



# Touring Tips

March 2018

March brings with it **Maple Weekend** in New York State. This state-wide event celebrates the production of all things maple. The making of maple syrup is a key part of the state agricultural industry. See below for Maple Weekend events:

Celebrate 40 years of maple sugaring by visiting **Cumming Nature Center** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 17 & 18, and 24 & 25 to have a freshly prepared pancake breakfast with pure maple syrup. Gluten free options will be available. After, take a walk on one of Cumming Nature Center's many trails and learn how a tree makes sap. Learn the processing techniques used to turn sap into syrup from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.! Admission is \$11 for adults or \$9 for kids. Cumming Nature Center, 6472 Gulick Road, Naples, 14512. For more information call (585) 374-6160 or visit [www.rmsc.org/cumming-nature-center](http://www.rmsc.org/cumming-nature-center).

Stop by the **Wohlschlegel's Naples Maple Farm** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 17 & 18, and 24 & 25 for a pancake breakfast. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., walk through the woods to see the sap gathering process and tour the sugarhouse where the magic of making maple syrup happens. Tours and wood walks are free, and breakfast prices range from \$3 to \$7. Wohlschlegel's Naples Maple Farm, 8064 Coates Road, Naples, 14512. For more information call (585) 775-7770 or visit [www.fingerlakesbulkmaplesyrup.com](http://www.fingerlakesbulkmaplesyrup.com).

Tour a lively "local trees, local bees" farm producing maple syrup, honey, and log grown shiitake mushrooms. Visit **Kettle Ridge Farm** between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on March 17 & 18 and 24 & 25 for a tasting of fresh maple syrup, pancake samples, and a tour of the sugarhouse and farm. Every hour a group will depart for a hike through the maple stand, including stops at the shiitake mushroom log yard, honeybee apiary, and the chicken coop, so bring your hiking boots. Kettle Ridge Farm, 515 Log Cabin Road, Victor, 14564. For more information call (585) 217-7108 or visit [www.kettleridgefarm.com](http://www.kettleridgefarm.com).

Visit **Schoff's Sugar Shack** on March 3 and 4 for Maple Camp from 11 a.m. to noon. Each participant will be able to tap their own tree, followed by sap boiling and maple candy making at the sugar shack. If you will be around for Maple Weekend on March 17 & 18 and 24 & 25, there will be an open house each day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a pancake breakfast at the Thirsty Turtle on March 25. Don't miss out! Schoff's Sugar Shack, 1064 Willis Hill Road, Victor, 14564. [www.schoffssugarshack.com](http://www.schoffssugarshack.com).

Head over to **Stoney Ridge Farms** for Maple Weekend festivities on March 17 & 18 and 24 & 25 for some family fun. The farm will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day complete with Sugar House tours, demonstrations, children's activities and even a petting zoo. A pancake breakfast will also be available each day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12. Stoney Ridge Farms, 625 Country Rd 28, Palmyra, 14522. [www.facebook.com/Stoney-Ridge-Farms-1476888219211194/](https://www.facebook.com/Stoney-Ridge-Farms-1476888219211194/).