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Maple Sugaring at
Rocky River Reservation
March 2021

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Maple Grove Picnic Area - 1983





2003



2015

**March 9,
2020**



2021?

Staffing?

Pandemic?

Time?

**Continue the
tradition.**

**Nature was not
closed.**







The History of Maple Sugaring 1983 – 2020

Maple Sugaring at Rocky River Reservation 2021 -



2010

1983











**American Indian
sap cooking**

Early American Indians cooked sap in hollowed-out logs. Logs heated in the fire were placed directly into the sap causing the water to evaporate in the form of steam. After drying the remaining resin, only the fungus would remain. Metal kettles and tools were used after European contact.

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Maple Sugaring Truck Menu

French toast sticks, whipped butter, maple syrup \$4.

Maple candied bacon \$4.

Breakfast burrito, fluffy eggs, cheddar, tots, pico \$4.

All beef hot dog \$4.

Cinnamon glazed almonds or cashews \$4.

Hot chocolate \$2.

Bottled water \$2





Final attendance (weekends only)

2021 - 4 days - 4,875

2020 - 3 days - 2,142

2019 - 6 days - 2,760

2018 - 6 days - 2,874

2017 - 6 days - 2,207

**People were ready and grateful
Great weather**

Thank you for your support!



1983



2021