

VISIT OAKDALE

COWBOY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

Visitors Guide

We're excited to have you in the Cowboy Capital of The World! Here is your personalized guide of everything that Oakdale has to offer.

Welcome to the cowboy capital of the world!



About Oakdale

We're excited to welcome you to cowboy country and show you everything Oakdale has to offer. Explore this guide for a detailed view of what Oakdale is all about, and get a glimpse of what to explore and experience.

Oakdale is a small town with a big spirit, built on the backbone of community and small business. Take a look at this video, [Dear Oakdale](#), written by someone born and raised in our community.

For another view of Oakdale before you arrive, checkout this [Video Segment](#) from Bay Area LIFE.

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Accommodations

STAY IN A RIVERFRONT TREEHOUSE

Experience Ozz Ranch

Ozz Ranch is a 15-acre riverfront property that boasts beautiful campgrounds and a one-of-a-kind treehouse. It is located conveniently between Knights Ferry and Downtown Oakdale. Come experience the beauty that Ozz Ranch has to offer. The Ozz Ranch treehouse is a comfortable stay for 2, and there are various campsites available as well.

View Ozz Ranch and other unique stays on [Airbnb](#) and [Hipcamp](#)!





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BLAST FROM THE PAST

Dive into the rich
history of our
community and
discover why
we're the Cowboy
Capital.

On your visit be sure
to stop by the Oakdale
Museum & History
Center, The Cowboy
Museum, and
checkout events at the
historic Oakdale
Rodeo grounds.



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Destination

EXPLORE DOWNTOWN

All the must-sees

Downtown Highlights

On N. First Ave, come through [Cahoots Corner Cafe](#), #2 on Trip Advisor and Oakdale's favorite breakfast. Down the street is [Last Call Brewery](#) and authentic goods from Guatemala at [Maria's Artisan Shop](#). After, take a walk down N. Third Avenue. Hit up [House of Beef](#) for the best tri tip in town, grab a unique almond butter shake from [Roberts Ferry Gourmet](#), and get some goodies from historic [Moss Rose Bakery](#). Explore the multiple downtown boutiques and stop through [Past and Present Antiques](#) and [Frederick Salazar Antiques](#) for some rare finds.

LOCAL SPECIALTIES



Oakdale Cheese & Specialties

Oakdale Cheese gives you a taste of Holland right here in California. Walter and Lenneke opened their first cheese location in 1983 and began making their gouda. Today, Oakdale Cheese has a variety of specialty cheeses that pair perfectly with local nuts. Every year Oakdale cheese ranks nationally for their gouda cheese.



Sconza Chocolates

The dream started with Vincenzo Sconza when he arrived in Ellis Island from Italy in 1922 and settled in California. Now run by 4th generation Italian chocolatiers, Sconza Chocolates is exclusive to Oakdale and makes a variety of specialty nut products sourced right here in the Central Valley. Try out some unique products like their Lemoncello chocolate almonds.

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Views & Drives



TAKE THE SCENIC ROUTE

*Pretty views for music
jams in the countryside*

26-Mile & E Sonora Rd

Starting at [Oakdale Cheese & Specialties](#), take 26-mile road out to Woodward Reservoir, turn right onto E Sonora Rd and take it all the way into Knights Ferry.

Rodden & Orange Blossom

Starting at Oakdale Cheese & Specialties, take Rodden Rd to Orange Blossom Rd. Turn Left at Orange Blossom to take a scenic cruise to Knights Ferry.

Willms Rd

From Knights Ferry, head east on Sonora Rd over the bridge until you reach Hwy 108/120. Cross the highway onto Willms Rd. Drive by [Historic Willms Ranch!](#)

Patterson & Claribel

Looking for a classic country drive? From [Sconza Chocolates](#), head south on Albers Rd. Turn right on either Patterson or Claribel Rd. Turn right on Langworth Rd and take it to Hwy 108 to get back to town.

SIP N' SAVOR

Local Brews & Food Trucks

Last Call



Conveniently located in downtown, hang out in this modern airy space. Always host to a local food truck and unique brews such as the Golden Oakie.

Dying Breed



Known for great beer and exceptional talent. Dying Breed hosts up-and-coming artists from around the country.

Grains of Virtue



Home to murals, art, and good vibes - this taproom is a must see. Stay on the lookout for regular events here like open mic night & California Championship Wrestling.

Food Trucks



Each of our local breweries are always host to delicious local food trucks and up & coming bands and artists. Checkout visitoakdale.com for upcoming events at the breweries!

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— Adventure

RAFT DOWN THE STANISLAUS RIVER

Family fun in the sun



Soak up the sun and float down stream

Oakdale has self-guided rafting adventures down the Stanislaus River starting in Historic Knights Ferry. The Stanislaus River typically has a stable and steady flow perfect for families wanting to get on the water. Book your adventure through one of our local companies, [Sunshine Rafting & River Journey Adventures](#)!

ICONIC EATS

Hidden Gems Outside Downtown ~

Ferrarese's



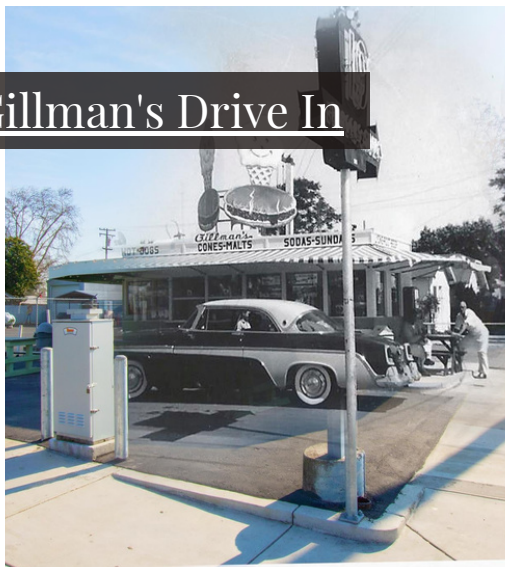
Known by the whole town, and #1 on Trip Advisor. This deli has the best sandwiches on Highway 120 and is the perfect spot for travelers to stop and grab a bite.

Backwoods Burgers



The meanest burgers in town, come checkout this new local favorite. Make sure to try their sweet potato fries with marshmallow dip!

Gillman's Drive In



A classic drive in on Highway 108 since 1955. This family serves classic burgers and shakes that you can't miss.

Gold Dust



The tastiest, most iconic pizzas on planet Earth. We're not kidding.

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Adventure

EXPLORE LOCAL LAKES



*Oakdale sits at the epicenter of
9 beautiful lakes & reservoirs*

Jet Ski & Boat Rental

Before heading to the water, grab some jet skis in Oakdale from [HyperSport Rentals](#)!

Woodward Reservoir (11 min)

Sitting in Oakdale's backyard, Woodward Reservoir offers 2900 acres of water for recreation and camping.

Modesto Reservoir (27 min)

This reservoir is a short drive from Oakdale near the town of Waterford and offers 2800 acres of water for recreation and camping.

Turlock Lake (30 min)

Nestled in the rolling foothills of eastern Stanislaus County, Turlock Lake is a State Recreation Area perfect for day outings.

Lake Tulloch (30 min)

Lake Tulloch is just south of Jamestown and features an RV campground, marina, and on-site boat rental.

Salt Spring Valley Reservoir (42 min)

This reservoir is a secret, family-friendly, fishing and boating spot of 1,000 acres.

New Hogan Lake (47 min)

This federal recreation site is managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers and offers scenic views of the Sierra Nevada foothills.

Lake Don Pedro (55 min)

Don Pedro is a local favorite perfect for fishing and water sports. It features 13,000 acres of water nestled in the foothills.

New Melones Lake (1 hr)

This federal recreation site is operated by the Bureau of Reclamation upstream of the Stanislaus River and features 2 campsites.

Lake McClure (1 hr 12 min)

A less traveled lake - a hidden gem perfect for fishing and water sports with on site rentals. A great stop heading to Yosemite.

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Destination

DISCOVER KNIGHTS FERRY

Founded 1849

Covered Bridge

The Knight's Ferry Covered Bridge is the longest covered bridge west of the Mississippi River! It was constructed in 1863 and served as a vital river crossing.

Tullock's Mill

Tullock's Mill sits adjacent to the covered bridge and is a historical point of interest that was constructed in 1863. It first served as a hydro-powered flour mill and was later converted to a hydroelectric power plant.

The River's Edge

If you want to dine with a view this is the place to be. The River's Edge has a variety of cuisine and amazing riverfront views.

Knights Ferry Creamery

Knight's Ferry Creamery is the go-to dessert location in town! This is a must-see and everyone raves about their famous Wild Mountain Blackberry ice cream!

ANNUAL EVENTS

If you're in town you can't miss these ~



The **Chocolate Festival** started over 30 years ago when we were home to the west coast Hershey factory. Today the festival still continues every 3rd weekend in May!



The **Oakdale Rodeo** is our biggest event of the year and always happens the 2nd weekend in April!



Oakdale is home to fresh quality food. Come to the **Oakdale Farmers Market** every Wednesday evening during the summer, and try out **Taste of Oakdale** every August for a sample of Oakdale cuisine.

A young child wearing a cowboy hat and a plaid shirt is running through a muddy field. In the background, there is a wooden bench and a sign that says "OAKDALE".

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Reach out to us with any
questions!

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