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Traditional taste of spring flowing at Mountsberg

Quick - Grab your pancakes because the maple syrup is flowing

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
Special to the Champion

The sap is flowing at Mountsberg where one of the conservation area's best-loved traditions - Maple Syrup Days - has returned for another year.

Those interested in this annual tradition, or those with a sweet tooth, still have a couple of weeks to enjoy the fun at Mountsberg. Their Maple Syrup Days program, open weekends and holidays, began March 3 and runs until Sunday, April 14.

"The program only runs for a limited

time each spring because the sap is very weather dependent. The weather needs to be below zero at night and above zero in the day," said Debbie Jackson, outdoor educational instructor at Mountsberg.

Ms. Jackson explained Mountsberg's program offers an in-depth look into the entire maple syrup-making process.

Visitors can take a tour through the initial production stages of drilling and sap collecting right up until the evaporating and sap boiling in the sugar house - where the sap that comes out of the trees becomes the syrup that comes out of your containers at home.

"You just take the sap from the trees and boil it down until you have syrup. It's actually quite a simple procedure," explained Ms. Jackson.

In addition to sites along the sugar bush

trail - which feature expert demonstrations of sap collection and the sugar house boiling by staff members - those attending can visit the candy house, the maple syrup/maple candy sales building and even sink their teeth into a delicious stack of pancakes and sausages drenched in the golden liquid.

A horse-drawn wagon ride to and from the site adds a touch of seasonal splendor to the day.

While a number of similar programs at other conservation areas have been eliminated due to government funding cutbacks, Ms. Jackson said Mountsberg's program is still going strong.

It continues to be kept on a small and intimate scale as well, with the majority of the syrup made used simply for the pancake meals and candy made on the site.

Along with being opened weekends and holidays, Mountsberg offers their program to school groups and English-as-a-Second-Language programs throughout Milton and surrounding areas.

"The program here has run for 20 years now, and is definitely one of our most popular events of the year. We have people coming from all over because it's such a great Canadian tradition.

"I think the reason why it's so popular is because it's literally the first taste of spring. It's the biggest indication that spring has arrived," said Ms. Jackson.

Maple Syrup Days at Mountsberg run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday and throughout the Easter weekend.

Mountsberg Conservation Area is located on Millborough Drive in Campbellville. For more information, call 854-2276.



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Two-year-old Eric Craven explores a hanging sap bucket with a little boost from mom Deb during Maple Syrup Days at Mountsberg Conservation Area.

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The yard waste will be taken to a composter facility to produce compost, diverting material from the landfill.

YARD WASTE INCLUDES MATERIALS SUCH AS:

- leaves
- grass clippings
- garden trimmings
- brush
- house and garden plants

Please use **CLEAR BAGS** or open containers such as cans, bushel baskets or paper bags

Please **DO NOT** put yard waste into green, black or orange bags, as it may be mistaken for garbage.

Yard waste bags or containers should be no heavier than 23 kg (50 lbs.)

For further information please contact Public Works at 878-7211.

TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON IS ACCEPTING TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A WASHROOM/SNACK BAR BUILDING AT LIONS SPORT PARK

The project involves the construction of a 8.6m x 13m concrete block building containing accessible washrooms and a snack bar area. Included with the building is a 7m x 8.6m picnic overhang.

The documents may be obtained with a \$15.00 non-refundable deposit, from the Department of Leisure Services, Victoria Park Square (Brown Street at Mary) Milton, Ontario, Wednesday, March 27, 1996 after 2:00 p.m.

All tenders to be submitted should be placed in a sealed envelope which clearly states the nature of the Tender. Lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

Tenders will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, April 11, 1996 at the following address:

CLERK'S DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF MILTON
VICTORIA PARK SQUARE
MILTON, ONTARIO
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JENNIFER REYNOLDS
DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

NOTICE OF HERITAGE DESIGNATION BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton has enacted the following heritage designation by-law pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, c.0.18:

Property Description	By-law Enactment Date	By-law No.
191 Margaret Street Milton, Ontario (John Sproat House)	March 25th, 1996	16-96

A copy of this Heritage Designation By-law may be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Victoria Park Square, Milton or by telephoning 878-7211.

Dated at Milton, Ontario, this 27th day of March, 1996.

William Roberts, Town Clerk
Town of Milton