

# MOUNTSBERG MAPLE DAYS



## Maple syrup time, with animals to boot

When you visit, if you are lucky, the hatchery in the Discovery Room might be bursting with little chirping chicks who undulate as one big yellow wave when children get close to them. What a great bonus!

The Mountsberg Conservation Area has a lot to offer during Maple Syrup Time.

Past the Visitors' Centre, there's a railroad crossing (it may be the first time your child walks over some tracks!) It gets us to a field from which you can walk to Mapletowne or wait for the \$2 horse-drawn wagon. It will take you on a good ride through the sugar bush.

Mapletowne, a series of small, rustic houses, is in the heart of the action. In one of them, syrup is produced. In the next one, maple sugar is made (yes, everybody can have a taste). Another one is a country shop.



The Pancake pavilion is an enclosed shelter with picnic tables. We enjoyed eating at our table while admiring the surrounding landscape with lively music playing in the background.

Scenes recreating different maple syrup production techniques through the ages are displayed around the pavilion.

Bring your skates, you might be able to skate on their pond by the trails (from January to mid-March, weather permitting).

Maple Syrup Days usually starts with a **Flapjack Olympics** (they've had one for the last seven years) involving pancake-related events and a torch run. Check their calendar for the exact date.

### TIPS (fun for 3 years +)

- During **March Break**, live raptor demonstrations, normally offered only on weekends and holidays at that time of the year, are shown at 12 noon and 2 pm.
- On **Easter Saturday**, expect an Easter Egg Hunt, baby chicks, wagon rides, crafts and more.
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### Mountsberg Maple Syrup Days

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of Toronto  
60-min.**

**Schedule:** The season may start early March and last to mid-April (depends when Easter falls). Activities are offered on weekends and daily during the March Break, 10 am to 4 pm. (Call to check the exact dates and hours.)

**Admission:** \$6.50/adults, \$5.50/seniors, \$4.50/5-14 years, FREE under 5 (extra for pancakes).

**Directions:** From Hwy 401 West, exit #312/Guelph Line southbound. Turn west on Campbellville Rd., then north on Milborough Line to the park entrance.