

Oak Glen — Yucaipa, Calif.

BELOW: Riley's Apple Farm was closed. I'll check it out next time.



Oak Glen Town and Apple Orchards

Oak Glen Road, Yucaipa, CA 92399

HOURS: Open all year

ELEVATION: 4,734 feet

TRAVEL TIME: 90 minutes from Los Angeles

POPULATION: Just more than 600

DIRECTIONS: Oak Glen Road/Live Oak Canyon Road exit, exit 85. Turn left onto Live Oak Canyon Road/Oak Glen Road. Continue to follow Oak Glen Road.

PARKING: Almost all locations in Oak Glen have free parking.



Talking with Scott about apple farming in Oak Glen.

Hello again!

Have you ever gone apple picking? Well, come along as we travel to Oak Glen, a fun orchard town in Yucaipa.

History

In 1876, Enoch Parrish opened his apple orchard, followed by the Wilshire family. Other families like the Rivers brothers came to Oak Glen in 1906. Their orchard, Los Rios Rancho (Spanish for "The Rivers Ranch") is still in operation today, as many of the original orchards (owners have changed however the orchards are still there). Then in the 1930s, the Law family came into the area with its own apple orchard and built the first roadside packing-house, first restaurant, and gift shop.

Oak Glen is an amazing place for everyone in the family. The drive up to Oak Glen was really nice and relaxing. The total drive time was about an hour and a half.

The open road was an amazing way to start our adventure. *Traffic Tip:* Try and leave early to avoid most traffic. Once we arrived, we took our time and visited lots of apple ranches, unique shops, and restaurants. There is much to see, and all the residents were very friendly and willing to help with any questions. We stopped outside of Los Rios Ranch, Riley's Apple Farm, Willowbrook Apple Farm, and Snow-Line Orchards, to name a few. There were more than 25 different places to visit all along Oak Glen Road, so you will literally drive from one place to another.

During our trip, we started wondering, could we see one of the farms in action? And as luck would have it, we got only halfway there. The owners of Snow-Line Orchards took us through the Snow-Line Cider Mill and showed us the actual equipment used to produce apple



Greetings from Oak Glen.

cider. This was so cool! A very nice gentleman named Scott gave us the grand tour. He showed us how the machines worked and also where the cider was stored. Thank you,

Scott, for all your time. It was a pleasure meeting you, your staff and your father.

The *Alive!* crew felt very welcome, and we appreciated all the history. Oak Glen is rich in history. On tour, we had no idea what was about to happen. Once we entered the Cider Mill, we began to smell apple in every room. The equipment was very basic and traditional.

I don't know anything about making apple cider, but Scott explained it in simple details. I really enjoyed listening to his enthusiasm. Sounds like fun.

I would like to thank everyone at Snow-Line, and also Michelle for the fresh apple donuts. Delicious!

During our trip, I tried lots of different apple products including apple cider, apple donuts and apple burritos. Can you believe they have apple burritos? Apple burritos look like an apple pie from the Golden Arches, but they're better! Look out Ronald, Oak Glen has some mighty tasty apple products.

Oak Glen is a wonderful place for more than just the apples; there were many fun activities in the five-mile general area. There are country shops, coffee shops, apple ranches, and unique shops. There's too much to mention and all lots of fun to visit.

For those of you who visit Oak Glen, please take lots of photos and send them to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com. Bring plenty of water snacks and spend time just walking and enjoying the scenery.

**As always, be safe and Be Alive!,
Angel**

ZOO

Little Tigers

Zoo introduces Sumatran tiger cubs.

Photo by Tad Motoyama/LA Zoo

The Sumatran tiger cubs are ready to show their stripes to visitors of the Los Angeles Zoo. On Dec. 9, the Zoo welcomed the adorable pair on-exhibit as they joined their mother for their official public debut. Guests of the Zoo can finally visit the cubs and see first hand how energetic and playful they are. The cubs and their mother will transition off-exhibit various times throughout the day, allowing outdoor time for the Zoo's male Sumatran tiger.

The L.A. Zoo welcomed the birth of the Sumatran tiger cubs on Aug. 6. Since then, they've remained off-exhibit under the care of

their mother and zookeepers. While off-exhibit, Zoo fans have followed the cubs' growth and development on their dedicated Webpage. This is the third litter of Sumatran tiger cubs born at the Los Angeles Zoo.

Sumatran tigers are listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The carnivores are found only on the Indonesian island of Sumatra and require a habitat dense in vegetation, in order to hide and ambush their prey, and a reliable source of water. Continued agricultural habitat destruction, poaching, and killing of tigers that come into contact with villagers, all intensify the crises surrounding tigers.



Sumatran tiger cubs (at right in photo).

Angel's *Be Alive!*

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Angel Gomez,
Club Director of Sales

BELOW: In front of Los Rios apple stand.



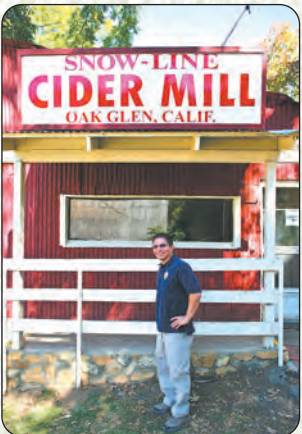
Snow-Line Orchard's "apple tree."



Who has ever tasted an apple donut? Delicious! Thank you, Michelle.



Willowbrook Apple Farm.



The Snow-Line Cider Mill.

Club CEO John Hawkins and Scott discuss the apple-cider-making process.



An antique steel and wooden wagon carrying Los Rios crates.



Snow-Line's famous apple cider.



An apple cider machine.



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