



HIGHLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA'S HANDS & HARVEST FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 9 - 11, 2026

DAILY SCHEDULE

Check out the full map with complete descriptions of activities on the back!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Sunrise to Sunset Sounding Knob Fire Tower
8 am - 12 noon Monterey Mountain Meats
8 am - 2 pm Claire's Cakes & Café
9 am - 3 pm The Curly Maple
9 am - 4 pm Blue Ridge Greenhouses
9 am - 5 pm Fair Lawn Farm with Crooked Spur Farm
9 am - 5 pm Southernmost Maple
9 am - 6 pm Highland County Public Library Used Book Sale
9 am - 7 pm Blue Grass Mercantile
9 am - 7 pm Hayfields State Park, **After Dark** Star Party
10 am - 2 pm Laurel Fork Sapsuckers Sugar Camp
10 am - 4 pm Back Creek Farms
10 am - 5 pm Sugar Tree Country Store
10 am - 6 pm Highland Roots Market
10 am - 6 pm Outpost
11 am - 4 pm Charles Pinckney Jones House Museum
11 am - 5 pm Art on Main at The 3rd Space
11 am - 6 pm Townsend Draft Goods
11 am - 8 pm High's Restaurant
11 am - 9 pm Highlander / Highland County Visitor Center
12 noon - 5 pm Ginseng Mountain Farm & Store
12 noon - 6 pm Artisans & Crafters at the Courthouse Lawn
1 - 4 pm Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary
1 - 5 pm The Church at the Old Oak
3 - 5 pm Highland Inn Renovation Info
3 - 7 pm Big Fish Cider, Co.
4 - 6 pm Highland County Girl Scouts Food at Monterey Presbyterian Church

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Sunrise to Sunset Sounding Knob Fire Tower
8 am - 12 noon Monterey Mountain Meats
8 am - 3 pm The Curly Maple
8 am - 4 pm Claire's Cakes & Café
9 am - 9:45 am 5K Fall Color Run Registration, **10 am** Start Time
9 am - 4 pm Blue Ridge Greenhouses
9 am - 4 pm Highland County Humane Society Benefit Yard Sale
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9 am - 7 pm Blue Grass Mercantile
9 am - 7 pm Hayfields State Park
10 am - 4 pm Art on Main at The 3rd Space
10 am - 4 pm Charles Pinckney Jones House Museum
10 am - 4 pm Highland Barn Quilts Studio
10 am - 4 pm Highland Inn Renovation Info, **12 noon** Walking Tour
10 am - 4 pm Laurel Fork Sapsuckers Sugar Camp
10 am - 5 pm Ginseng Mountain Farm & Store
10 am - 5 pm Sugar Tree Country Store
10 am - 6 pm Highland Roots Market
10 am - 6 pm Outpost
10 am - 7 pm Big Fish Cider, Co., **11 am - 3 pm** Cider Pressing, **4 pm - 7 pm** Pizza & Live Music by Woodbine
11 am - 5 pm Highland County Girl Scouts Food at Monterey Presbyterian Church
11 am - 5 pm Valley AeroSpace Team Rocket Launch
11 am - 6 pm Townsend Draft Goods
11 am - 8 pm High's Restaurant
11 am - 9 pm Highlander / Highlander County Visitor Center
12 noon - 5 pm Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary
3 pm Live Music by The Elk River Ramblers at The Highland Center
4 pm - 8 pm Oktoberfest Celebration at the Barn at Monterey Inn, **5-7 pm** Live Music by Short Hill Mountain Boys

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

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9 am - 7 pm Hayfields State Park
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12 noon - 5 pm Ginseng Mountain Farm & Store
1 - 3 pm Square Dance on Spruce Street featuring the Little Switzerland Cloggers & Callers Ellen & Eugene Ratcliffe
1 - 4 pm Art on Main at The 3rd Space

ENTERTAINMENT



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Elk River Ramblers

Sat: 3 pm • The Highland Center
61 Highland Center Drive, Monterey
\$10 adults, \$5 students, 12 & under FREE!
Dynamic string trio, presenting original arrangements & compositions of Appalachian Old-Time, Bluegrass, Celtic, Klezmer, Jazz, & Classic Rock. Sponsored by the Highland County Arts Council.



Square Dance

Sun: 1 - 3 pm • Spruce Street next to 165 West Main Street, Monterey
FREE!
Join in with local square dance callers Ellen & Eugene Ratcliffe, mixed with the excitement of one of Virginia's oldest clogging groups, the Little Switzerland Cloggers.

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8 FAMILY FUN AT OUR SUGAR CAMP!
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20 BIG FISH CIDER
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SATURDAY: APPLE PRESSING, LIVE MUSIC BY WOODBINE, & WOOD-FIRED PIZZA
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Make Your Move!

ARTISANS & CRAFTERS

Courthouse Lawn at 165 West Main Street, Monterey • Fri: 12 – 6 pm • Sat: 9 am – 5 pm • Sun: 11 am - 4 pm

Afton Mountain Elderberry Elderberry juice, jelly, & glaze

Alicia and Izzy's Jewelry Rings, bracelets, earrings, arm cuffs, necklaces, hair accessories

Ariadne's Clue Handmade crochet plushies

Art4All Crochet items, handmade jewelry, laser cut gifts, do-it-yourself craft kits, sewn items, artwork, cards

Blackthorn Lavender Lavender value-added products, dried lavender bouquets, fresh lavender lemonade

Colorful Llama Face painting, Henna tattoos, glitter tattoos

Crystal Cove Jewelry and Gifts Custom jewelry

Fiber & Jewels Baskets, knitting, jewelry, sewing

Hawk's Nest Knitworks Upcycled outer wear from pre-loved wool sweaters: woolen mittens, hats, & more

Heirloom Rockers Child rocking chairs, Jacob's Ladders, wooden items

JoyNoel Novelty items, home décor, jewelry, gifts

McDowell Presbyterian Church Local church ornaments, upcycled quilt décor, gourmet candy, caramel apples & treats

Mill Gap Farms Alpaca & wool items, yarns, Alpaca socks, hats, & gloves, farm house décor, organic maple syrup

Mini Critters Handcrafted collectible art, gifts, & seasonal décor, including animals, fantasy creatures, interactive Zorbles, & more

Puff's BBQ Puff's Maple Pork BBQ, beef brisket, hamburgers, hot dogs, country ham, fries, & chili cheese fries. Dinners include baked beans & coleslaw. Fresh-squeezed lemonade, sweet tea, soda, water. ***FRIDAY & SATURDAY ONLY**

Studded Hippie Designs Hand-made/hand-crafted animal bone, antlers, & fur jewelry, accessories, & wall décor

Sun & Spruce Soaps Handmade soaps, scrubs, body butters, candles, wax melts, room spray, bubble bath, bath bombs

Young Shiitake DIY pre-inoculated shiitake mushroom logs, fresh & dried shiitake mushrooms (in season), seasoning powders

20 LOCAL ART GALLERY! ART ON MAIN the 3rd Space @AOM3rdSpaceVA	"THE BEST LITTLE BANK IN THE VIRGINIAS" The Blue Grass Valley Bank 2 HIGHLAND LOCATIONS! 24/7 ATM in Monterey bluegrassvalleybank.com	4 SMOKED CHEESE APPLE BUTTER, CIDER visitfairlawnfarm.com Est. 1887 Fair Lawn Farm DUFF'S SUGAR HOUSE AWAITS ON THIS VICTORIAN HOMESTEAD	HIGHLAND COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL LIVE MUSIC! 11 ELK RIVER RAMBLERS	HIGHLANDER PIZZA, FRIED CHICKEN, DESSERTS, SOUVENIRS, VISITOR CENTER 30 27 W. Main St., Monterey sugartreecountrystore.com	17 OKTOBERFEST! Saturday Food & Fun 4 - 8 pm Short Hill Mountain Boys 5 - 7 pm Barn at Monterey Inn 32 W. Main Street, Monterey montereyinnva.com
5 BACK CREEK FARMS PURE, INFUSED, & BARREL-AGED SYRUPS! backcreekfarms.com	RURITAN NATIONAL BOLAR RURITAN CLUB	26 GINSENG MOUNTAIN FARM & STORE SAGIFTS ginsengmountain.com	15 ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE HIGHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY highlandlibrary.com (540) 468-2373	31 A HIGHLAND RESTAURANT STAPLE! High's is Worth the Drive! highsrestaurantmonterey.com	34 NOW IN MONTEREY! Townsend/Draft
22 BGM BBQ & CATERING BLUE GRASS, VIRGINIA (540) 474-3000	24 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, COFFEE, BAKED GOODS CLAIRE'S CAKES & CAFE clairescakeco.com	14 Star Party, Fishing, & 4+ Miles of Trails Hayfields VIRGINIA STATE PARKS	5k Fall Color Run Saturday at 10 am HIGHLAND COUNTY RECREATION	3 VIRGINIA'S ONLY USDA CERTIFIED ORGANIC MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCER! Mill Gap Farms millgapfarms.com	33 MOUNTAIN CHARM! OUTPOST 8555 Highland Turnpike, McDowell
16 CATCH UP ON THE HIGHLAND INN RENOVATION! BLUE GRASS RESOURCE CENTER highlandinnrenovation.org	25 Shop, Lodging Restaurant The Curly Maple facebook.com/thecurlymaple	9 TOUR ARTIST MARGIE BOESCH'S STUDIO SATURDAY HIGHLAND BARN QUILTS	29 LOCAL FOOD & GIFTS! Highland Roots Market 11 E. Main St., Monterey	Monterey Mountain Meats EST. 2020 32 CUSTOM BUTCHER SHOP WITH LOCAL MEAT	10 MUMS, PUMPKINS, FALL GIFTS BLUE RIDGE GREENHOUSES

Most sites include free activities. All events subject to change. Verizon, T-Mobile (Sprint), AT&T, and U.S. Cellular offer limited cell service. Payphones in McDowell & Headwaters dial 911 in case of emergency. Tune in to AMR WVL 89.7 FM & read The Recorder for festival news & information.

ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS - Details on Reverse

1 Courthouse Lawn at 165 West Main Street, Monterey
Fri: 12 – 6 pm • Sat: 9 am – 5 pm • Sun: 11 am - 4 pm
Square Dance Sun: 1 – 3 pm

THE HARVEST TRAIL

2 **Laurel Fork Sapsuckers Sugar Camp**
10677 Mountain Turnpike, Hightown (Clay Hise Lane)
Fri: 10 am - 2 pm • Sat: 10 am - 4 pm
Friday apple peeling; Saturday apple butter cooking,
sugar camp tours, hiking trails with scenic views, food available.

3 **Mill Gap Farms**
2760 Mill Gap Road, Monterey
Sat: 9 am – 5 pm
Tour Virginia's only USDA Certified Organic maple farm.
Products for sale on farm & Highland County Courthouse.

4 **Fair Lawn Farm (Duff's Sugar House)**
3118 Mill Gap Road, Monterey
Fri and Sat: 9 am – 5 pm • Sun: 12 - 4 pm
Victorian homestead, large pumpkin patch, tractor rides, apple-wood
smoked cheese, fresh apple butter & cider, & Crooked Spur Farm syrups.

5 **Back Creek Farms**
7781 Upper Back Creek Road, Monterey
Fri: 10 am - 4 pm • Sat: 9 am - 5 pm
Pure, infused, & barrel-aged syrups. Press cider all weekend,
or make apple butter on Saturday. Chili & cornbread by donation.

6 **Sugar Tree Country Store**
185 Mansion House Road, McDowell
Fri and Sat: 10 am – 5 pm
Celebrating 40 years! Watch the old-time way of making apple
butter & pressing cider, enjoy famous Brunswick Stew, & shop gifts.

7 **Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary**
4661 Doe Hill Road, McDowell
Fri: 1 - 4 pm • Sat: 12 - 5 pm • Sun: 12 - 4 pm
Walk the farm & interact with mini equine in residence. Free, with
donations appreciated. Sturdy shoes recommended. Pets not permitted.

8 **Southernmost Maple**
7738 Big Valley Road, Bolar
Fri and Sat: 9 am – 5 pm • Sat: Bluegrass Music at 12 pm
Apple butter, apple cider, fresh Maple Donuts, Puff's BBQ, indoor
seating, live music, blacksmith demonstrations, & rustic country store.

9 **Highland Barn Quilts Studio**
2608 Meadowdale Road, Monterey
Sat: 10 am – 4 pm
At this open studio, view the process of painting barn quilts
(painted quilt designs on wood) with artist Margie Boesch.

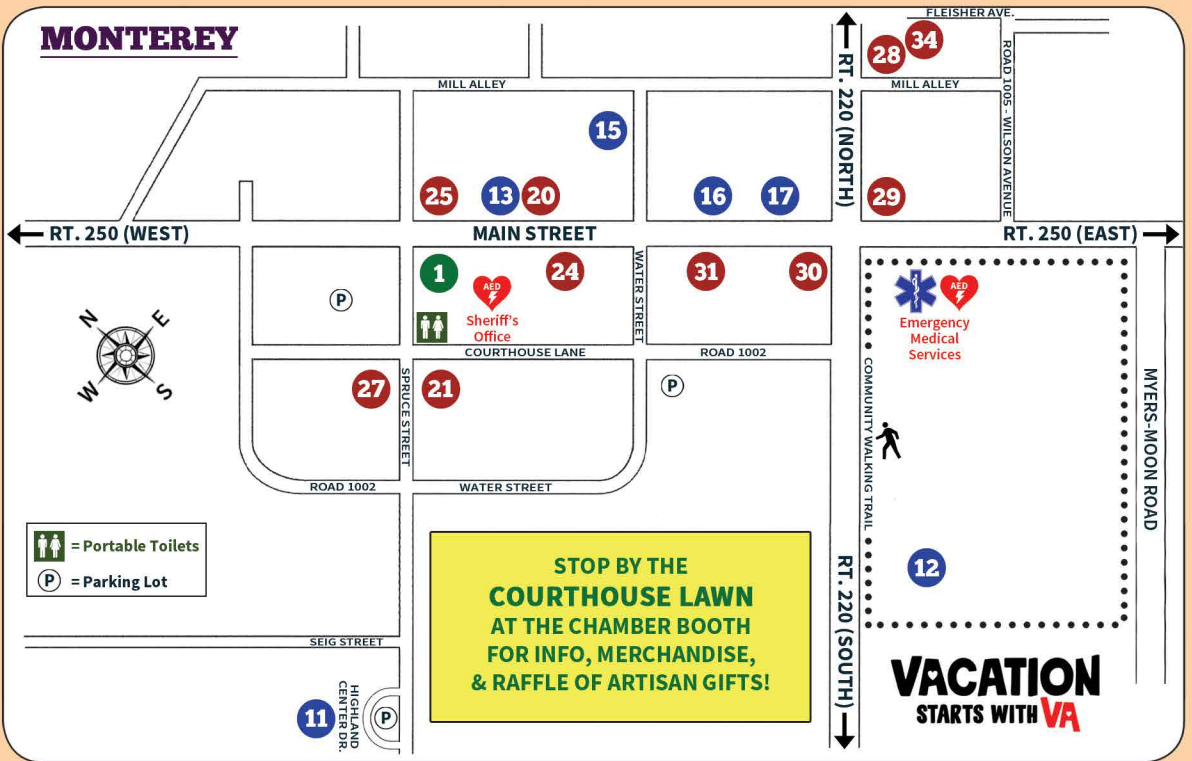
10 **Blue Ridge Greenhouses**
1534 Jackson River Road, Monterey
Fri and Sat: 9 am – 4 pm • Sun: 11 am - 4 pm *** NEW ***
This new business will be selling
mums, pumpkins, & other fall decorative items!

ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

11 **Entertainment at The Highland Center** - Details on Reverse
61 Highland Center Drive, Monterey
Elk River Ramblers Sat: 3 pm

12 **5K Fall Color Run - Highland County Recreation Commission**
78 Highland Park Drive, Monterey
Sat: 9 - 9:45 am Registration, 10 am Start Time
Join in the fun! Participants are covered in fall-colored powder in
this untimed, non-competitive event. Adults: \$15. Children: \$10.

13 **Charles Pinckney Jones House Museum**
144 West Main Street, Monterey
Fri: 11 am – 4 pm • Sat: 10 am - 4 pm • Sun: 11 am - 3 pm
Historic house museum, period clothing, furnishings, & interpreters.



14 **Hayfields State Park**
524 Hayfields Lane, McDowell
Fri, Sat, and Sun: 9 am - 7 pm
4+ miles of trails, fall foliage hikes, fishing access, gift shop,
& Friday Star Party after sundown (Saturday rain date).

15 **Highland County Public Library Used Book Sale**
31 North Water Street, Monterey
Fri: 9 am - 6 pm • Sat: 9 am - 5 pm • Sun: 11 am - 3 pm
The popular Annual Used Book Sale to benefit the library returns.
Plus, view the 4th Annual Community Tiny Art Show.

16 **Historic Highland Inn Renovation Information & Monterey Walking Tours**
68 West Main Street, Monterey
Sat and Sun: 10 am - 4 pm, with Walking Tours at 12 pm
Learn about the Highland Inn renovation from the Blue Grass
Resource Center, with free 30-minute walking tours both days.

17 **Oktoberfest Celebration at the Barn at Monterey Inn**
32 West Main Street, Monterey
Sat: 4 - 8 pm, with Live Music 5 - 7 pm
Brats, beer, & pretzels. Oktoberfest-themed clothing & fun atmosphere
with Short Hill Mountain Boys playing bluegrass, old-time, & more.

18 **Sounding Knob Fire Tower**
1.3 miles on Sounding Knob Road from Rt. 250 (near Monterey)
Fri, Sat, and Sun: Sunrise to sunset
Climb over 100 steps for a lasting memory & breathtaking views.

19 **Valley AeroSpace Team Rocket Launch**
3003 Jackson River Rd, Monterey
Sat: 11 am – 5 pm • Sun: 11 am – 3 pm *Weather permitting
Free rocket to each child attending.
Larger rockets flown at the top of each hour.

SHOPPING & DINING

20 **Art on Main at the 3rd Space**
132 West Main Street, Monterey
Fri: 11 am–5 pm • Sat: 10 am – 4 pm • Sun: 11 am – 3 pm
Gallery showcasing beautiful local art, with artist demos on Saturday.

21 **Big Fish Cider, Co.**
59 Spruce Street, Monterey
Fri: 3 – 7 pm • Sat: 10 – 7 pm, with Live Music 4 - 7 pm • Sun: 12 – 5 pm
Award-winning ciders. Apple pressing Saturday 11 am - 3 pm,
Woodbine (Appalachian folk) & wood-fired pizza 4 - 7 pm.

While driving, discover 80
unique wooden quilt blocks
on Virginia's first barn quilt trail!
highlandcounty.org/barn-quilt-trail



22 **Blue Grass Mercantile**
2558 Blue Grass Valley Road, Blue Grass
Fri and Sat: 9 am - 7 pm
BBQ & other hot food, grocery items, maple products,
local honey, beer, wine, Big Fish Cider, & more.

23 **The Church at the Old Oak**
3898 Meadowdale Road, Monterey
Fri: 1 - 5 pm • Sat: 9 am - 5 pm • Sun: 11 am - 4 pm
Renovated country church with local vendors selling baked goods,
handcrafted jewelry, accessories, home décor, & other items.

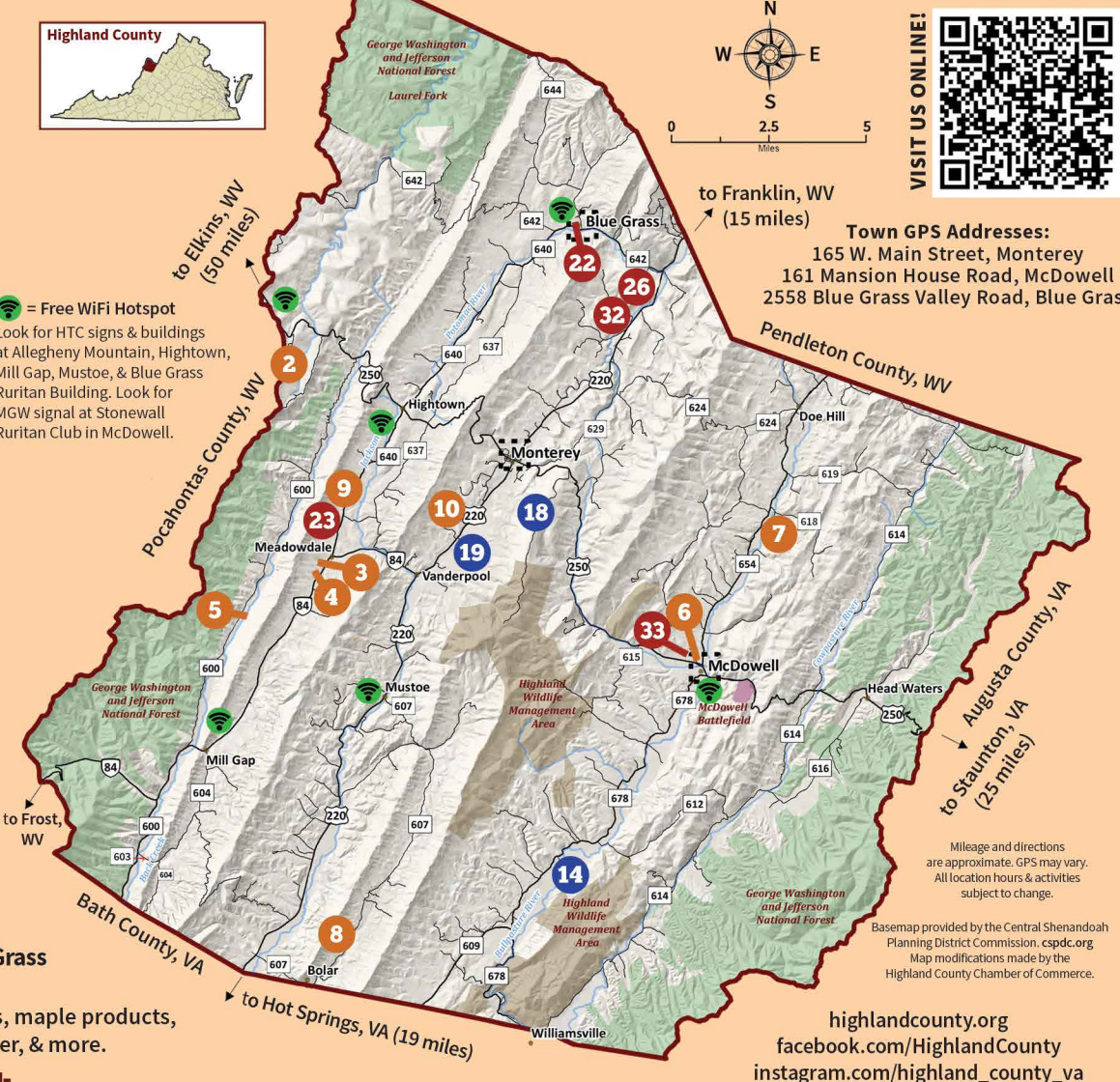
24 **Claire's Cakes & Café**
107 West Main Street, Monterey
Fri: 8 am - 2 pm • Sat: 8 am - 4 pm • Sun: 8 am - 2 pm
Open for breakfast, lunch, assorted pastries, & espresso
& barista style coffees. Special seasonal items available.

25 **The Curly Maple**
174 West Main Street, Monterey
Fri: 9 am - 3 pm • Sat and Sun: 8 am - 3 pm
Storefront & restaurant, local provisions, gifts, apparel, gluten-free items,
coffee, lattes, breakfast & brunch menu, fall-inspired lunch specials.

26 **Ginseng Mountain Farm & Store**
6359 Potomac River Road, Blue Grass
Fri: 12 - 5 pm • Sat: 10 am - 5 pm • Sun: 12 - 5 pm
"New time" country store. Grass-fed beef & lamb, sheepskins, rugs,
maple syrup, pop-up thrift shop, & more. Saturday food samples.

27 **Highland County Girl Scouts Food**
50 Spruce Street, Monterey at Monterey Presbyterian Church
Fri: 4 - 6 pm • Sat: 11 am - 5 pm
Loaded baked potatoes, chili, & hot dogs to support our local Girl Scouts.

28 **Highland County Humane Society Benefit Yard Sale**
58 Potomac River Road, Monterey
Sat: 9 am - 4 pm
Name your price furniture, household items, vintage pet supplies,
& more located at the Highland County Volunteer Fire Department.



29 **Highland Roots Market**
11 East Main Street, Monterey
Fri, Sat, and Sun: 10 am - 6 pm
Local maple syrup, cinnamon rolls, baked goods, BBQ, fresh pressed cider,
locally harvested goods & pastured meats, pumpkins, healthy snacks.

30 **Highlander / Highland County Visitor Center**
27 West Main Street, Monterey
Fri and Sat: 11 am - 9 pm • Sun: 11 am - 6 pm
Pizza, fried chicken, desserts, & souvenirs. Local brochures & information.

31 **High's Restaurant**
73 West Main Steet, Monterey
Fri and Sat: 11 am - 8 pm • Sun: 11 am - 7 pm
Seen on America's Best Restaurants show and CBS Discover, offering burgers,
trout, Italian delights, tenders, steaks, desserts, & gluten-free options.

32 **Monterey Mountain Meats**
6095 Potomac River Road, Monterey *** NEW ***
Fri and Sat: 8 am - 12 pm
Custom butcher shop. Stop in to for a variety of local meat options!

33 **Outpost**
8555 Highland Turnpike, McDowell *** NEW ***
Fri and Sat: 10 am - 6 pm
Cozy country store hangout where good food,
made from scratch, baked goods, & mountain charm all meet!

34 **Townsend Draft Goods**
26 Fleisher Avenue, Monterey *** NEW LOCATION ***
Fri, Sat, and Sun: 11 am - 6 pm
Natural products that support a healthy lifestyle. Goods are
rooted in nature & the practice of Ayurveda, yoga, & herbalism.