

The Red Apple



"If you're in the Arnold - Murphy area This place is a must stop. The ciders are amazing and all the pastry options are great! My favorite is the peach turnover." Andrea W. February 2023 YELP

"Great pies and very friendly people. Apple pie with Donut texture was really good. Will try again next time I visit that area" Sina J. January 2023 YELP

"Live in Arnold and always passed by here and wanted to stop. Finally did and man am I glad. Their baking soda s off the charts. Their cowboy cookies and apple pie was delicious. Definitely be stopping more often." Tony F. January 2023 YELP

"The best apple ciders in California. Happy to use this store every week. Very good service. Fresh produce." Radka D. January 2023 YELP

"Great little shop with good service. We went here less than an hour before closing. Sadly they didn't have any apple donuts left but we did get a few harvest hand pies. The woman at the counter was very friendly. Even though they were very busy, she spoke slowly and calmly and I really appreciated that. The hand pies were delicious. Inside is apples, pears, and peaches. We honestly didn't know what to expect and were pleasantly surprised with how delicious they are! Fantastic! We would love to come back sometime." Elaine U. December 2022 YELP

"On the way to Arnold, I stopped by this place to get apple cider. I then got a peach cobbler and apple frittata for Christmas dessert. The pastries are big and tasty." Cindy C. December 2022 YELP

"A must-visit after a day of sledding, skiing & snowboarding (or just any time)! My friends and I stopped by for spiced hot apple cider after a day of playing in the snow. Nothing's ever tasted better!! We also got their apple cider donuts, apple fritter, apple turnover, and oatmeal raisin cookie. Everything was delicious. We brought back a jar of apple cider vinegar too. All their items were priced reasonably as well. They also sell pies and a variety of jams, honey, and apple cider in jugs. The owners were so incredibly nice too, which made our visit even better. I'll definitely be back the next time I'm in the area!" Carly Y. December 2022 YELP

"Delicious fresh made apple cider donuts!! Mmm! Super cute little place right off the highway in the middle of nowhere. Find it. Seriously. These donuts were warm with a slight crisp to the outside and soft cakey inside. We devoured them in a minute! Also, I got some chocolate crinkle cookies for later. Super inexpensive, and the aroma inside was divine. Next time we're getting a bear claw or a strudel!" Jennifer H. November 2022 YELP

"I cannot rave about this place enough! Forget Apple Hill because none of the treats there hold a candle to The Red Apple! We tried the apple donuts, apple turnover, strawberry rhubarb turnover, apple dumpling, and hot apple cider. The apple donuts are made fresh numerous times a day. They were slightly crunchy on the outside, warm and soft on the inside and rolled in cinnamon and sugar. These were amazing! The turnovers were flaky and delicious. They almost melt in your mouth! None of the fillings were overly sweet. The apple dumplings were a real treat! We took ours home and warmed it up. This had a welcome burst of flavor! The warm apple cider was perfect for the chilly day. I have also tried whole pies from here and all I can say is that even though this is an hour drive from me, I will only serve pies at my family gatherings from here from now on! Make the drive (it's a nice one no matter where you're coming from). You won't be disappointed!" Jessica L. November 2022 YELP

"I freaken love this place. The owners are beyond friendly, Mr. Lloyd, the "Apple Guy" has more knowledge of apples than even Johnny Appleseed himself! Their fritters have spoiled me on fritters and it's difficult to eat apples from the store anymore. The staff always have genuine smiles and friendly advice, I would too if I worked there! We come here every year and always make sure to get half bushels of apples for home. This year, it's Honeycrisp!" Kristi P. October 2022 YELP

"The kids and I were in the area, so we buzzed in. I was in disbelief spending \$22.00 on a pie. We waited till we got home to Garrote. THE BEST PIE I'VE EVER HAD....." J.R. August 2022 YELP

"Get fresh hot apple donuts. Worth the calories. Great pies and pick up some fresh fruits while your there." Karen W. July 2022 YELP

"This place is simply the bomb. Outstanding donuts, addicting apple turnovers and fritters, and the best apple cider I've ever tasted. If you haven't been there, go out of your way to make sure that you stop and try them out." Derrick W. May 2022 YELP

"OMG. Where do I begin. Apple donuts, Apple pie (all the pies). This is a must when you're in the Murphy's area. Just on the highway. Great place to get your fresh apples and apple bake goods. I've dream about the donuts. Thank you" Nancy J. April 2022 YELP

"What an amazing place. We bought an apple pie, apple turnovers and a few cookies for the kids. Apple pie was still warm after coming out of the oven. Cookies were a little crunchy on the edge and soft in the center. The staff was friendly and very nice. One warning is they are cash only."
Robert P. February 2022 YELP

"Even in January amazingly delicious apples & best apple juice ever. Friendly people & lots of parking. The prices are extremely reasonable -- buy apples til they run out!" Jenn C. February 2022 YELP

"I was able to have tasted a hot apple pie out of their oven after having it rest for 30-45 minutes. The crust was thicker around the bottom & sides but thinner on top. The apple filling was delicious. They had a firm texture about them which was good. Often times filling can be a bit soft. Accompanied with French Vanilla ice cream made it delightful. I'm a buyer!" Robert C. February 2023 YELP

"Apple cider donuts, where have you been all my life? We were lucky enough to get a half dozen of these gorgeous specimens whilst still warm and toasty.(But they were still pretty good the next morning cold.) Our party of four was in unanimous agreement that these donuts were nothing short of heavenly. We also got a jug of the apple cider, which I heated up on the stove and sipped through out the day. Folks here are a friendly bunch. If you're in the Arnold area, the Red Apple is a must visit!"
Miriam W. February 2022 YELP

"I finally caught this place open and was so happy I did - they have outstanding apple pie (\$13) which would be almost vegan (I suspect that if I call ahead to ask for one without the egg white wash on the top crust, they might oblige!). The apple cider is so delicious - and very reasonable compared to Bay Area Farmer's markets (\$4.50 half gallon, \$8.50 gallon). They sell local honey - which the cashier, Jared, told me is harvested by his uncle and pointed me to a news article on the wall near the door."

They also have many tempting preserves made on site, too & so many delicious apples are available - yum! Make it a point to get here when they are open, you won't regret it." Jenn C. February 2022

"Best donuts I've ever had. Got the Apple strudel it also was wonderful. A must go to place."

Denise K. January 2022 YELP

"I like donuts. And in the pantheon of traditional to inventive to hipster, these donuts stand in a category of their own. Spare me your pathetic and airy Krispy Kremes. Spare me your maple bacon and ube glaze. Spare me your nonsensical vegan donut madness. I just want to mainline these apple cinnamon beauties." Laurence W. January 2022 YELP

"5 stars just for the amazing apple cinnamon donuts. I'm not even a big donut person, but something drew me to these ones. They're a lot more dense than your typical donuts and remind me of Olie Bollens, which are Dutch donuts. They also said they are made daily and run out at about 3pm, so go earlier! We went at around 11 and they were hot and fresh from the oven. My mouth waters just thinking about them lol. We also got lucky because they just reopened the 2nd to last day we were in Arnold. They were closed for a bit before then. You'll have to pay attention to when they're open. I believe they are only open on certain days of the week, so give them a call beforehand."

Ad W. January 2022 YELP

"Amazing!! We stopped on our way home from a family weekend in the snow and had the hot apple cider and some amazing snacks. Only wished we lived closer so we could visit more often! We also got 2 pies which I took to work and all my co-workers love me now! The people who work there are so nice and helpful. This is a cash only business, so stop by the bank on your way!" Portia F. January 2022

"Always a must-stop every time we're passing highway 4 or Murphys! Their turnover is our favorite, mostly the cherries but the strawberry is good too! The price is decent since it's good and fresh. We tried their apple/peach pie recently, it was good but we prefer the turnover still :). The downside, they don't answer their phone. We tried to call for a couple of days at different times to see if they still have turnover but no luck on answering their phone. It's understandable since they always have a line and are busy. I just wish they would answer because we were willing to drive an hour to get some of their goodies." Adrienne A. January 2022 YELP

"Apple pie is their staple/ most popular item they make (very very fresh btw you can taste it) but I think their mixed berry is the best one!!!! When passing through always be sure to stop by for a cup of hot cider and an apple donut!" Jennifer D. January 2022 YELP

"Apple cider donuts...amazing! Can be VERY crowded on busy or holiday weekends. 4th of July weekend it was packed, had to wait a long time in line and then 25 minutes for a dozen. Got smart last visit, called the day before and pre-ordered a dozen. The kid at the cash register was very appreciative we had called our order in ahead of time, thanked us 2-3 times for doing that."

Megan T. December 2021 YELP

"Omg, where to begin? I'm so very happy to give this place a 5 star, I always want to, but I never get there. Well not today. Apple cider, hot or cold, 5 stars. Peach cooler, died and went to heaven. This is a must stop." Russel C. November 2021 YELP

"My husband and I plan our trips to Arnold based on our Red Apple donut cravings! Thank you Red Apple for always being there for us! Cider, donuts, crumble, everything is simply amazing, always fresh & delicious! We will be as loyal to you as you are to us always!! Thank you so much!"

Ginger B. October 2021 YELP

"We stopped by at 5:30pm, on a Sunday heading home from Lake Alpine knowing it was after closing. We figured it couldn't hurt to stop by. Luck smiled on us. The staff was getting ready for a catering event the next day. The owner saw us pull in and ran to wait on us. Small town courtesy and nice folk. We purchased the last of the Apple Fritters. Hands down, BEST Apple Fritters anywhere - more Apple

chunks than cinnamon apple breadings giving you fluffy apple heaven in every bite. These Fritters are generous in size, freeze beautifully and are great at room temperature or amazing warmed. Year after year, Red Apple is our favorite place to stop everytime we're in the area because its all scratch made by folks who love what they do, and they do it well. It must be said, the apple pie has a high crust that is stuffed with perfectly spiced firm apple slices - no hollow crust dome or mushy apples here. The cold pressed cider is amazing hot or cold. Grab a gallon to go. Remember to buy extra goodies for sharing , or friendly theft. Keep in mind everything is so good that baked goods usually sell out. Call ahead and place your order so you'll be sure to get what you want. Check out their website too. Great family owned and operated farm, orchards and bakery." Platy F. August 2021 YELP

"It has been 5 years since my first visit. The bakery is still the same. Awesome apple cider donuts - warm, a bit crunchy on the outside & perfectly soft in the center. I would highly recommend buying at least 2-3. The apple turnover had a great flakey texture with a good amount of apple filling which isn't too sweet. The turnover also has a crumble on top which adds additional crunch. The only downside is the menu doesn't have the price of each item but it doesn't really matter as the donut & turnover were worth it. FYI..a donut & 2 turnovers were \$9. Also, be sure to have cash when you visit."

Christina Y. July 2021 YELP

"There is no question you must stop & go here and try the Apple turnovers! NOW! They are so warm, flakey & perfection that just melts in your mouth instantly. You have one bite and suddenly, just like that, you've ate the whole box. Well at least that's what happened to me. 10/10 I highly recommend!"

Miriam P. July 2021 YELP

"Those Apple, strawberry, and peach turnovers though!!!! Get some & you'll thank me later. Enough said. Freaking delicious" Hilian S. July 2021 YELP

"Love the Apple turn overs and they put out great pies (pumpkin, apple, cherry, pecan and others). What a great little place." Jean Z. July 2021 YELP

"If you're in the Murphys area, don't miss the short drive to this place. It's walk-up service so you're getting your things to go (maybe Covid only...never been here until this visit in June 2021). The pie is great (& large!) the fresh donuts & cider are great to get & consume immediately in the parking lot."

Jason G. June 2021 YELP

"The best apple donut you will ever taste! The cider is sooo refreshing and comforting when warmed up :) This is such an easy place to stop for some quick goodies" Eden S. June 2021 YELP

"LOVE THIS PLACE!! We stopped by on our weekend getaway back in 2019 and fell in love with all their amazing baked goodies. We bought a delicious whole apple pie, fresh baked apple fritters and what can I say about the fresh warm apple cider donuts?? It was heaven!! This year I went on a weekend getaway with some friends in May 2021 and I told them about my experience here. Needless to say we spent about \$25 each to take fresh baked goodies home. Apple crisp was amazing! Again the fresh apple fritters & apple cider donuts and fresh baked cookies. ALL AMAZING!! They also sell delicious apples fresh picked off the trees. Nice people, great customer service. If you're up in this area it's well worth the stop. Best to get there early so you don't miss out on the good stuff (well it's all good) & they close on Mondays & Tuesday's for now. We'll definitely be back in August. Can't wait."

Sandy D. May 2021 YELP

"OMG.... The Apple Cinnamon Donuts are soooooo damn good. Can't wait to head back to Arnold California, just to stop here.. Great customer service." Toria W. May 2021 YELP

"Yes.That is what I said when they asked me if I wanted apple fritters. Yes.That is what I said when they asked me if I wanted cinnamon donuts. Yes. That is what I said when they asked me if I wanted apple cider. Yes, I said. Yes. Yes. Yes. Although I wasn't trying to sound like Molly Bloom, I have to admit that saying yes to everything was the right thing to do. Find parking. Stand in line. Order

everything you can possibly get your hands on. Take your treasure back to your car. Bask in the deliciousness of the appley, cinnamony, eggy, custardy, sugary warmth as it envelops your body and soul." Lis B. May 2021 YELP

"The BEST Apple fritters you'll have. Second best is the Dutch apple pie. We often say that we are almost glad we don't live closer lol. I recently learned that you can pre-order, so we will be doing that from now on." Kara W. April 2021 YELP

"Good Lord!! This place is cra cra good. The apple fritters were great. The apple Carmel donuts were awesome" DC C. April 2021 YELP

"The apple donut was ridiculously delicious! Especially when hot! I think I finished my first one after within a few seconds my initial taste! We had the hot cider which also had its own yummy complexity of flavors. Was told to try the apple pie and apple fritters the next time. Definitely will stop by again in Arnold!" Sunny T. March 2021 YELP

"If you are driving to/from Bear Valley or Arnold, then this place NEEDS to be on your list. Really cool apple stand/small cafe type place serving the best priced and top quality apples, apple pies and fresh apple cider around. We always get a few bags of fresh Fuji apples (large and sweet, Honey Crisp apples (also super tasty and crisp), fresh on the vine tomatoes, along with a gallon of fresh cider and at least 1-2 fresh baked apple pies. Easy location right off the highway with a separate left turn lane if heading back west away from Arnold/Bear Valley. They have two driveway entrances like a loop to make it easy for dropping by. And they have a few outdoor picnic tables. Such a great way to end the day after snowboarding/skiing at Bear. Just note their short hours!" Ron M. March 2021 YELP

"Awesome Apple donuts and fritters. A must stop!! Oh, try the cider also (hot or cold)!!"
Scott S. March 2021 YELP

"Imagine a misty morning spent wandering amid towering sequoias at nearby Calaveras Big Trees State Park. The snow has been falling, and you are chilled, but exhilarated by the glorious landscape you have been imbibing. Driving down the highway, you spot a low building sporting weathered apple signs. You quickly pull over, thinking a snack might be nice. A table resides under a covered outdoor area displaying a variety of apples, jams, baking mixes, and salsa. You think that might be all there is, then notice a customer standing at a window a few yards away. As you near the window, the most heavenly fragrance wafts toward you. Inside: a mountain of fresh fried apple cider donuts, pies topped by towers of whipped cream, a ring of cookies, baking sheet upon baking sheet of turnovers, and so much more! Discovering this kingdom of treats out in the country feels like straight magic. That is the experience I had, at least. Once I got over the shock of such a find, I was thrilled to see they offer hot apple cider, and ordered it right off. You can only see a smidge of the goodies residing inside, but there is a small menu, so I next enquired about a fritter, but they were sold out for the day. Why do fritters always sell out?! Story of my life. No big deal, though, as we are big fans of bread pudding, and they still had some. While they packaged it, we threw in a donut too. And then they handed us the pudding. We thought we were ordering a slice, but this was a 6 x 8" tin overflowing with crumb topping! It had to have weighed at least a pound! Grinning at each other in disbelief, my husband and I headed back to the car. We sipped some of the delicious cider & split the tender but crisp-exteriored donut. I declared bread pudding is only acceptable warm, but my husband insisted on a bite. Guys. That stuff is insane! The topping was easily an inch thick, they had drizzled it with caramel sauce, and big chunks of apple were nestled throughout. We had a long drive, and every hour or so he would demand a bite. Each time I opened the box it smelled just like donuts until I realized the bread pudding was MADE OF LEFTOVER DONUTS! What is this wonderful world we are living in?! As soon as we arrived home from our road trip, my husband checked the drive time to return to The Red Apple, and determined he could easily make it there and back over a weekend. I think he was only half kidding. Sure, we live a ways away in Utah, but there is nothing else quite like that mystical bakery slinging treats along Highway 4." Lacey T. March 2021 YELP