

## Ranch Trail Mix - My Favorite Crunchy Snack for Any Occasion

Whether you're prepping snacks for a party, road trip, or your weekly lunchbox lineup, this



**OVEN**  
**300°F**

**TIME**  
**25 min**

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### INGREDIENTS

- 6 cups cereal (Chex Mix, Rice Chex, Corn Chex, or a mix)
- 3 cups pretzels (mini twists or sticks)
- 1 cup roasted peanuts
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup vegetable oil
- 1 packet ranch dressing mix

### DIRECTIONS

- 1.** Preheat : Oven: Set oven to 300°F (150°C).
- 2.** Combine : Dry Ingredients: In a large bowl, mix together cereal, pretzels, and peanuts.
- 3.** Add : Oil and Ranch: Drizzle vegetable oil over the dry mix. Sprinkle the ranch dressing mix on top.
- 4.** Toss to : Coat: Mix thoroughly until everything is evenly coated.
- 5.** Bake: Spread mixture on a large baking sheet in a single layer. Bake for 20-25 minutes, stirring every 8-10 minutes.
- 6.** Cool: Let cool completely before transferring to an airtight container. Store at room temp for up to 1 week.

### SWAPS & NOTES

**Nut-Free :** Swap peanuts for sunflower seeds or extra cereal.  
**Add-Ins :** Toss in cheese crackers, rye chips, or popcorn for variety.

**Spice It Up :** Add a pinch of cayenne or chili powder for a zesty kick.

**Mix It Sweet :** Add M&Ms or chocolate chips after baking for a sweet-and-savory twist.

### TIPS FOR SUCCESS

**Use a Large Bowl :** Makes tossing the mix easier and more even.  
**Don't Overbake :** Check often to avoid burning-edges brown faster.  
**Let It Cool :** It crisps up fully once cooled, so don't rush to store it warm.

