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**HEY, SUGAH! VISIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY
NATURE CENTERS TO MAKE MAPLE SYRUP**

ROCKVILLE, MD -- Maple sugaring, processing Maple tree sap into syrup, is in full swing this time of year at various nature centers in Montgomery County.

- **Thursday, March 2 and Friday, March 3** -- Maple Sugaring Down on the Farm is offered at the Agricultural History Farm Park, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood. Participants will take a hay wagon ride to a small area of maple trees to collect the sap and boil it down to syrup. Cost is \$7. For more information, call Meadowside Nature Center at 301/924-4141.
- **Wednesday, March 1 and Thursday, March 2** -- A naturalist will be putting maple syrup to the test at Meadowside Nature Center, 5100 Meadowside Lane in Rockville. Participants will see if they can detect the difference between fresh maple syrup and an imitation. Cost is \$4. For more information, call 301/924-4141.
- **Saturday, March 4** -- Maple Sugaring Breakfast is offered at Meadowside Nature Center, 5100 Meadowside Lane. A demonstration of how maple sap is collected then boiled into syrup will be followed by a taste of the syrup on pancakes. Cost is \$8. For more information, call 301/924-4141.

The Montgomery County Department of Parks has four nature centers throughout different areas of the county. Each offers a unique experience with varied program, locations and settings. Log on to www.montgomeryparks.com to view the selection

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