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Maple Syrup Production Demonstrated at Flanders during March

WOODBURY - Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust will continue its New England tradition of demonstrating the entire process of maple syrup production on three consecutive weekends beginning Saturday, March 7th at Flanders Sugar House.

The public is invited to learn the history, science, and humor of making maple syrup, from the tapping of maple trees at Flanders and neighboring sites, to the collecting of sap, and viewing the final process of boiling sap into syrup.

Participants will learn that it takes approximately 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup, that a maple tree must be at least 10 inches in diameter before it is tapped, and that tapping does no permanent damage to the tree. These interesting facts are only a taste of the programs that are open to the public. In addition, educational programs tailored to a group's age or more scientific interest in maple sugaring can be arranged by calling Flanders.

Dates for the Maple Syrup Demonstrations are: Saturdays & Sundays; March 7 & 8, March 14 & 15, and March 21, with March 22 being a snow date, from 1 to 4 PM.

Flanders caps off its maple season with a grand finale celebration. Our maple demonstrations take place amid a winter festival focused on wood, nature and food. With chainsaw carvings, a blue bird talk and hike, maple food sampling, cooking demonstrations and special kids crafts and activities. Come out and join us for an afternoon of winter fun! The cost for the Maple Celebration is \$3 per person or \$8 for a family ticket. Tickets are available in advance and at the door. For information, call 203-263-3711 ext. 10 or visit www.flandersnaturecenter.org. Flanders Sugar House is located on Church Hill Road one-quarter mile from Flanders Road in Woodbury.

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