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Minturn Saloon rates as Colorado's best ski bar

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The [Minturn Saloon](#) has been named "best Colorado ski bar" by *Outside* magazine in the July issue -- and the venerable watering hole, which is just starting its 35th year and occupies a building in Minturn that dates back to 1901, deserves the honor.

"On any winter day," *Outside* writes, "everyone drinking with you in this temple to Vail's ski history has skied the Minturn Mile."

But while the Minturn Saloon has long been a hit in the high country, an attempt to repeat its success in the flatlands met with dismal failure.

Seven years ago, a [second Minturn](#) took over the space at 846 Broadway that had once been the Parlour. But the broiled quail that were a pack-the-house special in the Vail Valley just didn't fly here, and after a couple of attempts to tweak the concept for Denver tastes failed, the Minturn morphed into Moon Time.

Today, the address belongs to the [Fainting Goat](#), which seems to have found a winning formula with its cheap lunches, generous happy hours and one of the best rooftop bars (particularly for smokers) in town.

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