

Maple Madness 2023 – Plan your day

Below are details on how Maple Madness runs to help you plan your visit to our Sugar Bush. If you have any questions, please email odc@crca.ca. We will try and email you back as quickly as possible.

If you or anyone in your family is not feeling well please do not come to Maple Madness. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding, we have a small team that runs maple madness and want to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Registration:

- Registration is required for Maple Madness 2023
- If you need to change your registration, go to our website and pick a new date, then email odc@crca.ca with the day you would like to cancel and we will process this for you.
- If you need to cancel your registration please email odc@crca.ca with the date and we will cancel your registration for you.
- We are a small team so may not be able to get back to you right away. We will process the cancellation request, if you do not hear back from us consider your change, cancellation done.

Getting to the Sugar Bush:

- Wagon rides: we have tractor drawn wagons to take you to the sugar bush. Pick-up is in front of the Outdoor Centre and drop off is at the top of the hill, then you walk down to the sugar bush. The first wagon to the sugar bush in the morning is 9:00 am and the last wagon back to the sugar bush in the afternoon is 2:30 pm. This allows you time to get back to the sugar bush, partake in activities and pancakes before catching the last wagon from the sugar bush at 4:00 pm.
 - Strollers are allowed on the wagons; they may have to be folded to fit the aisle. Double strollers (side by side) do not fit and must be folded.
 - Dogs are not allowed on the wagons at this time.
 - Wagons run about every 20 minutes.
 - Lines can be long at the wagons during peak times (11:00 to 1:30).
- Walking: You can walk to the sugar bush instead of taking a wagon. The walking trail is highlighted on the map further down in this document. Please do not walk down the service road at the warming huts. This section of causeway is very



narrow and for tractor use only. The walk back to the sugar bush is about 2km and may take 20-30 minutes depending on ability. We have created a fun story walk along this route to help you enjoy the walk. The road to the sugar bush is gravel, strollers with large wheels are recommended.

Trails at Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area: The service road walking route to the sugar bush is the best bet during Maple Madness. Due to weather fluctuations the trail network can become very icy or muddy. Please see the highlighted walking route to the sugar bush below. All trails will be open during Maple Madness for you to enjoy, please ask a staff member if you are unsure of trail conditions or need a trail map.

Admission: Pre-registration is required to attend maple madness. Registration is free and you will pay admission to Maple Madness at the gate when you arrive at Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Our gate accepts cash, debit and credit.

Conservation Area Etiquette:

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times when in the conservation area, and under control. Don't forget to stoop and scoop. Please do not leave poop bags in the woods or along the trails.
- Stay on the marked trails. This helps prevent damage to sensitive areas and soil erosion. Do not walk off trail, we are trying to encourage natural regeneration of the forest.
- Do not litter, pack in and pack out.
- Do not remove any vegetation from the conservation area.
- Please do not hang off, bend, or break the small slender trees in the sugar bush. These are saplings and an important part of the re-growth of trees in our sugar bush. Please help protect these trees so they can grow and regenerate our maple forest.

Parking: Parking is tight at Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area. The main parking area is at the Outdoor Centre however there is parking at the Administration Office and by the Warming Huts, please see map below for details. Please park in designated areas only, and on the right hand side of the main roads IF needed. Do not park on the lawn areas or on both sides of the road. Try and align your vehicle as close as possible to the nearest one leaving enough room for someone to open their door. If you need



handicap parking and it is full, there is room to drive up to the outdoor centre, drop off your passengers and then find parking.

Weather: Maple Madness runs rain or shine except during major storm events like freezing rain, thunder, snowstorm, high wind warnings, and large rain events. Please watch your email or call 613-546-4228 ext. 222 for any weather-related cancellations.

Washrooms: Washrooms with change tables are available at the Outdoor Centre. There are also privies located in the sugar bush.

Maple Syrup Sales and Pancakes: Pancakes are only available in the sugar bush along with hot and cold drinks available for purchase. Maple Syrup sales will be done out of the maple shop at the Outdoor Centre. Please see our website for price details. Some maple candy and lollipops will be available in the sugar bush. We accept cash, debit and credit.

40th Anniversary Activities:

- **Photo contest** – [visit our photo contest page](#) (<https://pollunit.com/en/polls/maplemadness>) and upload photos from your visit to maple madness 2023. The Community will vote on winners and the best photo will win a maple syrup prize package.
- **Giveaways** – the first 50 people to purchase pancakes each day or 50 people to purchase items from our maple shop will get a special gift to commemorate our anniversary.
- **History project** – Share your photos or memories of past visit to maple madness. [Visit the history project page](#) (<https://crca.ca/history/>)
- **Fundraiser** - Donate in person or online to help us expand and refurbish our Maple Program and facilities so it can be enjoyed for another 40 years. Visit <https://cataraquiconservation.ca/products/donate> to donate.