

**VIRGINIA VAGABONDS  
MONTEREY, VA  
APRIL 1 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2020  
5/10/12 KM**

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS:**

Airports - Celebrating America's Flight - Hannah Field - 12 km only

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Virginia Counties - Highland County

Walking the USA - A - Z - "M" for Monterey

**Walk Registration:**

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**Walk Completion and Walk Credit:**

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" start cards that you may choose to print out.

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**START POINT:** Parking lot just past Ernie's Market on left, near 73 West Main Street.  
GPS Coordinates: 38° 24.857280', -79° 34.886040'

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Take I-81 to Staunton, Exit 220. Turn right on VA-262 West toward Staunton for 6.2 miles. Take the VA-250 Churchville exit. Turn left onto Churchville Avenue/US 250 West. Continue to follow US 250 West for 40.7 miles. Park in the gravel lot on the left just past the flashing yellow light and Ernie's Market.

**Historical Information:** Trimble Knob, located southwest of Monterey in Highland County, Virginia, is a conical hill composed of basalt, a volcanic rock, of Eocene (early Tertiary) age. It is the eroded remnant of what was an active volcano or diatreme that last erupted approximately 35 million years ago, making it one of the youngest volcanos on the east coast of North America. Trimble Knob is considered by geologists to be a diatreme. Diatremes are formed when magmas rise up to near the surface and interact with groundwater. The groundwater flashes to steam and explodes, opening a gradually widening crater that fills with a mixture of the cooled magma and fractured pre-existing surrounding rock (in this case, Devonian Needmore Shale). Diatremes are carrot or funnel-shaped with steep walls that taper at depth. They are different from volcanic plugs, in which magma slowly cools and does not mix with surrounding rock. Trimble Knob was named for the Trimble family.

In the late 1700s, Monterey was made up of little more than a few scattered cabins. Known as Bell's Place, the small settlement was named after James Bell, owner of the log home (Landmark House) located on Main Street. At the time, John Cook lived in and operated a tavern from the log house. Following the completion of the Staunton-to-Parkersburg Pile (US Route 250), Bell's Place saw a steady influx of settlers. When General Zachary Taylor was elected President in 1848, the name of the town was change to Monterey as a tribute to his victory at the Battle of Monterrey in Mexico.



**You may want to use the 5-kilometer map until the two trails separate at number 19 and pick it up again at number 27.**

### **10/12-Kilometer Directions:**

1. Leave the parking lot and turn left on West Main Street (no sign).

*High's Restaurant on your left is a really good place to eat before and/or after you finish your walk.*

*The Highland Inn across the street was built in 1904, and is a three-story, rambling frame building, seven bays long and three bays deep with a two-story ell to the north. It is topped by a hipped roof broken by two cross gables. It features a fine two-story Eastlake porch across an otherwise plain facade. Past guests include Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, and John Philip Sousa.*

2. Walk a short distance to Water Street and turn right.

3. Cross West Main Street and continue straight on North Water Street.

4. At the stop sign (T-intersection), turn right on West Mill Alley and walk one block.

5. Turn left on Potomac River Road.

6. At the blue "VDOT Monterey Hdqt" sign on the left just past the Exxon station on the right, turn right and cross Potomac River Road.

7. Continue straight on Fleisher Avenue.

8. At the yield sign, turn right on Route 1005 (Wilson Avenue - no sign).

9. Just past the highland County Rescue Squad on the right, turn right on East Mill Alley.

10. At the first street, turn left on Potomac River Road.

11. At the stop sign (flashing red light), cross east Main Street and turn left. **1 km at 30 East Main Street on the right**

*Montvallee Lodge (Montvallee Motel) - Portions of the original log house were incorporated into a Victorian frame house and subsequently converted into a lodge for tourists. The motel was added in stages beginning in 1958, at*

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*which time the expanded house and motel were given a rock facade to tie the two buildings together.*

12. Continue on the sidewalk as it turns right on Myers-Moon Road (Route 649).

*You are on the Highland County Community Trail (changes to asphalt).*

*Note the barn quilt on the house on the left on Myers-Moon Road just past where the trail curves right. Barn quilts are painted quilt squares-usually fashioned on boards and then mounted on a barn or other building. While cloth quilts are usually made up of a series of squares of the same pattern placed together, a barn quilt is almost always a single square. This barn quilt is called Mariner's Compass.*

13. Continue on the asphalt trail as it curves right by the Highland High School. **2 km at the playground on the left**

14. Cross the driveway and turn left to continue on the trail, walking by a bench on the right.

*At the stop sign, look to your left and you can see Trimble Knob Volcano.*

15. At the stop sign (T-intersection), turn right to continue on the Highland County Community Trail.

*A short distance along the trail, you will see the LOVE sign on the right.*

16. Just before the Montvallee Motel sign, turn left and cross Jackson River Road.

17. Continue straight on Route 1002 (Courthouse Lane - no sign).

18. At the stop sign, cross Water Street and continue on Courthouse Lane, passing the "Do Not Enter" signs.

19. At the next street, turn left on Spruce Street.

20. At Water Street, continue straight on Spruce Street. **3 km just past Water Street. 4 km at Airport Terrace Road on the right.**

*Trimble Knob Volcano is on your left at Airport Terrace Road on the right.*

21. Continue straight on Spruce Street. **5 km at the yellow sharp turn sign on the right**

22. At the stop sign (T-intersection at Jackson River Road, reverse your direction walking back up Spruce Street.

23. Continue on Spruce Street. **6 km at John Deere Lane sign on the right**

24. Turn left on Airport Terrace Road (Route 621).

25. Where Airport Terrace Road makes a 90 degree turn, reverse your direction and walk back to Spruce Street. **7 km at the pile of cinder blocks on the brown house on the left with the star on it**

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**26. At the stop sign (T-intersection), turn left on Spruce Street (Route 636). 8 km at the Trimble House (Circa 1898) on the left**

*Monterey High School is on the left at Highland Center Drive. It was, also known as Highland High School, Monterey Elementary School, Highland Elementary School, and Highland Center, is a historic school building located at Monterey, Highland County, Virginia. It was built in 1922, and is a one-story, hipped roof garnet sandstone structure in the Classical Revival-style. The three-bay facade consists of two side classroom wings with the central entry portico. It has a multiple hipped roof, symmetrical facade, and portico supported by Doric order columns. The school closed in 1997, and subsequently housed the Highland Center.*

*Trimble House on the left was built by C. W. Trimble. This house is distinguished from other Victorian styles by its projecting attic story and applied decorative wood pieces. Noteworthy details include the exterior chimney brickwork, wrought-iron fence, glass door panels, frosted glass transoms, and carved oak mantels.*

**27. Turn left on Water Street (Route 1002).**

**28. At the next street, turn right on Walnut Street (Route 1001).**

**29. At the stop sign (T-intersection), cross West Main Street (no sign) and turn left.**

*Highland Lodge #110 AF&AM (Fraternal Organization) is located in the 3-story brick*

*building at 244 West Main Street on the right. It was organized in 1869. The building is the tallest structure in Monterey.*

*The Pritchard House (Circa 1907) is on the right at 280 West Main Street. The most well-known resident of this house and the one who lived here the longest was Joseph C. Pritchard. He owned and published "The Recorder" from 1955 to 1985.*

*The Crow's News (green house - Circa 1907) is on the right at 306 West Main Street. Built by Dr. I. H. Trimble, this Victorian residence is in the Italianate Tuscan Villa style, complete with central hallway, cherry paneled library and three Italian marble fireplaces.*

*Arbagast Inn Bed and Breakfast is on the right at 364 West Main Street. This Queen Anne house is one of a number of Colonial Revival homes on Main Street.*

**30. Continue on West Main Street a short distance past the "West 250" sign.**

*Another barn quilt sign is located on the left at Academy Hill Road.*

**CHECKPOINT:** What is the background color in the barn quilt?

**31. Turn right on Academy Hill Road (Route 652). 9 km at 130 Academy Hill on the right**

**32. Enter the Monterey Cemetery.**

*Land was donated in 1874, 1946, and 1967 for the cemetery. Academy Hill, the location of the cemetery, provides a panoramic view of Monterey and the Jackson River Valley.*

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33. Continue on down the cemetery road.

34. At the T-intersection, turn right on West Mill Alley.

*Cherry Hill (Circa 1900) is on the right at 224 West Mill Alley.*

*Another barn quilt is on the house on the left at 257 West Mill Alley.*

35. At the T-intersection, turn left on West Main Street (no sign).

36. Cross North Spruce Street.

37. Turn right and cross West Main Street.

38. Turn left on West Main Street.

*Highland County Courthouse (on the right) - Standing on the site of the original 1850 structure, this Greek revival building houses the seat of government for Highland County.*

*The Jones-McCoy House (circa 1850) is on the left across from the Operations Center. C.P. Jones House and Law Office, also known as the Jones-McCoy House, Almond-Strickler House, and James Bell House, is a historic home and law office located at Monterey, Highland County, Virginia. The original section*

*of the house dates to about 1850. Originally the house was a two-story, five-bay, side-gabled, four-room log building on a stone foundation. Several rooms and porches were added between the middle of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century and has a Folk Victorian style. The law office was built about 1873, and is a one-story, front gable, frame building. Also on the property are the contributing two-story, side-gabled garage/smoke house/woodshed, a one-story, front-gabled apple shed/cellar, a one-story brick spring house ruin. It was the home of American soldier and politician Charles Pinckney Jones (1845-1914). Another barn quilt sign is located on the right at 131 West Main Street.*

*Note the log cabin (The Attic) on the left at 128 West Main Street).*

*The Seig House (circa 1850) is on the right just before Water Street. It is one of the few houses in town made of double brick walls. When the house was renovated in 1975, the old brick was plastered over and re-faced with half-timbers.*

39. Cross Water Street.

40. Continue to the parking lot just on the right just past High's Restaurant and return to your car.

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### **5-Kilometer Directions:**

1. Follow 10-kilometer directions 1 thru 19.
2. Walk a short distance past Water Street to the Trimble House on the right.
3. Turn right and cross Spruce Street.
4. Turn right on Spruce Street.
5. Follow 10-kilometer directions 27 thru 40.

### **12-KILOMETER WALKERS:**

1. Follow 10-kilometer directions 1 thru 24.
2. When you reach the gate on the left with the "Hannah Field" on it, reverse your direction and walk back down Airport Terrace Road.
3. Hannah Field is an airport with a 2300' x 75' grass landing strip with equipment shed, access to public water and a series of beautiful building sites for homes looking east over the valley below
4. Follow 10-kilometer directions 26 thru 40.

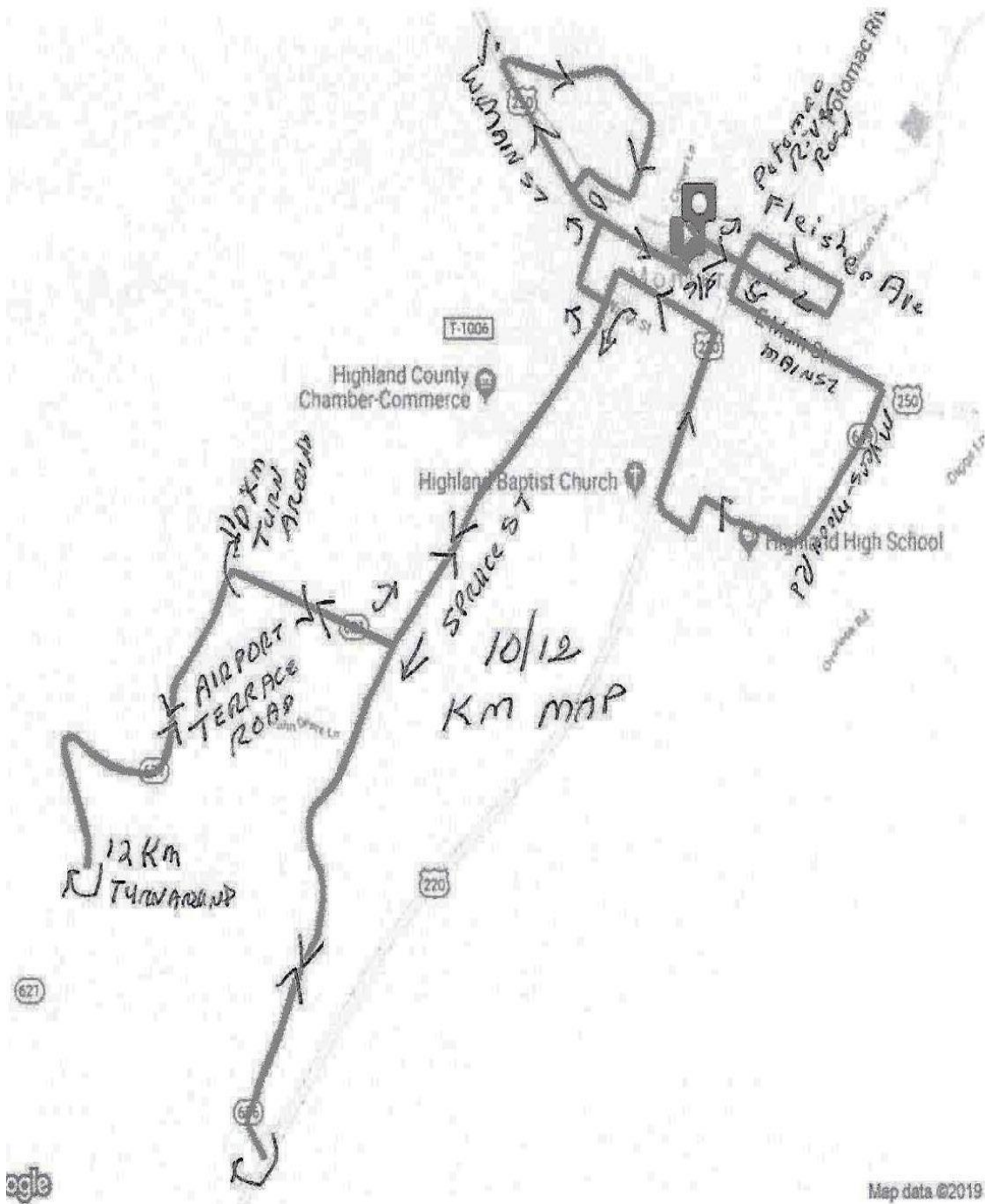
The Virginia Vagabonds hope that you have enjoyed your walk at Monterey. Please join us for our other seasonal walks in Frederick, Rappahannock, and Shenandoah Counties, as well as our year rounds in Charleston (WV), Emporia, Poquoson, Newport News, Petersburg, and Williamsburg (Jamestowne Glasshouse).

## Driving Map



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### 10/12 Kilometer Map:



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### 5 Kilometer Map:

