

ROASTING GUIDELINES - TURKEY

Please note that the following information should be treated as a rough guide – all the times and temperatures provided are approximations. All ovens vary.

Always pre-heat your oven to the required temperature.

For fan assisted ovens you need to reduce the temperature by the equivalent of up to 20 °C.

WHOLE TURKEY (Barn or Free Range):

Roasting Temperature:	Weight:	Cooking Time:
160 to 175°C	Upto 16 lb / 7.25 kg	20 minutes per 1 lb / 454 g
325 to 350°C		(Note: if stuffed add approximately
Gas mark 3 to 4		30 minutes to the overall cooking time)
160 to 175°C	Over 16 lb / 7.25 kg	30 minutes per 1 lb / 454 g
325 to 350°C		(Note: if stuffed add approximately
Gas mark 3 to 4		30 minutes to the overall cooking time)

TURKEY CROWN:

Roasting Temperature:	Weight:	Cooking Time:
160 to 175°C	Upto 16 lb / 7.25 kg	15 minutes per 1 lb / 454 g
325 to 350°C		(Note: if stuffed add approximately
Gas mark 3 to 4		20 minutes to the overall cooking time)
160 to 175°C	Over 16 lb / 7.25 kg	20 minutes per 1 lb / 454 g
325 to 350°C		(Note: if stuffed add approximately
Gas mark 3 to 4		20 minutes to the overall cooking time)

TURKEY BUTTERFLY:

Roasting Temperature:	Weight:	Cooking Time:
160 to 175°C	Upto 16 lb / 7.25 kg	15 minutes per 1 lb / 454 g
325 to 350°C		(Note: if stuffed add approximately
Gas mark 3 to 4		20 minutes to the overall cooking time)
160 to 175°C	Over 16 lb / 7.25 kg	20 minutes per 1 lb / 454 g
325 to 350°C		(Note: if stuffed add approximately
Gas mark 3 to 4		20 minutes to the overall cooking time)

NOTES:

Prep:Rub softened butter into the outside skin and lay some rashers of streaky bacon over the breast
before roasting.

Baste: Spoon over the juices from the turkey at least 2 to 3 times during cooking.

Is it ready? Skewer your meat or insert a sharp knife into the thickest part of the meat (the thigh on a whole turkey) and make sure the juices are running clear. Or better still use a meat thermometer – the turkey is ready when the temperature reaches 175°F / 80°C.

Rest: Allow the turkey to stand for 20 to 30 minutes after removing it from the oven, and before carving.