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The History of Maple Syruping in Wisconsin

Sue Denholm, Naturalist at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center, shares the story of Moqua and Chief Woksis who, according to legend, were the first to discover that maple trees produced maple syrup. Denholm discusses how the Native Americans' process of making maple syrup laid the foundation for how we make syrup today. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

The Traditions And Transformation Of Maple Sugaring

No matter how methods have changed over the ages, a lot of time and energy go into transforming the springtime sap flows of maple trees into sweet, sugary syrup. Within a relatively narrow and unpredictable window during the early spring, syrup producers tap maples to collect large amounts of clear, runny sap. Sugar is the sought-after ingredient, but it makes up only a few percent of the watery liquid flowing from the tapped trees. [Read More](#)

Consolidated Cooperative Files Letter of Intent to Purchase Verso Mill in Wisconsin Rapids

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – A cooperative formed after the closure of Verso's paper mill has toured the facility and filed a letter of intent to purchase the Wisconsin Rapids mill, State Rep. Scott Krug, R-Nekoosa, told the Wisconsin Rapids Together Task Force Wednesday. [Read More](#)

Collins, Golden Urge USDA to Distribute COVID-19 Funding for Loggers, Timber Haulers Immediately

The December COVID-19 relief package included \$200 million for logging and log hauling businesses. — U.S. Senator Susan Collins and Representative Jared Golden led 19 of their colleagues in sending letters to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to urge the quick distribution of the \$200 million in COVID-19 relief funding for logging and log hauling businesses that was included in the COVID-19 relief package that was signed into law in December. [Read More](#)

A Sinking Ship Full of Foresters

Cornelius Harrington, a native of Hurley, grew up in the Northwoods and maintained a lifelong dedication to the land he loved. Before his career could take off, his forestry skills made him invaluable to the U.S. Army in World War I. Before getting there, however, Harrington survived a harrowing shipwreck. [Read More](#)

A 1952 Visit to an Indian Sugabush

In the late summer of 1951 while working as a forester for the Northern Highland State Forest in Vilas County, a young Ted Peterson discovered a maple sugaring camp in an old growth forest of sugar maple and yellow birch on what he thought was state forest land. Noting a large flat pan resting on a sturdy stone and earth arch and a very old upside-down copper kettle sitting inside half of a birch bark covered wigwam, Peterson made a note to himself to come back the following spring to find out just whose sugarbush this was. [Read More](#)

How Did Native Americans Make Syrup?

Native Americans have been making maple syrup and maple sugar in the Northwoods for a long time now. The methods have changed a little over the millennia, but the process is largely recognizable. Maple syrup is a mainstay of the Northwoods and a delicious treat that both residents and visitors appreciate. The production of maple syrup is a straightforward process that hasn't changed much over time. [Read More](#)

"We Were in Love with the Forest": Protecting Mexico's Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve

"My dad was one of the first to find the butterflies here. In fact, he was the one who found them," Emilio Velázquez Moreno said into the tape recorder. I (Ellen) was seated on a rock across from him on a newly cut path above a meadow called La Lagunita on Cerro Pelón, the site where this discovery had taken place. I hadn't planned on interviewing Emilio. He was a new hire for Butterflies & Their People AC, a forest conservation nonprofit I cofounded in 2016. [Read More](#)



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