

UNIQUE JURIED ARTS & CRAFTS

A \$3 admission charge includes a collectible keychain & covers access to the Arts & Crafts Shows in the gyms, as well as noon entertainment. Ages 12 & under are free!

Saturdays: 9 am - 5pm • Sundays: 9 am - 4 pm

MONTEREY: Highland High & Elementary School Gyms, Courthouse Lawn, & “Ernie’s Lot” on Main Street

MCDOWELL: Stonewall Ruritan Building

PANCAKE & BUCKWHEAT MEALS

BLUE GRASS: Blue Grass Ruritan Building: 7:30 am - 3 pm, Blue Grass Valley Road, seven miles north of Monterey

BOLAR: Bolar Ruritan Club: 7 am - 2 pm, 15 miles south of Monterey at the intersection of Rt. 220 & Rt. 607

MCDOWELL: Stonewall Ruritan Building: 7 am - 4 pm, Intersection of Rt. 250 & Bullpasture River Road (Rt. 678)

MONTEREY: Highland County Public Schools: 8 am - 4 pm, Myers-Moon Road off Rt. 250

ADDITIONAL FOOD OFFERINGS

MCDOWELL: Stonewall Ruritan Building: Baked goods, maple products, kettle corn, pork rinds • **McDowell Firehouse, Rt. 678:** Trout, BBQ chicken, country ham dinners, cotton candy, candied apples, & funnel cakes

MONTEREY: North Water Street Food Court: Food trucks & vendors • Mill Gap Ruritans, behind “Ernie’s” off Rt. 220: Maple Doughnuts • Main & Side Streets, School, Monterey Firehouse: Monterey Lions Club pork rinds, UMC funnel cakes, kettle corn, hamburgers, chicken, & so much more

FOOD OPTIONS ALSO AVAILABLE AT MOST SUGAR CAMPS

RESTAURANTS

The Curly Maple: Restored general store, gourmet coffee, lunch specials, local goods - **Across from Monterey Courthouse**

High’s Restaurant: Buffet, all-you-can-eat pancakes & buckwheat cakes, trout, & more - **Monterey Main Street**

Hull’s Hideaway Restaurant & Tavern: Maple pork BBQ & tenderloin, pancakes & buckwheat cakes, trout - **Monterey, Corner of Rt. 250 & Rt. 220**

Sponsored by the Highland County Chamber of Commerce
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All events & hours subject to change
Pancake photo courtesy Virginia Tourism Corporation

2023 DATES: MARCH 11-12 & 18-19

ENTERTAINMENT

MONTEREY: The Highland Center off Spruce Street

Sponsored by The Highland County Arts Council

Saturday, March 12

Southern Rail Express (Bluegrass) - Noon • \$3 or keychain access

Scuffletown (Acoustic High Energy Duo) - 7 pm • \$10

Sunday, March 13

Tol’able David Movie Showing - Noon • \$3 or keychain access

Saturday, March 19

Square Dance Workshops - Noon - 2 pm • \$3 or keychain access

Square Dance with callers Ellen & Eugene Ratcliffe, with

music by Juanita Fireball & The Continental Drifters - 7 pm • \$5

Sunday, March 20

Little Switzerland Cloggers - Noon • \$3 or keychain access

ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INTEREST

BLUE GRASS

Blue Grass Mercantile - Brunswick stew, hot food, maple products

MCDOWELL

Grant’s Grocery - Homemade chicken salad, country ham, goodies

Highland County Museum - All new Battle of McDowell

Orientation Center, Highland County history exhibits

Mountain Oasis - Maple-cinnamon buns, deli, fuel • Closed Sundays

MEADOWDALE

The Church at the Old Oak - Arts & crafts, food

MONTEREY

Big Fish Cider, Co. - Award-winning local cider & tasting room

Claire’s Cake Co - Hot food, baked goods, coffee

Fantastic Finds - Thrift store filled with local wonders

Fast Break - 24-hour fuel, fresh fried chicken, pizza

Gutshall’s Exxon - 24-hour fuel, propane

Jenny Wren Gatherings - Eclectic treasures

Rockingham Cooperative - Farm store • Closed Sundays

The Blanchard Gallery - Treasures & local art

The Gallery of Highland - Selling local art & books all year

The Highland Center - Entertainment, local art, Visitor Center

Twice is Nice - Gently-used clothing for the whole family

RT. 220 NORTH

Ginseng Mountain Store - “New time” country store, gifts

Hiner Town Trout Fishing - Kids’ fun days Fridays - Sundays

Rexrode’s Country Store - Fuel, deli, pizza, maple products

Virginia Trout Company - Live, frozen, & smoked trout

RT. 220 SOUTH

Valley AeroSpace Team - March 12 model rocket launch

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62ND ANNUAL

HIGHLAND COUNTY MAPLE FESTIVAL

March 12-13 & 19-20, 2022

Real Maple Sugar Camps
Unique Arts & Crafts Vendors
Delicious Food

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**VIRGINIA
IS FOR
MAPLE SYRUP
LOVERS™**



Since 1959, visitors have been drawn to Highland County to tour real maple sugar camps for a cultural and culinary adventure! In 1999, The Library of Congress designated The Highland County Maple Festival a **Local Legacy**. In 2014, the Governor of Virginia signed a bill into law designating the festival as the **official maple festival of Virginia**. Experience the tradition by traveling throughout our rural mountain community for free sugar camp tours, pancake and buckwheat cake meals, famous Maple Doughnuts, unique vendors, live entertainment, and many memories. Layered clothing and boots are recommended, as weather can vary in March. **Have fun at our COUNTY-WIDE festival!** During the event, pick up an official map at various locations around the county, and watch for signs to guide you. Tune in to WVLS 89.7 for up-to-date festival info.

1 TONOLOWAY FARM

9943 Highland Turnpike, McDowell

Located on the steep slopes of Bullpasture Mountain, Tonoloway Farm is famous for tapping black walnut trees in addition to producing hickory syrup and classic maple syrup for a diverse taste of our Appalachian forests. Tonoloway's unique new sugaring workshop is constructed of heavy timbers from the surrounding forests, and visitors are welcome to hike on the farm and enjoy panoramic mountain views over McDowell. Limited parking is available on-site, with plenty of additional parking along Rt. 250 for those ready to enjoy a short hike to the sugarhouse.



2 SUGAR TREE COUNTRY STORE

185 Mansion House Road, McDowell

Located near the center of McDowell, this operation employs a modern reverse osmosis concentrator and oil-fired evaporator. Informational tours are given all day, with antique maple-producing tools on display. This country store features gifts, maple products, apple butter, birch syrup, pottery, jams, cookbooks, old-fashioned homemade bar soap, handmade rugs, and much more. Closed Sundays.  



3 EAGLE'S SUGAR CAMP

5503 Jack Mountain Road, Doe Hill

Follow signs to Eagle's Sugar Camp, located north of McDowell (off Rt. 654 on Jack Mountain Road) in Doe Hill. Syrup producers for more than 200 years, the Eagles still use open-pan, wood-fired evaporators, as well as the latest advanced computerized oil-fired evaporators. Observe sugar water collected in buckets. Browse local arts & crafts, local honey, maple products, buckwheat, cornmeal, and baked goods. Enjoy Home-cooked food, as well as Maple-glazed and Maple Bavarian Doughnuts.  

4 SOUTHERNMOST MAPLE

7738 Big Valley Road, Bolar

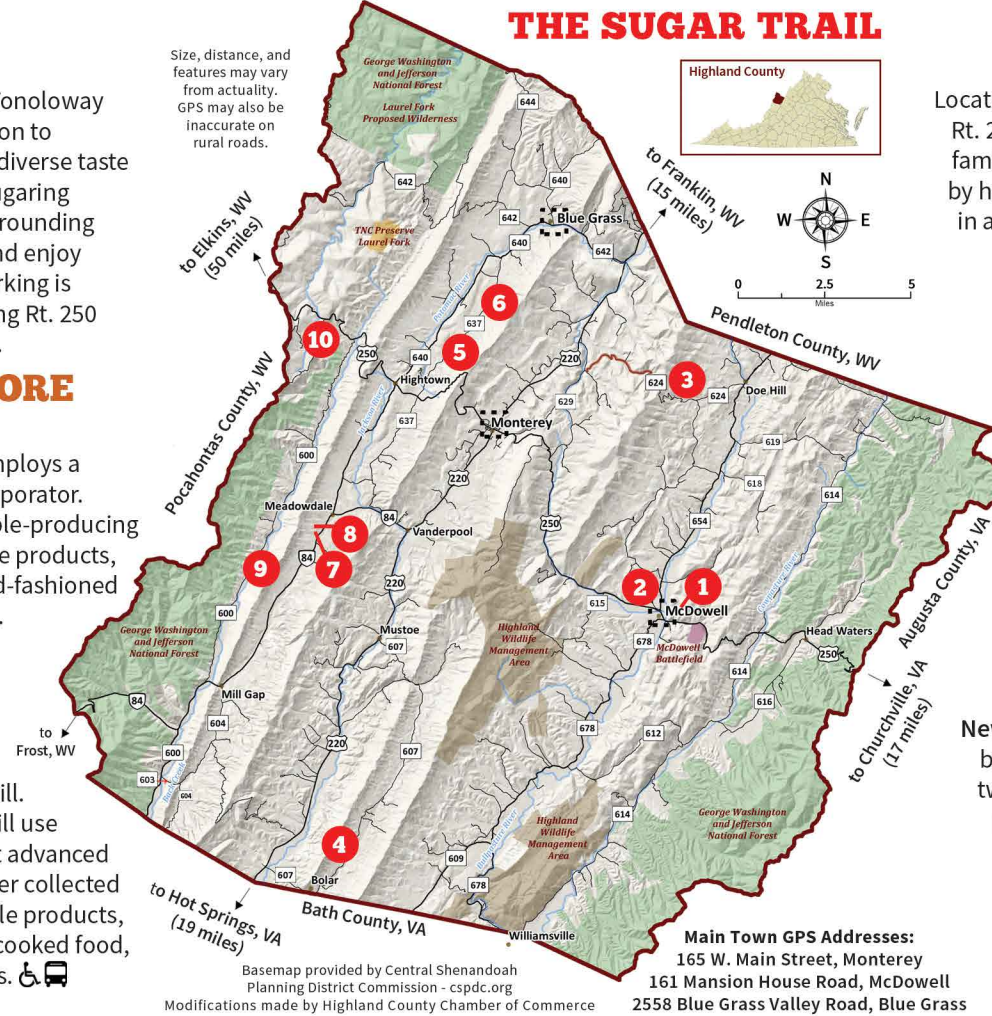
Located 15 miles south of Monterey on Rt. 607 (off Rt. 220 on Big Valley Road,) sugar water is gathered with hundreds of buckets and miles of plastic tubing that funnel the sugar water into a piggyback evaporator. A rustic country store carries maple products, flour, honey, jellies, and baked goods. Food includes maple pit-cooked BBQ, Maple Doughnuts, and pork skins. Enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner with inside seating, vendors and crafts, free fishing pond for kids, and bluegrass music at noon on Saturdays. Food options are available Fridays. There are indoor restrooms. Closed Sundays.  

 = Wheelchair accessible  = Tour buses welcome





Can't make it to the Maple Festival? Need your syrup fix year-round? Discover the Virginia Maple Syrup Trail at virginiamaplesyrup.com! (Not valid March 7 - 20, 2022)

THE SUGAR TRAIL





DUFF'S SUGAR HOUSE

3118 Mill Gap Road, Monterey

Located at Fair Lawn Farm southwest of Monterey (4 miles south on Rt. 220, then 3 miles west on Rt. 84), Duff's Sugar House is a small, family-run old-time sugarhouse where the trees are still "opened" by hand and the sugar water collected in buckets. Cooking is done in a wood-fired open pan and finished in an iron kettle. Hands-on participation is encouraged. Tours are held all day.  



MILL GAP FARMS

2760 Mill Gap Road, Monterey

Located within sight of Duff's Sugar house, Mill Gap Farms is the first and only producer in Virginia certified organic by the USDA. Anything but old fashioned, they utilize the latest technology from Vermont and Quebec to produce excellent syrup. At the farm, you can visit Merino, Finn, and Suffolk sheep along with chickens and alpacas. Enjoy maple cotton candy and a view of the southern Blue Grass Valley. Also, catch their booth at the Highland Elementary School. Tours are held all day.  

BACK CREEK FARMS

7781 Upper Back Creek Road, Monterey

New for 2022! Back Creek Farms is a 5th generation maple syrup business which has maintained traditions but added a modern twist! Using both traditional and newer methods, they not only produce pure maple syrup, but they also create infusions and barrel-aged varieties. Tastings are always available. Enjoy watching sugar water flow through tubing and into buckets around the sugar house, browse their gift shop, and walk along beautiful Back Creek. Food and craft vendors are available onsite with ample parking.  

LAUREL FORK SAPSUCKERS

10677 Mountain Turnpike, Hightown



Located 10 miles west of Monterey on Rt. 250 off Clay Hise Lane, Laurel Fork Sapsuckers is a family-run sugar camp and Virginia's 2019 Tree Farm of the Year recipient. Enjoy a 3/4 mile loop trail with interpretative signs explaining maple syrup research projects and forest management practices used to increase syrup yields. View various wood-fired methods of evaporating sugar water into maple syrup, including traditional and modern. Food is available with vegetarian options, as well as maple syrup, infused syrups, maple vinegar, honey, ramp salt, and apple butter. Free samples are available. Informational tours are held all day.

ADDITIONAL SUGAR STOPS

Bruce's Syrup & Candies - Main Street, Monterey
Frostmore Farm - Courthouse Lawn, Monterey

5 REXRODE'S SUGAR ORCHARD

1564 Maple Sugar Road, Monterey

Located north of Hightown on Rt. 637 (Maple Sugar Road), Rexrode's Sugar Orchard features large maple trees over 200-years-old. The Rexrodes use the wood-fired "open pan" system of evaporation with miles of plastic tubing to gather the sugar water for their maple products.  

6 PUFFENBARGER'S SUGAR ORCHARD

17 Maple Syrup Lane, Blue Grass

On Rt. 637 (Maple Sugar Road) southwest of Blue Grass is Puffenbarger's Sugar Orchard. A vacuum pump is used to increase the flow of sugar water, and miles of plastic tubing make it easier to gather. The process of maple syrup-making is started by reverse osmosis and finished by oil-fired evaporators. Maple Doughnuts, syrup, and other food available. 