Creamed Dandelion Greens with Classic Roux Sauce

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A traditional way to enjoy dandelion greens in New England is to eat them with a cream sauce. This recipe features a classic roux sauce to dress the greens. The result is rich and satisfying!

YIELD: 4 servings

TIP: Often when we harvest dandelions, we want the whole plant so we can make medicine or roasted dandelion "coffee" with the roots and the greens for tea or cooked greens. It works best to harvest the greens first and put them into a separate basket before digging the roots; then you don't get extra dirt mixed in with your greens.





- 1. Harvest young, vibrant-looking dandelion greens that you know have not been sprayed. Wash thoroughly, drain and chop into one-inch pieces.
- 2. Boil a big pot (3 quarts) of lightly salted water. Cook the dandelion greens until wilted, just a few minutes. Drain and spread the greens out to keep them from cooking further. Keeping them bright and vibrant is ideal. Set aside.
- **3**. Prepare your sauce:
 - A. Melt butter in a small saucepan and whisk in flour, until it is smooth and creamy.
 - **B.** Gradually whisk in milk and simmer gently for at least 5 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.
 - C. Set aside.
- **4.** Dry the empty pot that you boiled the dandelions in and combine the prepared sauce and the drained dandelions. Gently reheat and serve.



Creamed Dandelion Greens with Tahini Lemon Sauce



This recipe provides you with a non-dairy twist on the classic cream sauce. Dandelion greens are delicious set off by savory tahini and the bright tang of lemon!

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- **3**. Prepare your sauce:
 - **A.** In a small bowl, whisk tahini, tamari, lemon juice, minced garlic, and water until thoroughly blended and creamy. Add sea salt to taste.
 - B. Set aside.
- 4. Dry the empty pot that you boiled the dandelions in and combine the prepared sauce and the drained dandelions. Gently reheat and serve.



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