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The Minturn Saloon

Minturn, Colorado

The thing that sets it apart from other creaky Old West ski bars is the price of entry: On any winter day, everyone drinking with you in this temple to Vail's ski history has skied the Minturn Mile—a mellow back-country run out the gate from Vail's Lost Boy—to get there. Order the charbroiled quail with enchiladas.

THE GUIDE



Watering Holes

If experience has taught us one thing, it's that sun and adventure make you thirsty. But where to "rehydrate"? We asked our writers, athletes, friends, spouses, and readers—all of whom were quite eager to help us research our first-ever roundup of the best places for people like us to relax and refuel.

OUTTAKE

WE'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND

For this month's Guide to great *Outside* bars ("Watering Holes," page 75), we asked a few trusted sources for recommendations. Alpinist **Fred Beckey**, 87, suggested the Little Nell, in Aspen (which finished runner-up to the Minturn Saloon as best Colorado ski bar), along with this piece of advice: "The worst bars are in mountain villages with mega-hotels, like the Westin, the Marriott, Banff Springs, Lake Louise. Nobody there has any touch with reality or the alpine. The Chateau Lake Louise was once maybe the greatest mountain resort on the continent. Swiss guides operated from there, and the ambience must have been great (best mountain view from any hotel in North America). Now it's probably a good place to pick up a high-maintenance lady."

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