

A DRIVER'S GUIDE TO: HISTORICAL POINTS OF INTEREST

APPLE VALLEY, CA

HOW IT BEGAN

There are many stories as to how Apple Valley acquired its name. According to the late Mary Hampton, local historian, the name arose from the abundance of apple orchards that existed here in the 1920s. Unfortunately, with the Great Depression and the expense of pumping water for irrigation, the orchards withered. Some say the name originated from The Appleton Land Company that was based in this area in the early 1900s. Appleton was an early surveyor of the area. Ursula Poates is credited with saying, "There were apples here, but not by the ton!"



20702 THUNDERBIRD ROAD

APPLE VALLEY CENTER FOR INNOVATION



The Lewis Center for Educational Research has been included here as a facility unique in the entire United States. The facility features a full observatory with computerized telescope, a T-40 Jet Flight Simulator from the U.S. Air Force, a digital television studio and amateur radio station, and a greenhouse that is climatically controlled.



21810 HIGHWAY 18

EL PUEBLO SHOPS & THE VILLAGE

The El Pueblo Shops, located in the original Village of Apple Valley, were constructed in 1949 just east of the AV Ranchos office building. Consisting of two strip-type buildings facing each other, with an inviting lawn and shade trees between, the complex encouraged not only shopping, but picnics and relaxation for residents and visitors to the new town of Apple Valley. The first business to open in 1949 was Arthur R. Shields, Public Accountant, who occupied Unit 7. That same space was later occupied by George E. Scott of Victor Valley Insurance, then Stockton and Chase Construction. Judy Rose Donut Bar moved into Unit 3, Western Fashion into Unit 4, Children's Round-up into Unit 5, and a soda fountain into Unit 1. Other businesses occupying the site included Mar-Len Desert Casuals, a yardage store, a beauty shop, a barbershop, a massage parlor, and a dentist. Over the years various businesses such as antique shops, thrift stores, and counseling services have occupied the building, helping to preserve an important piece of Apple Valley history.





A. Terri Lee Doll Factory
15001 Wakita Rd

B. John Charles Thomas Romany Hall
21066 North Outer Hwy 18

C. Apple Valley's Pink House
13733 Navajo Rd.

D. El Pueblo Shops
21810 Hwy 18

E. Yucca Loma Elementary
21351 Yucca Loma Rd.

F. James A. Woody Community Center
13467 Navajo Rd.

G. Conrad Publishing House
21825 South Outer Hwy 18

H. Lone Wolf Colony
23200 Bear Valley Rd

I. Western White House
22974 Bear Valley Rd.

J. Early Apple Valley School Site
South East Corner of Bear Valley and Deep Creek Roads

K. Jess Ranch
11495 Apple valley Road

L. Yucca Loma Ranch
13342 Rincon Rd.

M. Adobe House
14546 Riverside Drive

N. St. Mary's Regional Catholic School
18320 Highway 18

O. Westlund's/ Rogers' Family Home
1900 North Outer Highway 18

P. Fairhope House
14695 Tigertail Rd.

Q. Apple Valley Center for Education
20702 Thunderbird Rd

R. Railroad Tie House
21849 Waalew Rd

