How & When To Tap Maple Trees

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Tapping maple trees for maple sap is really easy, although please treat the trees with respect and care for them the same as any other crop you look after. If you tap maple trees responsibly, it does not harm the tree and you can continue to tap the tree year after year. If you want to turn your maple sap into maple syrup, you simply need to boil it down and condense it. It takes approximately 40 parts maple sap to make 1 part maple syrup.

The best time to tap maple trees is generally February/March, although this can vary a bit depending on your climate. Your best bet is to ask around locally for the optimum time where you live. Watch the video above showing how to responsibly tap a maple tree, including a nice bit of bushcraft carving spiles and spigots.

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