

## Arts & Crafts

A \$3.00 admission charge will cover access to the Arts & Crafts Shows in the gymnasiums. (Ages 12 and under are free.)

Locations are:

### MONTEREY

Highland High School Gymnasium  
Highland Elementary School Gymnasium  
Courthouse Lawn  
Main Street

### MCDOWELL

Stonewall Ruritan Building

## Entertainment

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT throughout the festival!  
Please visit our website for details on times and locations!

## Other Points of Interest

### MONTEREY

The Attic – SPCA benefit shop

Highland Mountain Flowers – Local items, primitives & more

Morning Glories & Moonflowers – Gifts & decorative items

Dancon – Maple products, local honey, locally-made items

The Blanchard Gallery – SugarHounds pop-up, treasures, local art

Big Fish Cider Company – Local cider and tasting room

David Cockerham Photography – Photography and gifts

Twice is Nice – Gently-used name brand clothing

### US 220 NORTH

Ginseng Mountain Farm & Store – “New time” country store

Rexrode’s Country Store – Fuel, deli, pizza & maple products

Virginia Trout Company – See thousands of rainbow trout!

### BLUE GRASS

Blue Grass Mercantile – Hot food, deli, local items, buckwheat flour

### MCDOWELL

Highland County Museum – Civil War camp & home-life reenactment, exhibits on Highland County history

Mountain Oasis – Maple Cinnamon Buns, deli, baked goods

Stonewall Grocery – Roasted chicken, sandwiches & cheeses

Sugar Tree Country Store – 19th century-style country store

McDowell Fire Dept. – Arts & Crafts vendors, baked goods, syrup



For information on **LODGING AVAILABILITY** visit  
[www.HighlandCounty.org](http://www.HighlandCounty.org)

## Pancake Dinners

► **BLUE GRASS: Blue Grass Ruritan Building** (7:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.) On Blue Grass Valley Road, seven miles north of Monterey.

► **BOLAR: Bolar Ruritan Club** (7 a.m. - 2 p.m.) 15 miles south of Monterey at intersection of Routes 220 & 607.

► **MCDOWELL: Stonewall Ruritan Building** (7 a.m. - 4 p.m.) On Rt. 678 in McDowell.

► **MONTEREY: Highland County Public Schools** (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.) Myers-Moon Road, off Rt.U.S. 250 in Monterey.

► **WILLIAMSVILLE: Bath-Highland Fire Department/Williamsville Community Center** (7 a.m.- 2 p.m.) On Route 678

## Other Food

### MCDOWELL:

- **Trout, BBQ Chicken, and Country Ham Dinners** (11 a.m. - 5 p.m.); **Cotton Candy, Candied Apples, Funnel Cakes**, McDowell Firehouse; Rt. 678.
- **Baked Goods, Maple Products, Kettle Corn, Pork Rinds**; Stonewall Ruritan Building

### MONTEREY:

- **FOOD COURT** – North Water Street
  - Burgers, Cheeseburgers, Bacon Cheeseburgers, Country Ham, Hot Dogs, Chili Dogs, and Pork BBQ
  - Funnel Cakes
- **Kettle Corn**; Main Street
- **Country Ham Sandwiches, Hamburgers, and Hot Dogs**; Church of God of Prophecy, Main Street
- **Maple Doughnuts**; Mill Gap Ruritans. Located behind Ernie’s Market.
- **Pork Rinds**; Main Street, Monterey.

## Restaurants

► **High’s Restaurant** – Pancakes & buckwheat cakes, trout; Main Street

► **The Highland Inn** – Special festival menu featuring local meats and produce; Main Street

► **Hull’s Hideaway Restaurant & Tavern** – Pancakes & buckwheat cakes, trout; Corner of Routes U.S. 250 & 220

► **The Curly Maple** – Lunch specials and signature Maple Cinnamon Buns; Across from the Monterey Courthouse

► *Denotes Seated Service Available*

## 2020 Dates

**March 14-15 and 21-22**

Lodging facilities fill up quickly...  
Reserve your room for 2020 NOW!

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# 61st Annual Highland County Maple Festival

*The Official Maple Festival of the Commonwealth*



**March 9-10 & 16-17**

[www.HighlandCounty.org](http://www.HighlandCounty.org)

*Juried Arts & Crafts  
Show featuring over  
100 Vendors*



*Visit Real  
Maple Sugar Camps*



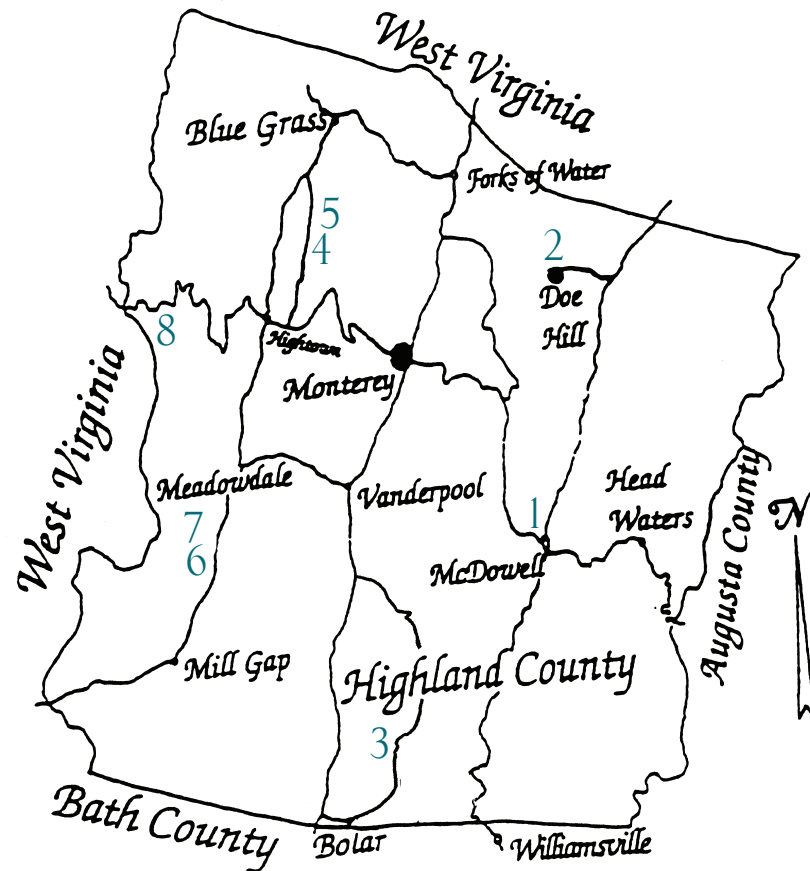
## Highland County, “Virginia’s Sweet Spot,” welcomes you to the 61st annual Maple Festival!

This unique celebration has been designated a Local Legacy by The Library of Congress. Visiting our sugar camps provides a unique and educational glimpse of a rapidly vanishing way of life. Our maple producers throughout Highland County enjoy sharing this age-old process of syrup-making with you - our guests.

Be sure to stay warm with layered clothing and boots. It can get a little chilly here in March! Have fun!

*Pick up a Festival Map at your first stop, and watch for signs to guide you along the way!*

### THE SUGAR TRAIL



#### 1 SUGAR TREE COUNTRY STORE

Located near the center of McDowell, this operation employs a modern reverse osmosis concentrator and oil-fired evaporator. Informational tours all day. Antique maple producing tools on display. Country store merchandise, maple products, apple butter, pottery, jams, cookbooks, soy candles, old-fashioned homemade bar soap, and handmade rugs. Closed on Sunday.

#### 2 EAGLE'S SUGAR CAMP

Follow signs to Eagle's Sugar Camp, located north of McDowell off Rt. 654 (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. Local honey, maple products, buckwheat, cornmeal, & baked goods. Home-cooked food and maple doughnuts. Local arts & crafts. Tour buses welcome.

#### 3 SOUTHERNMOST MAPLE

Located 15 miles south of Monterey on Route 607 (off US 220 at Bolar - Big Valley Road). Sugar water is gathered with hundreds of buckets and miles of plastic tubing that funnel the water into an evaporator. Rustic country store with a variety of maple products, flour, honey, jellies, and baked goods. Food: Maple pit-cooked BBQ, pork skins, and maple doughnuts. All-you-can-eat buffet both Saturdays 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Handicapped accessible. Closed on Sunday.

#### 4 REXRODE'S SUGAR ORCHARD

Located north of Hightown on Route 637 (Maple Sugar Road), Rexrode's Sugar Orchard features large maple trees over 200-years-old. The Rexrodes use the old-fashioned "open pan" system of evaporation as well as the newer wood-fired evaporation method with miles of plastic tubing to gather the sugar water. Food and maple products available. Tour buses welcome.

#### 5 PUFFENBARGER'S SUGAR ORCHARD

On Route 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 foods are available.

#### 6 DUFF'S SUGAR HOUSE

Located at Fair Lawn Farm, southwest of Monterey (3 mi. south on U.S. 220, then 3 mi. west on Route 84), Duff's Sugar House is a small, family-run, old-time sugar house 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 all day.

#### 7 MILL GAP FARMS

Located within sight of Duff's Sugar House, Mill Gap Farms is the county's first Certified Organic maple syrup producer. Anything but old-fashioned, they utilize the latest technology from Vermont and Quebec to produce their syrup. At their farm, you can visit their Merino Sheep, chickens, and alpacas. Enjoy maple cotton candy and a view of the southern Blue Grass Valley. Tours all day.

#### 8 LAUREL FORK SAPSUCKERS

Located 10 miles west of Monterey on Clay Hise Lane (off US 250). Laurel Fork Sapsuckers is a family-run sugar camp. Maple syrup is made using wood-fired pans as it has been for centuries. Some equipment used is the same as 100 years ago! Food: Maple Hot Dogs, BBQ, pinto beans and cornbread, maple popcorn & beverages. Country store with arts & crafts. Tours all day. Saturday Tree Tapping Demonstration at 11 am.

**Tune in to Alleghany Mountain Radio  
WVLS 89.7 for up-to-date festival information!**

#### ADDITIONAL SUGAR STOPS

**Back Creek Farms** - Courthouse Lawn, Monterey

**Bruce's Syrups & Candies** - Main Street, Monterey

**Frostmore Farm** - Courthouse Lawn, Monterey