

UNIQUE JURIED ARTS & CRAFTS

A \$5 admission charge at entry includes a collectible keychain & provides access to the Arts & Crafts Shows in the gyms & The Highland Center daytime entertainment & crafts. Ages 12 & under FREE!

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

MONTEREY: Highland High & Elementary School Gyms, Courthouse Lawn, Ernie's Lot, & The Highland Center

MCDOWELL: Stonewall Ruritan Building

PANCAKE & BUCKWHEAT MEALS

BLUE GRASS: Blue Grass Ruritan Building - Blue Grass Valley Road (Rt. 640), seven miles north of Monterey - 7:30 am - 3 pm

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

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

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

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:** Monterey Lions Club pork rinds, UMC funnel cakes, Firehouse, & so much more • **School:** Middle School Bazaar, FFA milkshakes, Cheer & Dance Team food

FOOD OPTIONS ALSO AVAILABLE AT MOST SUGAR CAMPS

RESTAURANTS

Claire's Cakes & Café: Breakfast, lunch, coffee, baked goods - Monterey Main Street

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

High's Restaurant: Free pancakes & buckwheat cakes with any order, best darn meatloaf ever, trout, & more! - Monterey Main Street

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

Sponsored by the Highland County Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 223, Monterey, VA 24465

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Events & hours subject to change • Doughnut photo courtesy Mill Gap Ruritans

Join us again next year! March 9-10 & 16-17, 2024

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ENTERTAINMENT

MONTEREY: The Highland Center off Spruce Street

Sponsored by The Highland County Arts Council

Saturday, March 11

Southern Rail Express (Bluegrass) - \$5 or keychain, **10 am & 2 pm**

John Bullard Trio (Classical Banjo) - \$10 (\$2 off with keychain), **5 pm**

Sunday, March 12

Mountain Air (Acoustic Americana) - \$5 or keychain, **10 am & 2 pm**

Saturday, March 18

Square Dancing with callers Ellen & Eugene Ratcliffe, with Mudhole Control at 2 pm only - \$5 or keychain, **10 am & 2 pm**

Sunday, March 19

Little Switzerland Cloggers - \$5 or keychain, **2 pm**

ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INTEREST

BLUE GRASS

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

DOE HILL

Doe Hill Mercantile - Local arts, crafts, & antiques

MCDOWELL

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

Highland County Museum - Exhibits on the Maple Museum, the Battle of McDowell, Uniquely Highland, & 19th Century Highland
Mountain Oasis - 24-hour fuel, deli, maple-cinnamon buns • Closed Sundays

MEADOWDALE

The Church at the Old Oak - Arts & crafts, BBQ & more food
Highland Barn Quilts - Studio tours with Margie Boesch • Closed Sundays

MONTEREY

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

Fantastic Finds - Thrift store filled with local wonders

Fast Break - Fuel, fresh fried chicken, pizza

Gutshall's Exxon - 24-hour fuel, propane, tire repair

Heart and Soul Massage - Gem stone mining, games, & more

Highland Inn - Learn about our historic renovation

Jenny Wren Gatherings - Eclectic treasures

Main Street Monterey - The 3rd Space art gallery & workspace

Rockingham Cooperative - Farm store • Closed Sundays

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

Rexrode's Country Store - Fuel, deli, pizza, breads, maple products

Virginia Trout Company - Feed the fish! Live & frozen trout for sale

RT. 220 SOUTH

Valley AeroSpace Team - March 11 model rocket launch

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63RD ANNUAL

HIGHLAND COUNTY MAPLE FESTIVAL

March 11-12 & 18-19, 2023

Virginia Maple Sugar Camps

Unique Arts & Crafts Vendors

Delicious Food

highlandcounty.org



**VIRGINIA
IS FOR
MAPLE SYRUP
LOVERS**

**EAT.
DRINK.
LOVE.**



Since 1959, Highland County, Virginia has welcomed visitors to tour real maple sugar camps for a cultural and culinary adventure!

Designated a **Local Legacy** by the Library of Congress in 1999 and the **official maple festival of Virginia** by the Governor in 2014, the tradition continues every second and third weekend in March. Join us for free sugar camp tours, pancake and buckwheat cake meals, famous Maple Doughnuts, unique vendors, live entertainment, and memories in our rural mountain community.

Layered clothing and boots are recommended, as weather can vary in March. Stay up to date at highlandcounty.org. **Have fun at our award-winning COUNTY-WIDE festival!**

1 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. Syrup and food available. Owners: Doug & Terri Puffenbarger. Sat & Sun: 8 am - 5 pm ♿🚌

2 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, ramp salt, and apple butter. Free samples are available. Owners: Ronnie & Sandy Moyers. Sat: 9 am - 5 pm, Sun: 9 am - 4 pm **CASH/CHECK ONLY**

3 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, including electronic monitoring of their maple trees, to produce delicious maple syrup. At the family farm, you can visit Merino, Finn, and Suffolk sheep along with chickens, alpacas, cattle, ducks, and turkeys. Enjoy maple cotton candy and a view of the southern Blue Grass Valley. Also, catch their booth at the courthouse lawn in Monterey! Owners: Kevin & Emily Conner. Sat: 9 am - 5 pm, Sun: 9 am - 3 pm ♿🚌

4 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. Enjoy hickory and dandelion syrups, as well as onsite milled cornmeal and grits from **Crooked Spur Farm**. Owners: Tim & Terry Duff. Sat & Sun: 9 am - 5 pm ♿🚌

♿ = Wheelchair accessible 🚌 = Tour buses welcome

ADDITIONAL SUGAR STOPS

Bruce's Syrup & Candies - Main Street, Monterey

Frostmore Farm - Courthouse Lawn, Monterey



Can't make it to the Maple Festival?

Try the Virginia Maple Syrup Trail all year* at virginiamaplesyrup.com!

*Not valid March 6 - 19, 2023

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

