

Sap House Breakfasts and Hikes

Favorite spring outing for Tramp and Trail were the sap house hikes from 1998-2017. The late Dave and Carole Huxtable, devoted long-time members, were the hosts of the annual sap house hikes.



Dozens of Tramps would make the drive to their farm in Millers Mills. Dave would gather everyone in the sap house to explain the process of turning sap from his sugar bushes into maple syrup that many enjoyed for decades. The highlight of the visit would be sampling the sweet liquid poured over pancakes made onsite by Dave and Carole. (Probably the reason most Tramps attended!) After a hearty breakfast, Dave would lead the group on a hike. If there were still snow, on the ground, it would be a ski or snowshoe on the old railroad bed and woodland trails surrounding the farm. Sadly, this event came to an end with

Dave's passing in November 2017.

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Special note: The love of maple sugaring was passed on to Dave's family. His daughter and her husband, Karen and Patrick Hooker, continue to carry on the tradition. They have invited the Tramps for an outing at their own sugarhouse in April. (Sorry, no pancakes!) Look for it in this schedule!

Photo from Tramp and Trail archives 4/1/2000.