

Maple Tree Tapping Policy



- Maple tree tapping is allowed on property owned by Hardin County Conservation. There is no tapping in any Iowa State Preserves which includes Fallen Rock Wildlife Area, Hardin City Woodland, and Mann Wilderness Area.
- Collection of sap is for self-consumption only. No resale permitted.
- Tree taps and other equipment used must be tagged with your name, phone, and address.
- The use of motorized vehicles to collect sap is prohibited.
- Trees must be at least sixteen inches in diameter to tap.
- Use two taps for 16–20-inch trees, three taps for 21–25-inch trees and, no more than four taps for trees over 25 inches in diameter.
- Trees should be tapped before the sap begins to run in the trees. Sap collection usually begins late February or early March in Iowa and lasts for approximately three weeks.
- All tapping equipment must be removed no later than April 1st of any given year.