



Touring Tips

March 2019

With March comes **Maple Weekend** in New York State on **March 23-24 & 30-31, 2019**. 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 41 years of maple sugaring by visiting **Cumming Nature Center** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. both weekends to have a freshly prepared pancake breakfast with pure maple syrup. 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.! Cumming Nature Center, 6472 Gulick Road, Naples. For more information call (585) 374-6160 or visit rmsc.org/cumming-nature-center.

Stop by **Kettle Ridge Farm** during Maple Weekend between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for fresh maple syrup samples in the tasting room, tours of the sugarhouse/farm, and of course pancakes! Their pancake food truck will be on the property serving until 2 p.m.! Every hour, a group will be able to take a hike in the sugarbush, including stops at the shiitake mushroom log yard, the honeybee apiary and the chicken coop—don't forget your boots! It will be fun and educational for the whole family. Kettle Ridge Farm, 515 Log Cabin Road, Victor. For more information call (585) 217-7108 or visit kettleridgefarm.com.

Visit **Schoff's Sugar Shack** both weekends for Maple Camp at 11 a.m. Each participant will be able to tap their own tree, followed by sap boiling and maple candy making at the sugar shack. Don't miss out! Schoff's Sugar Shack, 1064 Willis Hill Road, Victor. schoffssugarshack.com

Head over to **Stoney Ridge Farms** for Maple Weekend festivities both weekends 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. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., you'll find the all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast of buttermilk and buckwheat pancakes in a heated tent with fresh maple syrup and maple sausage. Stoney Ridge Farms, 625 Country Rd 28, Palmyra. bit.ly/stoneyridgefarms

Check out **Syrup A'LaRue**, which will be open both weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for tastings of their seven varieties of hickory cream and tours of their newly-constructed sugarhouse! The weekend festivities will also include tours of the sugarbush, photo and recipe contests, demonstrations, displays on the New York State maple industry, samples of maple treats and goat petting. Syrup A'LaRue, 927 LaRue Road, Clifton Springs. For more information, call (315) 879-7390 or visit facebook.com/SyrupALaRue.

This Maple Weekend, **Wohlschlegel's Naples Maple Farm** will be holding an open house from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join the fun with free guided tours through the sugarbush as well as each station of the state-of-the-art sugarhouse and maple hot dogs in the afternoon. Then, stop by the retail store to shop their maple products, including Bourbon Barrel Aged Maple Syrup, maple cream spread, maple BBQ sauce and four flavors of maple syrup. Wohlschlegel's Naples Maple Farm, 8064 Coates Road, Naples. For more information call (585) 775-7770 or visit fingerlakesbulkmaplesyrup.com.