

CVMC MAPLE FESTIVAL SUGAR FARM CRUISE

SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2026

STARTING POINT

TRU by Hilton | 120 Crossing Way | Staunton, VA, 4401 | Phone: 540-213-4000

We will line up in the parking lot.

MEET AT 9:00 A.M. – LEAVE AT 9:30 A.M.

Detailed Festival Info available at: <https://www.highlandcounty.org/maple-festival/>

DAY 2 – MAPLE FESTIVAL SUGAR FARM CRUISE

MILES	DIRECTIONS	COMMENTS
0	LEFT on 250 – Richmond Rd	<i>Zero out mileage at traffic light.</i>
0.1	RIGHT lane to merge onto I-81 S via the ramp to I-64/Roanoke	
1.9	EXIT 220 for 262 toward US-11/Staunton – Woodrow Wilson Pkwy	
2.2	Merge onto 262 N – Woodrow Wilson Pkwy	
8.8	Take the 250 – Churchville Ave Exit	
9	LEFT at stop sign on 250 – Churchville Ave	<i>This road changes names several times before reaching Monterey. Just stay on 250.</i>
39.4	<i>Maple Festival traffic jam began here last Sunday.</i>	<i>Traffic may slow to stop due to Maple Festival events in McDowell. 56 minutes to this location – maybe shorter/longer depending on McDowell Maple Festival traffic.</i>
40.2	Drive through McDowell, VA	Sugar Tree Country Store – 185 Mansion House Road, Mc/Dowell, VA – Turn RIGHT on Doe Hill Rd, then LEFT on Mansion House Road – SAT: 9am-5pm; Closed Sunday – <i>Brunswick stew, maple hot dogs, maple-glazed doughnuts.</i>
40.5	Option: RIGHT into Mountain Oasis (Gas Station)	Mountain Oasis Gas , 8555 Highland Tnpk, McDowell, VA – <i>Small parking lot at this location.</i> <i>Depending on time stuck in McDowell Maple Festival traffic, we may need a rest stop here. Otherwise, it's about 17 more minutes to the planned rest stop at the VA Trout Company.</i>
47.1	RIGHT on 629 – Strait Creek Rd	
51.3	RIGHT at traffic light on 220 N – Potomac River Rd	<i>This is a “road construction” traffic light that was in place on Saturday, March 13.</i>
53.1	RIGHT to parking lot for VA Trout Company	
REST STOP	VA Trout Company	53.1 – VA Trout Company – 5480 Potomac River Rd – 10am-4pm – <i>feed the fish, baked trout sandwiches (\$10); Mac/Cheese (\$4); Trout Dip (\$6); Soda/Water (\$1.50), buy frozen filets – CC accepted. FOOD TRUCK closes @ 2pm</i>

53.1	RIGHT on 220 N Potomac River Rd	53.9 – Ginseng Mt. Store – 6359 Potomac River Rd – <i>“New Time” country store, braided rugs, crafts, gifts.</i> Just beyond turn for 642 – 54 – Rexrode’s Country Store (gas) - 6492 Potomac River Rd – <i>fuel, bread, deli, pizza, maple products, novelties.</i>
54.1	Turn LEFT on 642 – Blue Grass Valley Rd	56.6 – Blue Grass Mercantile – 2558 Blue Grass Valley Rd. – <i>brunswick stew, brisket, pulled port, local products.</i> 56.8 – Blue Grass Ruritan Club – 2724 Blue Grass Valley Rd – Pancakes 7:30 am – 3 pm – <i>All-you-can-eat pancakes & buckwheat cakes, crafts, donuts – Cards accepted.</i>
57.3	Stay STRAIGHT (LEFT) to continue on 640 – Blue Grass Valley Rd	
58.6	Turn LEFT on 637 – Maple Sugar Road	
59.8	WATCH on RIGHT for ewes with newborn lambs in pen. Option: Pull over and watch them for a few minutes.	60.2 – CLOSED 3/21 & 3/22 – Puffenbarger’s Sugar Orchard – 17 Maple Syrup Lane Sunday 8am-5pm – <i>In-depth, modern look at the “new way” to boil and make syrup. Sat & Sun: Bluegrass music 8am-5pm. maple syrup, sugar candy, maple fudge, hot dogs, BBQ.</i> 62 – Rexrode’s Sugar Orchard - 1564 Maple Sugar Road – sun 9am-4pm – <i>A six-generation family-operated, traditional, wood-fired camp. Maple cotton candy and more.</i>
63.6	Turn RIGHT at stop sign on 250 W – Mountain Turnpike	
64.4	Turn LEFT on 640 – Meadowdale Rd	68.3 - Church of the Old Oak – 3898 Meadowdale Rd – <i>no fee, arts & crafts, baked goods, free parking.</i>
68.8	Turn RIGHT on 84 W – Mill Gap Rd	69.1 - Mill Gap Farms 2760 Mill Gap Rd – Sunday 9am-3pm – <i>Maple cotton candy, syrup tasting, fresh roasted coffee, soft drinks.</i>
69.5 FOOD STOP	Option: LUNCH at Duff’s Sugar House <i>(Menu on back page)</i>	Duff’s Sugar House 3118 Mill Gap Rd – Sunday 10am-4pm – <i>Known for traditional wood-fired, “iron kettle” cooking. North Street Press Club Food Truck (Farmville) – Hot dishes, apple butter, smoked cheeses.</i> 72.4– Buck’s Bee Shack – 6010 Mill Gap Rd – Sunday 9am-5pm – <i>Honey and honey products.</i>
75.4	SHARP RIGHT on 600 – Upper Back Creek Rd	
79.3	RIGHT into Back Creek Farms	
REST STOP	Back Creek Sugar Camp	79.3 – Back Creek Farms – 7781 Upper Back Creek Rd – sun 10am-4pm – <i>Frequently recommended for its hospitality and diverse product range. Hot dogs, beans, bottled water, Maple Fizzies, Beer/cider on tap/to go – Back Creek Farms Breakfast stout.</i>
79.4	LEFT ON 600 – Upper Back Creek Rd	<i>Begin back-tracking</i>
83.5	Sharp LEFT on 84 E – Mill Gap Rd	
90.1	LEFT on 640 – Meadowdale Rd	

94.5	RIGHT at stop sign on 250 – Mountain Turnpike	<p>IF you turn LEFT it takes you to Laural Fork Sapsuckers, 10677 Mountain Turnpike – Sunday 9am – 4pm – Maple BLT, syrup & sugar candy, hot dogs, vegetarian options.</p> <p>End back-tracking shortly after turning on 250</p>
100	Monterey – Park & Explore	<p>Option 1: Find parking on street or lots in Monterey.</p> <p>Option 2: Turn RIGHT at traffic light on 220 – Jackson River Rd – then immediate RIGHT on Courthouse Lane parking lot.</p> <p>Last Option: Turn RIGHT at traffic light on 220 – Jackson River Rd. Drive 2 miles to the Monterey Stockyard LLC, 1367 Jackson River Rd. COMPLIMENTARY SHUTTLE: 8:30am – 4pm takes you into Monterey.</p>

LUNCH @ DUFF’S SUGAR HOUSE

Food Truck from North Street Press Club in Farmville. They are receiving rave reviews by visitors at the Maple Festival.

Anticipated menu:

- Blackened Fish Sandwich
- Chicken Nuggets w/fries
- Maple Pork Belly Sandwich
- Chicken Sandwich
- Philly Cheesesteak



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