

**Mountsberg**

# Maple syrup season here opens with 2,000 visitors



IT'S A DAY FOR PICTURES, as visitors to Mountsberg's maple syrup festival pose beside the Centre's own horse-drawn sleigh. There is plenty to do, see and sample as the annual

festival demonstrates the process of maple syrup and candy-making with both traditional and modern processes.



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Pancakes never tasted so good, children and adults agreed after sampling the season's maple syrup run at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre during the weekend. It was too cold to see the sap running, but an estimated 2,000 visitors to the 10-acre sugar bush were still able to get a good idea of how Indians and early settlers collected and made use of one of nature's sweeter products. Where Indians first used a hollow reed and a piece of

birch bark bound with rootlets at both ends to collect the raw sap, the modern method now shows a plastic tubing pipeline running from tree to tree to a main line and then to the sugar shanty. Inside the sugar shanty, equipment includes an evaporator to extract the water from the raw sap. Outside, several large cast iron kettles containing the sap boil for hours over an open fire, an example of how much slower the process was many years ago. Visitors were also able to sample the final stages of the candy cooking process as strings of the sticky stuff were poured over a pan of snow, hardening it into maple candy. Mountsberg authorities expect to see the sap running by this weekend, should the weather warm up a little, but there was still sufficient maple syrup and candy to satisfy the sweet tooth of many. In addition to the outside exhibitions and taste samples, an interpretive program of films and slides is available to visitors to provide an insight into the cultural, historical and mechanical aspects of the working sugar bush. The sugar festival will continue every weekend through to April 9, from 10 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per car.

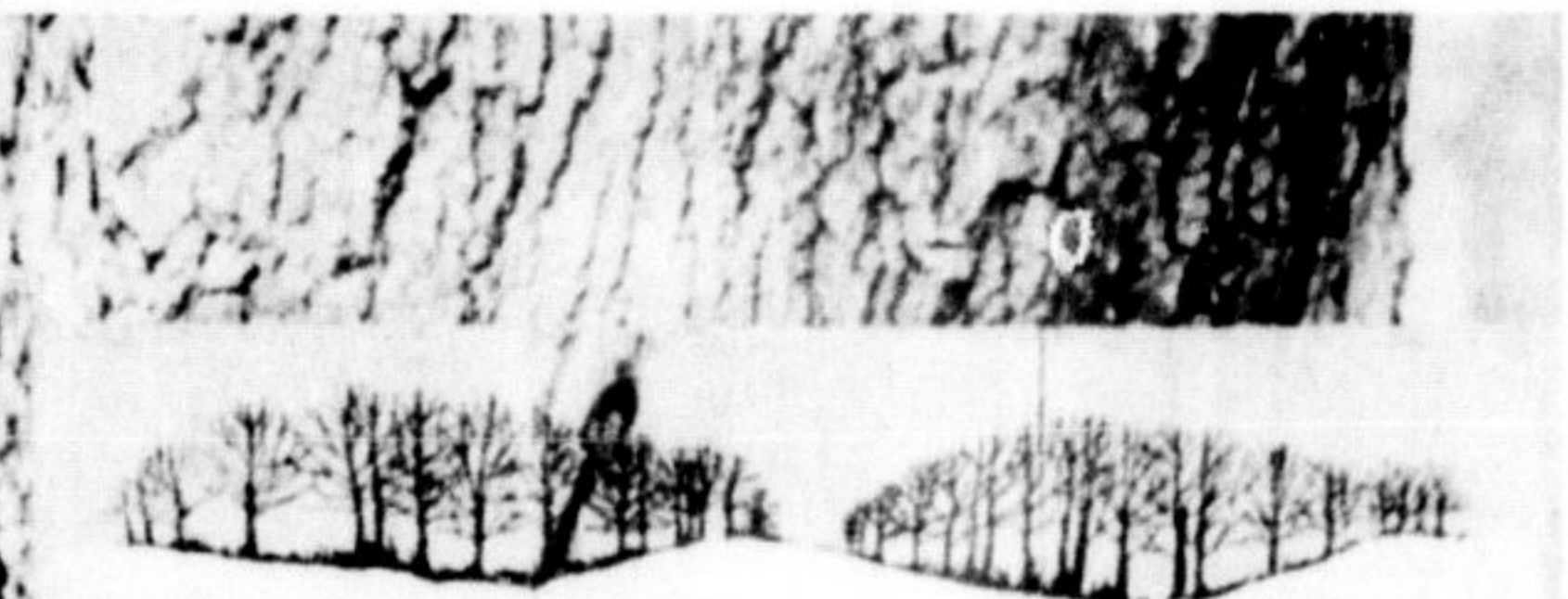


THERE IS NOTHING QUITE LIKE IT, as 5-year-old Tim Briggs of Rockwood samples the pancakes and fresh maple syrup, now in season at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre. The weekend saw the opening of the maple syrup festival with approximately 2,000 visitors in attendance. The festival will continue each weekend to April 9.

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KEEPING THE FIRES STOKED is David Kangas, an employee with Mountsberg Wildlife Centre. The huge cast iron kettle gives visitors to the Maple Syrup festival an idea of how syrup was made many years ago. Modern methods include equipment to boil off the water from the sap.



There is a human & poetic quality in Maples which is easily felt & though the land would be worth more for its lumber than for its sugar, many farmers would no more part with their maple bush or orchard than with any precious heirloom.

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A SELF-GUIDING TOUR through the sugar bush gives visitors to Mountsberg's maple syrup festival a history of one of nature's sweeter products.

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