

## PANCAKE DINNERS

- \* **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 intersection of Routes 220 & 607
- \* **MCDOWELL:** Stonewall Ruritan Building (7 am - 4 pm)  
On Rt. 678 in McDowell
- \* **MONTEREY:** Highland County Public Schools  
(8 am - 4 pm) Myers-Moon Road, of Rt. 250 in Monterey
- \* **WILLIAMSVILLE:** Bath-Highland Fire Department/  
Williamsville Community Center (7 am - 2 pm) On Rt. 678

## OTHER FOOD

- \* **BOLAR:** Variety of food all day Fridays and Saturdays, including Puff's BBQ; **Southernmost Maple**
- \* **MCDOWELL:** Trout, BBQ Chicken, Country Ham Dinners (11 am - 5 pm), Cotton Candy, Candied Apples, Funnel Cakes; **McDowell Firehouse, Rt. 678**
- \* **MCDOWELL:** Baked Goods, Maple Products, Kettle Corn, Pork Rinds; **Stonewall Ruritan Building**
- \* **MONTEREY:** Various Food Truck and Vendor Options; **North Water Street FOOD COURT**
- \* **MONTEREY:** Maple Doughnuts; **Mill Gap Ruritans**, located behind Ernie's Market just off Rt. 220
- \* **MONTEREY:** Pork Rinds, Kettle Corn, Hamburgers, Funnel Cakes, Hot Dogs, Sandwiches & More; **Main Street**

## RESTAURANTS

- \* **The Curly Maple:** Lunch/Dinner Specials and Signature Maple Cinnamon Buns; **Across from Monterey Courthouse**
- \* **High's Restaurant:** All-you-can-eat Pancakes and Buckwheat Cakes, Trout & More; **Monterey Main Street**
- \* **Hull's Hideaway Restaurant & Tavern:** Maple Pork BBQ and Tenderloin, Pancakes and Buckwheat Cakes, Trout; **Monterey Corner of Routes 250/220**
- \* **Denotes seated service available**

### 2021 DATES: MARCH 13-14 & 20-21

Lodging facilities fill up quickly...

Reserve your room for 2021 NOW!

Visit [www.highlandcounty.org](http://www.highlandcounty.org) for lodging options

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## ARTS & CRAFTS

A \$3.00 admission charge keychain covers access to the Arts & Crafts Shows in the gymnasiums and 3 pm Saturday concerts (Ages 12 and under FREE)

### MONTEREY

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

### MCDOWELL

Stonewall Ruritan Building

## ENTERTAINMENT

### The Highland Center

*Sponsored by The Highland County Arts Council*

**Saturday, March 14**

Tyler Hughes - 3 pm (\$3 keychain access)  
Bill Jenkins and the Virginia Mountain Boys - 7 pm (entry fee)

**Saturday, March 21**

John Bullard - 3 pm (\$3 keychain access)  
After Jack - 7 pm (entry fee)

## POINTS OF INTEREST

### MONTEREY

The Attic - SPCA benefit shop  
The Blanchard Gallery - Treasures, local art  
Big Fish Cider Company - Local cider & tasting room  
Fast Break - Fuel, fresh fried chicken, milkshakes, pizza  
The Highland Center - Maple activities, Visitor Center  
Morning Glories & Moonflowers - Gifts, decorative items  
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 - Live fish; fresh, frozen & smoked trout

### BLUE GRASS

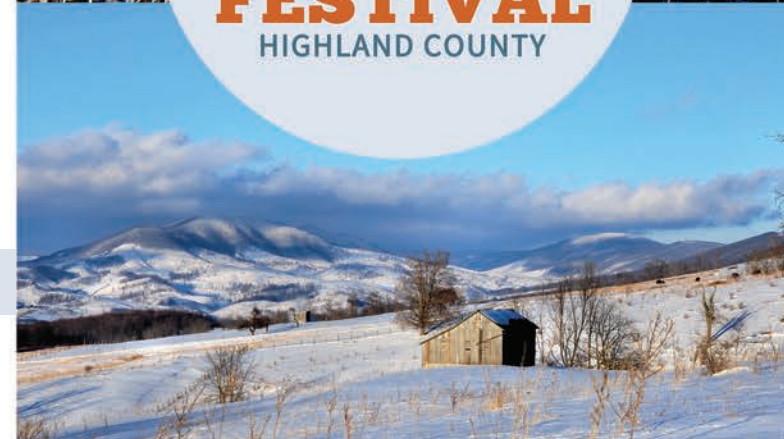
Blue Grass Mercantile - Hot food, deli, cider, maple products

### MCDOWELL

Highland County Museum - Civil War camp & home-life reenactment, Highland County history exhibits  
McDowell Fire Dept. - Arts & crafts vendors, baked goods, syrup  
Stonewall Grocery - Roasted chicken, sandwiches & cheeses  
The Store at McDowell VA - Maple Cinnamon Buns, fuel, deli  
Sugar Tree Country Store - 19th century-style country store



  
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**Real Maple Sugar Camps  
Over 100 Juried Arts & Crafts Vendors  
Delicious Food**





# WELCOME TO THE 62ND ANNUAL HIGHLAND COUNTY MAPLE FESTIVAL!



Since 1958, 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." In addition to pancake dinners, doughnuts and entertainment, over 100 high-quality juried vendors take part in the festival each year. We're glad to have you share the experience! Be sure to stay warm with layered clothing and boots, as weather can vary in March. Have fun! **Pick up an Official Maple Festival Map at various locations around the county and watch for signs to guide you through our rural mountain community!**

## 1 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 all day. Antique maple producing tools on display. Country store merchandise consists of maple products, apple butter, pottery, jams, cookbooks, birch syrup, old-fashioned homemade bar soap, handmade rugs, and much more. **Closed on Sunday.**

## 2 EAGLE'S SUGAR CAMP

**5503 Jack Mountain Road, Doe Hill**

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

**7738 Big Valley Road, Bolar**

Located 15 miles south of Monterey on Rt. 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 a piggyback evaporator. Rustic country store with maple products, flour, honey, jellies and baked goods. Food: Maple pit-cooked BBQ, pork skins, and Maple Doughnuts. Breakfast, lunch & dinner with inside seating. All-you-can eat buffet both Saturdays from 5 - 8 pm. Handicapped accessible/indoor restrooms. **Closed on Sunday.**

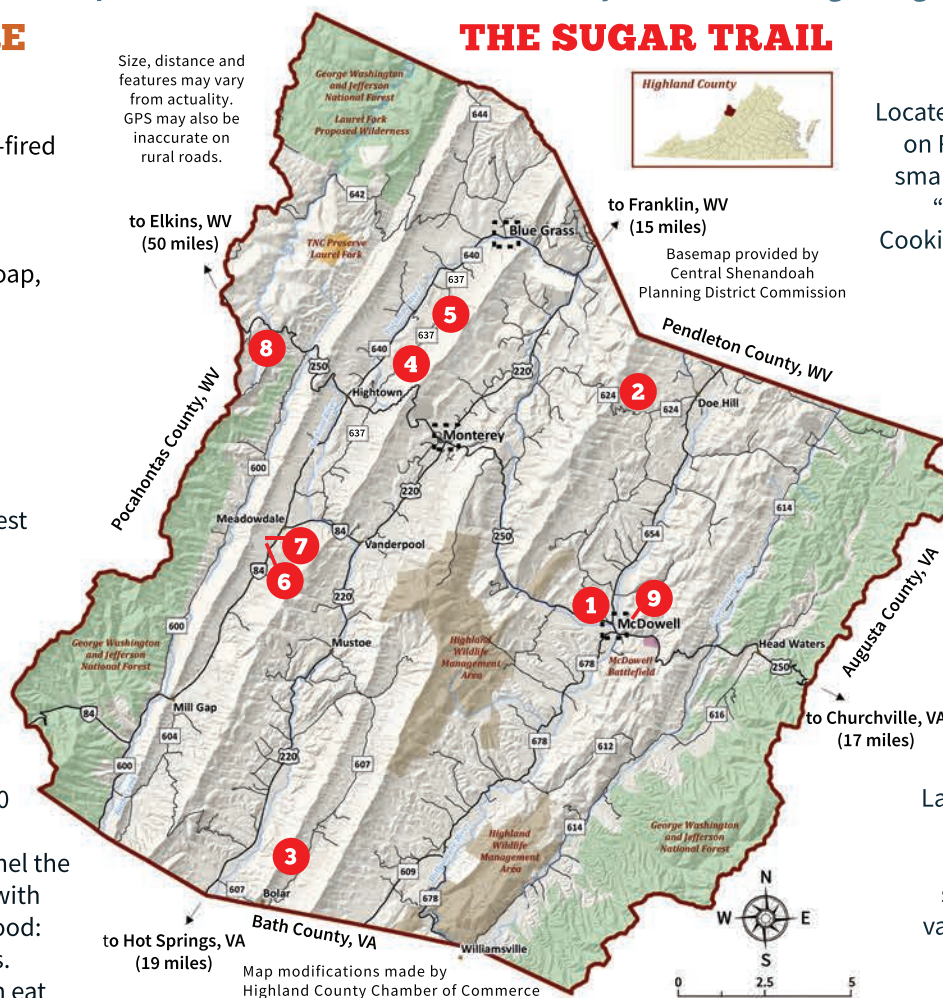
## 4 REXRODE'S SUGAR ORCHARD

**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 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.

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

## THE SUGAR TRAIL



Size, distance and features may vary from actuality. GPS may also be inaccurate on rural roads.



to Franklin, WV (15 miles)  
Basemap provided by Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission

to Elkins, WV (50 miles)

to Hot Springs, VA (19 miles)

to Churchville, VA (17 miles)

## 5 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 foods are available.

## ADDITIONAL SUGAR STOPS

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

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

**Frostmore Farm** - Courthouse Lawn, Monterey

## DUFF'S SUGAR HOUSE

**3118 Mill Gap Road, Monterey**

Located at Fair Lawn Farm, southwest of Monterey (3 miles south on Rt. 220, then 3 miles west on Rt. 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.

## MILL GAP FARMS

**2760 Mill Gap Road, Monterey**

Located within sight of Duff's Sugar house, Mill Gap Farms is the 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 all day.

## 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 being implemented while enjoying various methods of evaporating sugar water. Food available, vegetarian options. Maple syrup, infused syrups, maple vinegar, honey and ramp salt. Free samples available. Pottery and wood-turned items. Informational tours all day. Tree tapping demonstration Saturdays at 11.

## TONLOWAY FARM

**9943 Highland Turnpike, McDowell**

**NEW FOR 2020!** Tonoloway Farm is a first-generation syrup operation located on the wooded slopes of Bullpasture Mountain. In addition to wood-fired maple syrup, Tonoloway offers walnut and hickory syrups for a diverse taste of our Appalachian forests. Visitors are welcome to hike on the farm and enjoy panoramic mountain views over McDowell.

**Please note that Tonoloway is a walk-in sugar camp.** Parking is available along Rt. 250 just east of McDowell, and a short uphill walk will get you to the camp.