



[\*Español - Jobe's Glen at Jalapa Park \(La Cañada de Jobe en el Parque de Xalapa\) era antes un "parque..."\*](#)

Jobe's Glen at Jalapa Park was formerly a privately-owned "memorial park" that had become overgrown and was being misused. In the early 1970s, as part of the City's Redevelopment Program, Republic Development Company acquired the two parcels which now make up the park site from Jobe Family and the California Baptist Theological Seminary.

A portion of the site was an estate originally acquired by Charles Jobe who came from Pennsylvania in 1921. When their son, Harold, was killed in France during World War II, the Jobe family assuaged their grief by building a "living memorial" not only to their son, but to the 25 other Covina "boys" who died during the war, some are the same boys who used to play in the native wash. Intended to be enjoyed by the public, the native site was a rock wash that the Jobe children had used as a playground, but which was undistinguished except by several large native oaks, including one that used to tower with branches stretching over 140 feet across. There is a plaque at the site that reads, "This plaque commemorates the creation of this glen by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jobe as a living memorial to their son and the Covina men who lost their lives in WWII. Shown on the stone is a replica of the original plaque."

A retired rancher, the elder Jobe, worked 16 years to transform this 2-acre area into a shaded retreat using only a pick, shovel, and wheelbarrow. The land was originally a wash land covered with cactus and weeds and several spreading oak trees. Jobe began clearing the glen soon after Harold went into service. Rocks cleared by hand were used to build retaining walls and terraces. Garden plants, swings, slides, and play equipment were added, as was a fountain and bronze plaque mounted on a family-selected 2200-pound granite boulder. They searched for a boulder that was just right for the plaque, and just as they were about to give up, they found it a few miles away at Irwindale Avenue and Highway 66. There is a plaque on the boulder that has a "Tribute from a Buddy," which was sent to Jobe by a man in Harold's

company and reads, "Harold gave his life rather than risk the lives of his men. His bravery may never be broadcast to the world, but he will live forever in the hearts of those who knew him." The inscription also includes, "In memory of Corporal Harold G. Jobe killed in action August 4, 1944."

The park known as "Jobe Memorial Glen" was extensively used by the local Covina residents as a picnic area and playground. User groups included the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Garden Club, and more. A patrol of Scouts of ten camped out under one tree, which branches over a circle 140 feet in diameter. Its swooping limbs, which dip onto the ground, make it ideal for climbing. The tree often swarmed with 45 boys at a time – with never an accident. Harold Glen who loved nature was also an Eagle Scout, and his younger brother Claude used to climb the sprawling oaks on the property before it was cleared.

This changed by the early 70s with vandalism and overgrowth. The City of Covina's Redevelopment Agency and local residents had a vision to keep the park and began a three-phase process, which resulted in the Xalapa Park dedication on July 25, 1981.



Over 20 years later (1998), the City was approached by members of the Jobe's family wishing to create an extension of the memorial of their son to have bronze plaques of all 25 Covina "boys" killed in World War II. In addition, the family requested that the park name include some wording of the original park name. The City agreed and worked with the family, and now the park is known as Jobe's Glen at Jalapa Park. The 25 bronze plaques are mounted on one of the existing rock walls of the park and can be easily viewed by all park visitors.



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