



# A MAPLE-FLAVORED COMIC

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Follow the signs or follow your nose...  
 Sweet, so sweet, sweet  
 ...both will lead you to the Taconic Outdoor Education Center at Fahnestock State Park where they're turning maple sap into syrup!

Hike to the Maple Grove!  
 eventually they got metal pots  
 A Lumberjack/Educator will tell you the Algonquian tribes were the first to tap maple trees. They used birch-bark buckets which burn, so the sap had to be poured in a wooden trough and boiled by adding hot rocks. It took forever!

Learn how to tap!  
 Hammer the tap in six inches and attach a bucket. Wait for the sap to drip, drip, drip.

Saw up logs to go on the fire! It's fun! It's educational!  
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Some kids even take notes!

Men who like machinery can find out how the evaporator works. (It's the same process as the trough and hot rocks, but faster.)  
 pipe for sap

Choose either blueberry or chocolate chip pancakes, but...  
 ...it's absolutely required that you douse them heavily with warm, freshly-made, tree-to-table maple syrup.

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Leave feeling stuffed!  
 (Just like some of the displays in the Main Hall.)  
 for sale → MAPLE SYRUP