dressing packets for the side salad as for the large salads, so try to only use a small portion of the dressing they give you.

Most fast food places have smaller burgers/items, so get one of those. They taste the same as the large marquee items – there's just less of them. So you get to enjoy the taste and convenience with fewer calories. (And as a bonus, you'll save money.)

Most fast food places also have meal salads. But make sure to get these with grilled chicken rather than crispy chicken. And again, be careful about the dressing.

If you live somewhere that requires fast food places to post their calorie contents on the menu, finding low calorie options is easy. If not, take a few minutes to go to your favorite chain's website and look at the nutritional information to pick some out.

To make things more convenient for you, I found some options at major fast food chains that are under 600 calories.

## Fast Food Options Under 600 Calories

This section lists meal options that you can find that are under 600 calories, at the top 20 fast food restaurants in America, excluding coffee and donut chains. I relied on the nutritional information available on each of the restaurants websites to compile this data. As restaurants often change their offerings and ingredients, actual calorie counts may have changed between when I compiled them and when you read them.

#### Arby's

Note that the sandwiches here are listed without sauce. Arby Sauce adds 15 calories, and Horsey Sauce adds 60 calories.

Most Arby's breakfast items that aren't "Double" or on a "Platter" are under 600 calories.

| Item                                   | Calories |
|----------------------------------------|----------|
| Classic Beef 'n Cheddar                | 450      |
| Classic French Dip and Swiss<br>Au Jus | 540      |
| Classic Roast Beef                     | 360      |
| Double Roast Beef                      | 510      |
| Roast Turkey & Swiss Wrap              | 520      |
| Grand Turkey Club                      | 480      |

| Chopped Farmhouse Salad –<br>Crispy Chicken | 430 |  |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|--|
| Chopped Farmhouse Salad –<br>Roast Turkey   | 240 |  |
| Salad Dressings                             |     |  |
| Light Italian                               | 20  |  |
| Dijon Honey Mustard                         | 180 |  |
| Balsamic Vinaigrette                        | 130 |  |
| Buttermilk Ranch                            | 210 |  |

## **Burger King**

| Item                      | Calories |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Whopper Jr.               | 310      |
| Quarter Pounder King      | 580      |
| Hamburger                 | 240      |
| Cheeseburger              | 280      |
| Double Hamburger          | 350      |
| Double Cheeseburger       | 390      |
| Bacon Cheeseburger        | 320      |
| Bacon Double Cheeseburger | 420      |

| Grilled Chicken Sandwich                                                 | 430         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Crispy Chicken Jr                                                        | 450         |
| Spicy Crispy Chicken Jr                                                  | 390         |
| Chicken Nuggets                                                          | 45/nugget   |
| Spicy Chicken Nuggets                                                    | 55/nugget   |
| Crispy Chicken Tenders                                                   | 135/piece   |
| Chicken Fries – 9 pc                                                     | 280         |
| Big Fish Sandwich                                                        | 510         |
| BK Veggie Burger                                                         | 390         |
| Garden Chicken Salad Grilled                                             | 350+        |
| Club Salad Grilled                                                       | 450+        |
| Garden Side Salad                                                        | 60+         |
| Ranch Dressing                                                           | 260         |
| Italian Dressing                                                         | 160         |
| Lite Honey Balsamic<br>Vinaigrette                                       | 120         |
| Croutons                                                                 | 60          |
| Any CROISSAN'WICH or<br>Biscuit that isn't "Double" or<br>"Fully Loaded" | 530 or less |
|                                                                          |             |

#### Carl's Jr./Hardee's

Note: While Carl's Jr. and Hardee's are the same company, they have some slight differences on their menus. I tried to limit this list to items that were on both menus. In some cases, the nutrition info differed between the two menus, so the numbers that appear before the slash are for Carl's Jr. and after the slash are for Hardee's. Hardee's has many more low calorie options that were not on the Carl's Jr. menu. If you are interested in reviewing these, you can find them at https://www.hardees.com/nutrition

It is very difficult to find low-calorie breakfast options at Carl's Jr/Hardee's.

| Item                                   | Calories  |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| ½ Pound Lettuce-Wrapped<br>Thickburger | 420       |
| Big Hamburger                          | 480       |
| Double Cheeseburger                    | 390       |
| Kid's Hamburger                        | 250       |
| Kid's Cheeseburger                     | 310       |
| Charbroiled Chicken Club<br>Sandwich   | 590 / 560 |
| Charbroiled BBQ Chicken<br>Sandwich    | 370 / 350 |
| Spicy Chicken Sandwich                 | 490 / 440 |

| Hand Breaded Chicken<br>Tenders | 90/piece |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Chicken Stars                   | 45/star  |
| Charbroiled Chicken Salad       | 280+     |
| Side Salad                      | 140+     |
| House Dressing                  | 210      |
| Blue Cheese Dressing            | 310      |
| Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing   | 20       |

#### Chick-Fil-A

Every one of Chick-Fil-A's non-breakfast sandwiches is under 600 calories, so it's a pretty good option as far as fast food goes. As long as you avoid the sides, drinks, shakes, etc.

| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Calories              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Chicken Sandwich (Spicy /<br>Deluxe / Spicy Deluxe)                                                                                                                                                                                          | 440 (450 / 500 / 540) |
| Nuggets – 8 piece / 12 piece (Note: Make sure to add the calories of any dipping sauces to this. Ranch and Chick-Fil-A sauces are 140 calories per cup, and Polynesian is 110 calories. The other sauces are all under 50 calories per cup.) | 260 / 390             |

| Chick-n-strips – 3 piece / 4 piece (See note on sauces above)   | 350 / 470 |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Grilled Chicken Sandwich<br>(Grilled Chicken Club)              | 310 (430) |  |
| Grilled Nuggets – 8 piece / 12 piece (See note on sauces above) | 140 / 210 |  |
| Grilled Chicken Cool Wrap                                       | 350       |  |
| Grilled Market Salad (no dressing)                              | 330       |  |
| Cobb Salad (no dressing)                                        | 510       |  |
| Spicy Southwest Salad (no dressing)                             | 450       |  |
| Salad Dressings                                                 |           |  |
| Light Italian                                                   | 25        |  |
| Light Balsamic Vinaigrette                                      | 80        |  |
| Fat Free Honey Mustard                                          | 90        |  |
| Chili Lime Vinaigrette                                          | 60        |  |
| Garlic & Herb Ranch                                             | 280       |  |
| Creamy Salsa                                                    | 290       |  |
| Avocado Lime Ranch                                              | 310       |  |
| Apple Cider Vinaigrette                                         | 230       |  |
|                                                                 |           |  |

All of Chick-Fil-A's breakfast items except for their burritos are under 600 calories.

#### Chipotle

Since everything is customizable at Chipotle, you have to add up the different ingredients. It is possible to get a reasonably low-calorie meal there, but only if you do a bowl or salad. If you get burritos or tacos, there's just too many calories in the tortillas. And if you get a salad, you have to skip the dressing, which is also high in calories. You can't get guacamole and keep the calories reasonable. Definitely avoid getting chips on the side

Below is a list of how many calories are in each ingredient. I suggest that you sit down and add up the calories from what you like, to come up with something you're satisfied with and is also reasonable calories. Then have this planned ahead of time before you go into the restaurant.

Note that you can also ask them for half the usual amount of an ingredient. Though you'll probably end up getting more like two thirds the usual amount, so use two thirds of the calories in your calculation if you're planning to do this.

| Item     | Calories |
|----------|----------|
| Barbacoa | 170      |
| Carnitas | 210      |
| Chicken  | 180      |
| Sofritas | 150      |

| Steak                       | 150 |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Rice (Brown or White)       | 210 |
| Beans (Black or Pinto)      | 130 |
| Fajita Veggies              | 20  |
| Tomato Salsa                | 25  |
| Guacamole                   | 230 |
| Cheese                      | 110 |
| Queso                       | 120 |
| Chili-Corn Salsa            | 80  |
| Sour Cream                  | 110 |
| Tomatillo Green Chile Salsa | 15  |
| Tomatillo Red Chile Salsa   | 30  |
| Romaine Lettuce             | 5   |

#### Domino's

It's not feasible for me to put together a chart with all the options. But depending on what you get, the hand-tossed pizzas are generally between 250 and 350 calories per slice. Get hand-tossed instead of pan as an easy way to save calories. (Or Brooklyn-style if it's offered in the kind of pizza you're getting.)

If you limit yourself to two slices of a medium hand-tossed pizza, this is reasonably healthy. But seriously ask yourself if it's realistic that you'll be able to cut yourself off after two slices. If

not, you should continue to think of pizza as an unhealthy food that you only eat on special occasions.

Alternatively, you could order wings or Speciality Chicken, which are 400–500 calories for a meal.

Be aware that they claim the serving size for their sandwiches and breadbowl pasta is half a sandwich/breadbowl, so these are really double the calories they list on their website. They are not healthy options.

Stay away from the cheesy bread, bread bites, bread twists, and desserts, which are all extremely high in calories.

#### Jack in the Box

| Item                          | Calories  |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Hamburger                     | 340       |
| Cheeseburger                  | 380       |
| Jr. Bacon Cheeseburger        | 480       |
| Jr. Jumbo Jack (with cheese)  | 420 (460) |
| Jumbo Jack (with cheese)      | 520 (600) |
| Chicken Fajita Pita           | 350       |
| Chicken Nuggets               | 50/nugget |
| Chicken Sandwich (with bacon) | 510 (550) |
| Crispy Chicken Strips         | 140/piece |

| Fish Sandwich                                                           | 410             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Jack's Spicy Chicken (with cheese)                                      | 550 (630)       |
| Sourdough Grilled Chicken<br>Club                                       | 580             |
| Chicken Club Salad – Grilled                                            | 370+            |
| Grilled Chicken Salad                                                   | 250+            |
| Side Salad                                                              | 20+             |
| Southwest Chicken Salad –<br>grilled with dressing (and<br>corn sticks) | 540 (600)       |
| Southwest Dressing                                                      | 190             |
| Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing                                           | 25              |
| Ranch Dressing                                                          | 250             |
| Croutons                                                                | 70              |
| Monster Taco                                                            | 270             |
| Bacon Ranch Monster Taco                                                | 340             |
| Nacho Monster Taco                                                      | 330             |
| Regular Taco                                                            | 170             |
| Breakfast Jack (With Bacon)<br>(With Sausage)                           | 350 (380) (500) |
| Breakfast biscuits                                                      | 410–550         |

#### **KFC**

The pieces of chicken are generally better than the sandwiches. You can make a huge difference by getting your chicken Kentucky Grilled rather than Original. On the other hand, you'll make a huge difference in the wrong direction if you go Extra Crispy. And be careful with the sides. Biscuits are 180 calories each (before honey or butter), cornbread muffins are 210 calories, potato wedges are 270 calories, and potato salad is 340 calories.

| Item                                                                              | Calories              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Chicken Little (Buffalo /<br>Honey BBQ / Nashville Hot)                           | 300 (310 / 320 / 340) |
| Crispy Colonel Sandwich<br>(Buffalo / Honey BBQ /<br>Nashville Hot)               | 470 (500 / 510 / 540) |
| Snack Size Famous Bowl                                                            | 270                   |
| Original Chicken Breast (Extra<br>Crispy / Spicy Crispy /<br>Kentucky Grilled)    | 390 (530 / 350 / 210) |
| Original Chicken Drumstick<br>(Extra Crispy / Spicy Crispy /<br>Kentucky Grilled) | 130 (170 / 130 / 80)  |
| Original Chicken Thigh (Extra<br>Crispy / Spicy Crispy /<br>Kentucky Grilled)     | 280 (330 / 270 / 150) |
| Original Chicken Whole Wing<br>(Extra Crispy / Spicy Crispy /                     | 130 (170 / 120 / 70)  |

| Kentucky Grilled) |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Corn on the Cob   | 70 |
| Green Beans       | 25 |
| Sweet Kernel Corn | 70 |

## McDonald's

| Item                                | Calories  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Hamburger                           | 250       |
| Cheeseburger                        | 300       |
| Double Cheeseburger                 | 440       |
| McDouble                            | 390       |
| Quarter Pounder With<br>Cheese      | 510       |
| Big Mac                             | 540       |
| Filet-O-Fish                        | 390       |
| McChicken                           | 400       |
| McRib                               | 500       |
| Artisan Grilled Chicken<br>Sandwich | 430       |
| Chicken McNuggets                   | 45/nugget |

| Buttermilk Crispy Tenders                                                                                         | 120/piece |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Bacon Ranch Grilled Chicken<br>Salad with ranch dressing                                                          | 440       |
| Southwest Grilled Chicken<br>Salad with dressing                                                                  | 440       |
| Side Salad                                                                                                        | 15+       |
| Ranch Dressing (Remember you can use part of this to reduce the calories – ½ the packet would be ½ the calories.) | 140       |
| Southwest Dressing                                                                                                | 110       |
| Vinaigrette Dressing                                                                                              | 40        |
| Fruit N Yogurt Parfait                                                                                            | 210       |
| Egg McMuffin                                                                                                      | 300       |
| All other breakfast sandwiches                                                                                    | 420–550   |

### **Panda Express**

Typically at Panda Express, people get a Bowl, which comes with either fried rice or chow mein, or a Plate which comes with a serving of each. (Or two servings of one of these.) It's not going to be possible to get a reasonable portion of food if you do this. The chow mein is 510 calories, and the fried rice is 520. If you get the Plate, you're already over 1,000 calories before you've even ordered your main dishes.

However, instead of getting the chow mein and fried rice, you can get their Super Greens, which are only 90 calories per serving. If you do that, it's possible to eat a reasonably healthy meal at Panda Express. Otherwise, the only way to do it is to split your take-home Bowl or Plate into multiple meals.

In general, it's better to stay away from anything that is fried or breaded. This includes a lot of their signature dishes, such as Orange Chicken, Beijing Beef, and Honey Sesame Chicken.

Every item on Panda's menu is under 600 calories, but since you'll likely be eating multiple items, I'm only going to list those that are less than 300 calories.

| Item                     | Calories |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Black Pepper Chicken     | 280      |
| Kung Pao Chicken         | 290      |
| Mushroom Chicken         | 220      |
| Potato Chicken           | 190      |
| String Bean Chicken      | 190      |
| Broccoli Beef            | 150      |
| Firecracker Shrimp       | 110      |
| Chicken Egg Roll         | 200      |
| Grilled Teriyaki Chicken | 300      |
| Grilled Asian Chicken    | 300      |
| Sweet and Sour Chicken   | 300      |

#### Panera Bread

Despite having a somewhat healthy image, Panera tends to serve large amounts of food, or food that contains a lot of high-calorie bread. It's hard to find lower calorie options. They do offer half-sandwiches, but realistically you're not going to eat that. Even most of their salads are over 600 calories once you add dressing. And you definitely want to avoid their bread bowls, or sides of bread.

On the other hand, almost all of their breakfast options are under 600 calories. Because they have such an extensive menu, I'm not going to list them all.

If you do find yourself at Panera Bread for lunch or dinner, here are the few low-calorie options I could find.

| Item                                                     | Calories        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Mediterranean Grain Bowl<br>(No meat)                    | 590             |
| Mediterranean Veggie on<br>Tomato Basil                  | 470             |
| Steak and Arugula on<br>Sourdough                        | 480             |
| Turkey on Whole Grain                                    | 540             |
| Asian Sesame Salad with Chicken (With Dressing)          | 410 (500)       |
| Caesar Salad (With Dressing / With Chicken and Dressing) | 320 (490 / 620) |

| Seasonal Greens Salad – No<br>Dressing (This is low enough<br>calorie that you can add the<br>dressing of your choice and<br>still keep it under 600<br>calories.) | 190       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Spicy Thai Salad With Chicken (With Dressing)                                                                                                                      | 460 (510) |

#### Pizza Hut

Pizza Hut is going to be very similar to Dominos. However, they have personal pan pizzas, which make it a bit easier to get reasonable portions. The Cheese, Hawaiian, Pepperoni (not Pepperoni Lover's), and Veggie Lover's are all 600 calories or under. And most of the others aren't too much over 600 calories. They range from 640 for the Buffalo Chicken to 840 for the Meat Lover's.

Avoid their pastas, p'zones, and sandwiches, which have enormous amounts of calories. Even their "Smaller Appetites" menu is high-calorie.

Some of their salads are lower calorie (though some aren't), but who orders salads from Pizza Hut?

Wings are 80–100 calories per wing depending on options, unless you get the Smoky Garlic wings which are 110–120 calories, or the Garlic Parmesan which are 130–140 calories.

#### Popeye's

There are lots of options here if you avoid the sides, or stick with green beans as your side. Also, this is a good place to point out that cole slaw has way more calories than you would expect. (This is discussed in the chapter in *The Weight Loss Habit* on high calorie "healthy" foods.) Popeye's cole slaw has more calories than their macaroni and cheese, and twice as much as their mashed potatoes.

Also, be careful about their dipping sauces, as most are in the 100–150 calorie range. The Barbecue sauce is okay at 45 calories, and the cocktail sauce is okay at 30 calories.

| Item                              | Calories        |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Wing – Mild or Spicy              | 210             |
| Leg – Mild / Spicy                | 160 / 170       |
| Thigh – Mild / Spicy              | 280 / 260       |
| Breast – Mild / Spicy             | 440 / 420       |
| Nuggets – 4 pc / 6 pc             | 150 / 230       |
| Tenders – Mild / Spicy /<br>Naked | 340 / 310 / 170 |
| Spicy Chicken Sandwich            | 480             |
| Chicken Wrap – Loaded /<br>Naked  | 310 / 200       |
| Naked BBQ Chicken Po' Boy         | 340             |

| Popcorn Shrimp          | 330 |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Butterfly Shrimp – 8 pc | 290 |
| Catfish Fillet          | 460 |

#### Sonic

The Nutritional information Sonic puts out tries to bewilder you with options, by giving separate listings for if you get your burger with ketchup, or mustard, or mayo, or ketchup and mayo, etc. To simplify this, a good rule of thumb is that adding mayo adds about 100 calories. The difference between ketchup and mustard is negligible. Assume any item on this chart has ketchup if that's an option, and does not have mayo.

Stay away from their blasts and shakes, some of which can top 1,500 (!) calories. Also their Cherry Limeades are shockingly high in calories, unless you get the diet version.

| Item                                                                                  | Calories |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Sonic Burger                                                                          | 540      |
| Sonic Cheeseburger                                                                    | 600      |
| Hatch Green Chile<br>Cheeseburger                                                     | 590      |
| Jr. Burger                                                                            | 330      |
| Quarter Pound Double<br>Cheeseburger<br>(I don't know why the<br>Quarter Pound Double | 570      |

| Cheeseburger is fewer calories than the regular cheeseburger. My guess would be less fixings or a smaller bun. Anyway, here's a way you can feel like you're eating more while consuming fewer calories.) |                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Veggie Burger                                                                                                                                                                                             | 440                           |
| BLT Toaster Sandwich                                                                                                                                                                                      | 580                           |
| Chicken Wrap Grilled (Crispy)                                                                                                                                                                             | 480 (570)                     |
| 6 pc. Boneless Wings –<br>Buffalo (Honey BBQ) (Sweet<br>Asian Chile)                                                                                                                                      | 440 (470) (470)               |
| Classic Chicken Sandwich –<br>Grilled (Crispy)                                                                                                                                                            | 470 (550)                     |
| Crispy Tender Sandwich                                                                                                                                                                                    | 440                           |
| Jumbo Popcorn Chicken –<br>Small (Medium)                                                                                                                                                                 | 330 (490)                     |
| Crispy Tenders – 3 pc. (5 pc.)                                                                                                                                                                            | 260 (430)                     |
| Fish Sandwich                                                                                                                                                                                             | 540                           |
| Grilled Cheese Sandwich                                                                                                                                                                                   | 430                           |
| 6" Hot Dogs                                                                                                                                                                                               | 320–470, depending on options |
| Breakfast Burrito – Ham /<br>Bacon / Sausage                                                                                                                                                              | 440 / 470 / 500               |

| Brioche Breakfast Sandwich –<br>Ham / Bacon    | 470 / 530 |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Croissonic Breakfast<br>Sandwich – Ham / Bacon | 490 / 560 |

#### Subway

As of the time I'm writing this, every six-inch sub on Subway's menu that doesn't include guacamole or the word "Ultimate" in its name is under 600 calories. Rather than copying Subway's entire menu, I'll just tell you to avoid those few items, and stick to the six-inch subs instead of the footlongs. The footlong subs are double the calories of the six-inch subs, obviously.

Also, skip the cookies, which are over 200 calories each, and they sell them in packs of three. Which means there's more calories in your dessert than in the entire rest of your meal.

You can find more information on how many calories are in each specific item on Subway's menu here: <a href="https://www.subway.com/en-US/MenuNutrition/Nutrition/NutritionGrid">https://www.subway.com/en-US/MenuNutrition/Nutrition/NutritionGrid</a>

#### Taco Bell

Taco Bell has plenty of lower calorie items. Unfortunately people often get multiple items. To stay under 600 calories, you'll have to limit yourself to one mid-sized item, a small burrito plus a taco, or three tacos. Or you could replace a taco with Cinnabon delights, which in my personal opinion is the best dessert at any fast food place.

| Item                                          | Calories        |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 7-layer burrito                               | 420             |
| Bean Burrito                                  | 350             |
| Beefy 5-Layer Burrito                         | 490             |
| Beefy Fritos Burrito                          | 440             |
| Beefy Nacho Loaded Griller                    | 370             |
| Burrito Supreme                               | 390             |
| Cheese Bean & Rice Burrito                    | 410             |
| Cheese Potato Griller                         | 340             |
| Shredded Chicken Burrito                      | 420             |
| Cheesy Roll Up                                | 180             |
| Shredded Chicken Quesadilla<br>Melt           | 310             |
| Spicy Tostada                                 | 190             |
| Power Menu Bowl – Veggie /<br>Chicken / Steak | 430 / 480 / 490 |
| Chalupa Supreme                               | 350             |
| Cheesy Gordita Crunch                         | 500             |
| Crunchwrap Supreme                            | 530             |
| Gordita Supreme                               | 280             |
| Mexican Pizza                                 | 530             |

| Meximelt                           | 250       |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Nachos Supreme                     | 430       |
| Quesadilla (with chicken or steak) | 450 (500) |
| Crunchy Taco (Supreme)             | 170 (190) |
| Soft Taco (Supreme)                | 180 (210) |
| Spicy Potato Soft Taco             | 230       |
| Doritos Locos Taco (Supreme)       | 170 (190) |
| Cinnabon Delights (2-pack)         | 160       |

## Wendy's

| Item                                                                  | Calories                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Dave's Single                                                         | 570                                  |
| Jr. Bacon Cheeseburger                                                | 380                                  |
| Double Stack                                                          | 390                                  |
| Jr. Hamburger (Cheeseburger / Cheeseburger Deluxe)                    | 240 (280 / 340)                      |
| Grilled Bacon Jalapeno<br>Chicken Sandwich                            | 600                                  |
| Chicken Nuggets – 4pc / 6pc /<br>10 pc (Spicy 4 pc / 6 pc / 10<br>pc) | 170 / 250 / 420<br>(190 / 280 / 470) |

| Grilled Barbecue Chicken<br>Sandwich                                                                                                                                              | 520       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Grilled Avocado BLT Chicken<br>Sandwich                                                                                                                                           | 600       |
| Homestyle Chicken Sandwich<br>/ Spicy Chicken Sandwich                                                                                                                            | 500       |
| Grilled Chicken Sandwich<br>(Crispy Chicken Sandwich)<br>This is a rare case where the<br>crispy version has fewer<br>calories than the grilled<br>version, because it is smaller | 370 (330) |
| Grilled Asiago Ranch Club                                                                                                                                                         | 520       |
| Crispy Chicken BLT                                                                                                                                                                | 420       |
| Chicken Wrap – Grilled /<br>Crispy                                                                                                                                                | 300 / 370 |
| Spicy Buffalo Chicken Salad –<br>Half Size                                                                                                                                        | 430       |
| Parmesan Chicken Salad –<br>Half / Full                                                                                                                                           | 310 / 560 |
| Southwest Avocado Chicken<br>Salad – Half / Full                                                                                                                                  | 300 / 600 |
| Taco Salad – Half / Full                                                                                                                                                          | 430 / 610 |
| Apple Pecan Chicken Salad –<br>Half / Full                                                                                                                                        | 340 / 570 |
| Egg and Swiss Croissant –                                                                                                                                                         | 430 / 600 |
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| Bacon / Sausage                                      |           |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Maple Bacon Chicken<br>Croissant                     | 570       |
| Egg and Cheese Biscuit –<br>Bacon / Sausage          | 450 / 630 |
| Sausage Biscuit                                      | 500       |
| Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit                         | 510       |
| Classic Egg and Cheese<br>Sandwich – Bacon / Sausage | 330 / 500 |

## Final Thoughts

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope you find this helpful in reducing the amount of calories you consume while still being able to eat delicious and convenient fast food.

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