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MARCH IS MAPLE MONTH ON ROUTE 6

Recognizing that maple trees are part of the landscape and the heritage of northern Pennsylvania, the PA Route 6 Alliance has declared March as Maple Month across Route 6.

Throughout March, travelers are encouraged to visit the corridor's many maple producers during their open house weekends to discover why maple is not just breakfast syrup anymore. Producers are making a variety of other tasty treats including maple dressing, mustards, and candy. The Open House weekends give travelers an opportunity to travel to several sugar houses and witness the variations in collecting and processing the sap. Make a weekend out of it by staying at one of the nearby bed and breakfast or local inns. See the PA Route 6 website for lodging choices – www.paroute6.com.

EVENTS

March 1, 2014

Public Maple Sugaring Day, Monroe County Environmental Education Center.

The day will feature a tour of the Sugarbush including stops to learn about Native American and early pioneer methods of making maple syrup, our evaporator process and methods of identifying and tapping a maple tree. After the tour, everyone will get a chance to taste some of our syrup on freshly made pancakes. For more information, visit www.mcconservation.org. Fernwood Resort in Bushkill is offering a special package for the weekend for guests,

March 15 & 16, 2014

Northwest PA Maple Association Taste & Tour Weekend

Seventeen sugarhouses in the five northwestern counties open their doors to the public on Taste & Tour Weekend. Come and visit with your local maple syrup producers and see "how its done." See first hand the process of tapping the maple tree, collecting sap and boiling it down to make delicious syrup. Many maple sugar makers produce additional confections from their syrup. Most have free samples available, as well as products for sale. For more information, call 814-796-3699 or visit www.pamaple.org

March 22 & 23, 2014

Endless Mountains Maple Weekend

Visit various producers throughout Bradford/Susquehanna counties. For more information call 570-395-3458 or visit www.dewymeadows.com

10th Annual Maple Weekend, Potter and Tioga Counties

The Potter/ Tioga Pennsylvania Maple Weekend, held the last weekend of March, is a true tribute to all things maple. Now in its ninth year, the Maple Weekend is a "traveling

festival” that allows visitors to observe tree tapping, sugar boiling, and other maple-related activities in Potter and Tioga counties. Fourteen members of the Potter/Tioga Maple Producers Association open their sugar shack doors during Maple Weekend for a deliciously educational experience. For more information, visit www.pamaple.com

Loch’s Maple Open House

143 Cokely Rd., Springville

570-965-2679

www.lochsmaple.com

OTHER NOTEWORTHY SITES

Hurry Hill Farm Maple Museum

11424 Fry Road, Edinboro

Pennsylvania’s only museum dedicated to preserving and interpreting the art and craft of making pure maple syrup and related products.

www.hurryhillfarm.org

Mann’s Country Gardens

Bird Creek Road, Gillett

570-537-6676

www.mannscountrygardens.co

Loch’s Maple

143 Cokely Rd., Springville

570-965-2679

www.lochsmaple.com

Burke’s Maple Farm

1313 Crystal Lake Road

Carbondale PA 18407

www.burkesmaplefarm.com