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#### **APRIL NEWSLETTER**

## Noteworthy Nutrition FIDDLEHEADS

A fiddlehead is not a species of fern but a growth stage of any fern. When the tightly coiled new frond pokes up through the soil but has not yet begun to uncurl, it is called a fiddlehead. While Vermont and Maine are prime fiddlehead terrain in the United States, the bright, springy ferns emerge along rivers and streams as far south as Virginia and as far north as Newfoundland, and extend west over almost half the country. In each locale the shoots sprout for about two weeks, then unfurl to inedible plumes. In parts of

the South, fiddleheads may appear in early April; as the sun gets warmer, the season shifts northward, with the final Canadian fern crops appearing as late as July.



Picked small, then cooked

soon thereafter, fiddlehead ferns have a flavor that embraces asparagus, artichokes, and green beans plus a hint of mushrooms. They are delicious alone with butter or oil, salt & pepper or in a dish. They also make a beautiful garnish.

Fiddleheads are high in antioxidant Vitamin A and Carotenes. They are also rich in Vitamin C. They are a good source of minerals and electrolytes, especially potassium, iron, manganese, and copper.

Fiddleheads should start arriving here at Atkins in mid to late April. Asparagus and Spinach are usually not far behind arriving sometime in the middle of May.

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# **APRIL 2024**

### Atkins Farms Country Market... Often imitated, never duplicated!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Atkins Ice Cream Shop opens for the season on Friday, April 12th	1 APRIL FOOLS DAY	2 It's National Peanut Butter & Jelly Day Have you tried our fresh ground peanut butter?	3 Wednesday is Senior Discount Day 10% OFF your purchase. Excludes every day lows & sale items.	4 Atkins Farms offers a military discount every day! Show us your ID and receive 10% off your order. Some restrictions may apply.	5 It's Celery Month Celery is a great low calorie snack. Pair it with cream cheese or peanut butter!	6 Stress affects your body in many ways. Take time this month to listen to what your body is telling you about your health.
7 Celebrate Beer Day with an icy cold local brew.We carry over 250 beers from around MA!	8 Keep America Beautiful Month	9 Pansies and Johnny Jump Ups arriving!	10 Find a rainbow day! Visit Atkins produce department for a rainbow of colors	11 <b>National Pet Day</b> This should be every day	<sup>12</sup> National Licorice Day! We have so many kinds of Licorice to choose fromin our Candy Shop.	13 Orchard Run Ice Cream Shop is now open for the season! Open Daily 11am—8pm
14 National Pecan Day Benefits: controlled blood sugar, heart health and brain function	15 tax day!	16 Today is the Day of the Mushroom	17 LOCAL produce arriving toon!	18 Sign up for Atkins loyalty program. You could be on your way to your next big reward!	19 <i>Garlic Day</i> Who doesn't love garlic?	20 Outdoor plants will be arriving soon! Celebrate Garden Month with some starter plants.
21 National Tea Day Enjoy a cup of tea with a cookie in our cafe	22 Passover begins at sunset Earth Day!	23 It's National Picnic Day! Stop by the deli for sandwiches and sit at one of our picnic tables with a friend.	24 <u>Happy</u> Administrative Professionals Day	25 World Penguin Day	26 Arbor Day	27 Graduations are fast approaching! Time to start thinking party supplies.
28 SHOWERS	29 National Shrimp Scampi Day Pick up fresh shrimp at Atkins for dinner tonight	<sup>30</sup> National Raisin Day! They Aid in digestion, boost iron levels, and keeps bones strong.	ARIES 3/21 - 4/19	TALR 5 4/205/20	April Flower of the Month Sweet Pea	April Birthstone Diamond

REMINDER: Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th!

