



In March of 1774, Captain Juan Batista de Anza rode into the area known as Bear Gulch, and discovered a thickly wooded glade of sycamore, cottonwood and willow trees. The Spaniards sighted numerous bears so came to call the friendly oasis, Arroyo de los Osos, Bear Gulch.

In 1848, one of the region's most colorful characters, William "Uncle Billy" Rubottom saw an opportunity for a wayside inn and tavern along the busy trail from San Bernardino to Los Angeles.

The Mountain View Inn remained on the site for many years, earning a reputation as a place with good food and drink, colorful guests and warm hospitality. The fine line between fact and fiction lies between many of the legends of the Inn of the 1800's.

The modern history of the Inn began in 1921, when John Klusman, a local citrus rancher, tore down the old inn and rebuilt the current building as The Sycamore Hotel. In 1939, the Hotel was acquired by the Hinrichsen Family, who renamed it the Sycamore Inn. Under their 50 years of care, the Inn earned a reputation as a premier restaurant in Southern California. Dining at the Sycamore Inn became a family tradition for generations.

A new generation of hospitality began in 2002. Proprietors Linda and Chuck Keagle, Brady Main, and Executive Chef Louis Alvarez, long-time Inland Empire restaurateurs, became enthusiastic standard-bearers of the historic old Inn. With a renewed vitality, and an affectionate recognition for the rich tradition of the Inn, the new owners have continued the long tradition of hospitality and good food, excellent service, and a welcoming ambiance, the new Sycamore Inn honors its roots and welcomes new traditions.