

# HIGHLAND COUNTY, "VIRGINIA'S SWEET SPOT," WELCOMES YOU TO THE 60TH ANNUAL MAPLE FESTIVAL!

This unique celebration has been designated a Local Legacy by The Library of Congress. Our sugar camp tours provide a unique and educational glimpse of a rapidly vanishing way of American 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! *Don't forget to pick up a Festival Map at your first stop, and watch for "Maple Sugar Tour" signs to guide you along the way!*

## THE SUGAR TOUR

### 1 SUGAR TREE COUNTRY STORE

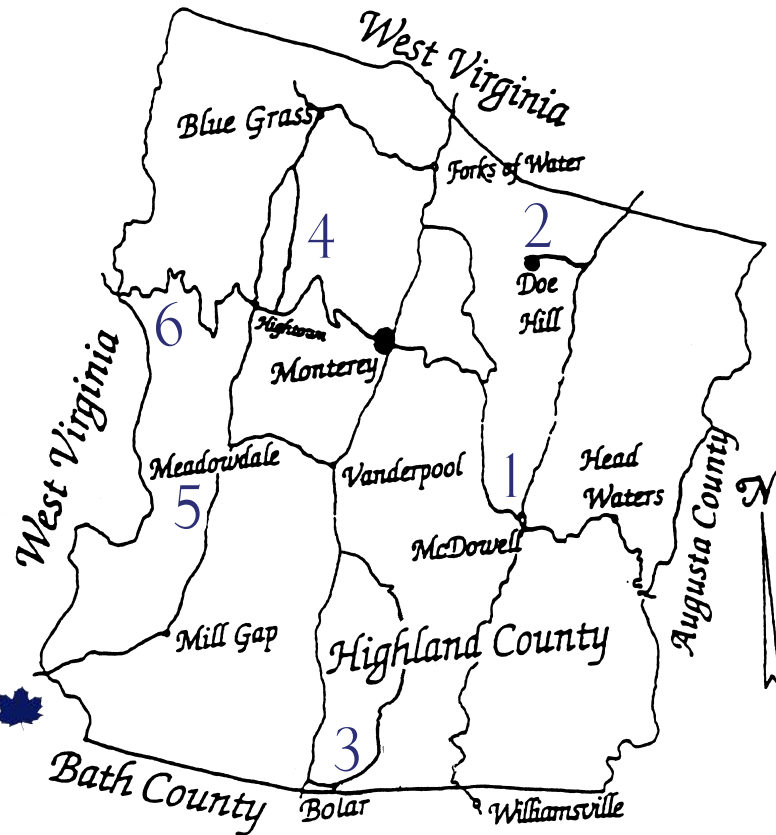
Located near the center of McDowell, this operation employs a modern reverse osmosis concentrator and oil-fired evaporator. Informational tours all day. Antique maple producing tools are on display. Country store merchandise, pottery, maple products, jams, Brunswick Stew, maple doughnuts, and other food will be for sale. 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 donuts. Local arts & crafts. Tour buses welcome.

### 3 SOUTHERNMOST MAPLE PRODUCTS

Located 15 miles south of Monterey on Route 607 (off US 220 at Bolar - BigValley 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 some 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 DUFF'S SUGAR HOUSE

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.

### 6 LAUREL FORK SAP SUCKERS

Located 10 miles west of Monterey on Clay Hise Lane (off US 250). Laurel Fork Sap Suckers is a small, family run sugar camp. Maple syrup is made the traditional way using wood-fired pans as it has been for centuries. Some of the equipment used in the process is the same exact equipment used 100 years ago! Tours explaining the process run every 30 minutes. Food: Maple Hot Dogs, BBQ, brown beans and cornbread, maple popcorn & beverages. Country store with arts & crafts. Tours all day. Tour buses welcome.

Tune to local Community Radio Station  
WVLS 89.7 for up-to-date Festival information!

## ADDITIONAL SUGAR STOPS

- Back Creek Farms** - While their camp is located on Upper Back Creek Road, Back Creek Farms brings their products to the Courthouse Lawn during the Maple Festival.
- Bruce's Syrups & Candies** - Visit Bruce on Main Street next to The Highland Inn. He brings his products down from his Blue Grass mountain home to Maple Festival guests.
- Frostmore Farm** - This neighbor sugar camp from West Virginia draws a significant percentage of their sugar water from Highland County. Visit them on the Courthouse Lawn.

**Puffenbarger's Sugar Orchard** - Maple Sugar Road, Blue Grass, Virginia.

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