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Welcome Spring With A Visit To The **31st Annual Maple Syrup Festival**

@ Purple Woods Conservation Area

March Break (Sat. March 11th to Sun. March 19th) & Weekends (March 25th/26th)
(April 1st/2nd)

Fun for the WHOLE family!

With the approach of spring a person may be sure of several things: birds will be singing and pancakes will be flipping at the 31st Annual Maple Syrup Festival at Purple Woods Conservation Area in Oshawa. Central Lake Ontario Conservation will be hosting the Festival, open daily from 9:30am to 3:00pm during the March Break (March 11th to 19th), as well as March 25th/26th and April 1st/2nd weekends. **A visit to the Festival makes a great family outing during the March Break!** General Admission: \$2/adult; \$1/child (12yrs and under) and seniors; \$5/family (general admission does not include pancakes, or horse-drawn wagon ride). ***Sorry, no pets allowed at the Festival.*** Purple Woods Conservation Area is located north of Oshawa at the southeast corner of Simcoe Street and Coates Road.

For more Maple Syrup Festival information, the public may contact the Conservation Authority office at (905) 579-0411, option 3 on the phone menu or visit our website at www.cloca.com.

Visitors to the Festival will be able to compare maple syrup production methods from over 400 years ago through the modern methods of today. With many special features, there is something for the entire family. Special features include free kids colouring contest and face painting, maple baked beans, horse-drawn wagon rides, tree climbing demonstrations, historical displays and more. **A schedule of special features is located on the Authority's website www.cloca.com.** Do you have a sweet tooth? The Sugar Store will be open daily for visitors to purchase maple syrup and maple products such as sugar candy and fudge.

A visit to the Festival would not be complete without enjoying a stack of hot delicious pancakes covered in 100% pure maple syrup. Pancakes will be served daily from 9:30am – 3:00pm with the proceeds going to not-for-profit organizations. *(The public is asked to help reduce garbage by bringing reusable plates and utensils. Paper plates and plastic utensils will be available.)*

During the festival, transportation will be available upon request for seniors and the physically challenged to eliminate the walk up the hill from the Sugar Shack to the main parking lot. Please inform Authority staff if you require this service.

Parking: The public is asked to please observe the **No Parking Zones** on Simcoe Street and Coates Road. These areas have been established to improve public safety at the intersection during the Festival.

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