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**LEARN THE ART OF MAKING SWEET MAPLE SYRUP WITH ST. CHARLES COUNTY PARKS**  
*Free, hands-on event demonstrates how to make your own at home*



**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – St. Charles County Parks staff and volunteers are making maple syrup again at The Historic Daniel Boone Home, 1868 Highway F in Defiance, and everyone is invited! Join in the fun from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8, at “Hands-On Heritage: Making Maple Syrup.” Admission is free!

You’ll be amazed at how easy it is to turn gallons of raw sap into edible sweet syrup. Park staff are tapping the trees and gathering the liquid sap to demonstrate this 19<sup>th</sup> century, historic process. At the event, guests will be able to view and handle antique equipment used during that period and ask questions of the frontiersmen and women leading the program. Then, everyone can sample pure maple syrup with complimentary pancakes!

Guests also will learn the modern-day method of making maple syrup with Hart|Beet Farm, a diversified farm in Eolia, MO. The farm’s staff will showcase the equipment used on the farm to turn 40 gallons of sap into one gallon of edible maples syrup. A variety of delicious syrups will be available for purchase.

This educational event is open to all ages. For more information, call The Historic Daniel Boone Home at 636-798-2005.

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**About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation**

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department was created in 1997 after voters approved a local use tax with the sole purpose of park land acquisition, development, operations and maintenance. The department’s mission is to preserve natural and historic features in areas throughout the county for the use of future generations. Today, the department operates 16 parks and consists of 3,645 acres of acquired park land. From historic homesteads to a youth skate park; from camping, hiking, biking, and fishing to weddings and educational classrooms, there’s something for everyone in St. Charles County Parks.

For more information and specifics about each park, amenities, trails, and more, visit [stccparks.org](http://stccparks.org).