The paleo diet can be difficult to follow as a vegetarian. However, the modern paleo diet is an approximation to the real thing, so as vegetarians, it's ok to approximate too.

Some modifications that can make the diet more sustainable include:

OPTION 1:

Eat lots of eggs. One egg has about six grams of protein, so if they're going to be your primary source (lets say they'll provide 50% of your protein), you could be eating a dozen eggs a day. Possible, but you may get tired of eggs.

OPTION 2:

Allow hemp seed and grain-like seeds. If you choose to include things like hemp and quinoa to increase protein intake, make sure they are sprouted, and make sure to listen to your body carefully for any negative reactions.

OPTION 3:

Allow soaked or sprouted beans and legumes. Soaking and sprouting beans and legumes drastically reduces the amount of anti-nutrients that often give people digestive problems. They should be cooked from dried beans, pre-cooked or canned beans/legumes are not a good idea. Again, if you choose to include these, make sure to pay attention to any possible symptoms or reactions that may arise.

PROTEIN

Almond Brazil Nuts Chia Seeds Flax Meal Macadamia Butter Pecans Pistachio Sunflower Seeds

Almond Flour Cashews Flax Seeds Hemp Seeds Macadamia Nuts Pine Nuts Pumpkin Seeds Walnuts

VEGETABLES Artichoke

Beets Brussels Sprouts Chard Cucumber Kale Okra Spinach Arugula Bell Peppers Cabbage Celery Eggplant Leeks Onions Tomatoes

Asparagus Broccoli Cauliflower Collard Greens Fennel Mushrooms Radish Zucchini

ROOTS & TUBERS

Acorn Squash Carrots Parsnip Pumpkin Summer Squash Turnip Butternut Squash Jicama Potatoes Spaghetti Squash Sweet Potatoes Yams

FRUITS & BERRIES

Apples Cherries Grapes Mango Peaches Pomegranate Apricot Dates Kiwi Melon Pears Raspberries

- Banana Figs Lemons Nectarines Pineapple Strawberries
- Berries Grapefruit Lime Oranges Plum Watermelon

CONDIMENTS

Apple Cider Vinegar Balsamic Vinegar Capers Coconut Aminos Dijon Mustard Yellow Mustard

FATS

Avocado Avocado Oil Coconut Oil Coconut Butter Coconut Flakes Extra Virgin Olive Oil

HERBS

Basil Cilantro Garlic Mint Oregano Parsley Rosemary