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Time to Boil Down Syrup at Colvin Run Mill

It's the maple syrup that puts the zing in morning pancakes and waffles, but most folks may not know how the real thing is made. The syrup really is from the maple tree, and the sweet delicacy needs some love and simple refining before it lands on your breakfast table.

This is your chance to be part of a Maple Syrup Boil-Down, because it's sugaring time at Colvin Run Mill Historic Site. Boil-downs are scheduled from noon until 2 p.m. on three upcoming Sundays – February 9 and 23, as well as March 2, 2014.

Native peoples showed early European colonists how to tap the trunks of certain maple trees during springtime to harvest sap. The Europeans then turned maple sap into a trade by 1680, and maple sap became a common form of concentrated sugar for the next two centuries.

The sap is rising and the trees are already tapped at the park. No reservations are required for Colvin Run's boil-down, where you'll see how the sap is boiled down into syrup over an open fire. You'll also have a chance to taste the sweet syrup over cornbread.

Colvin Run Mill is located at 10017 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls, Va.

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