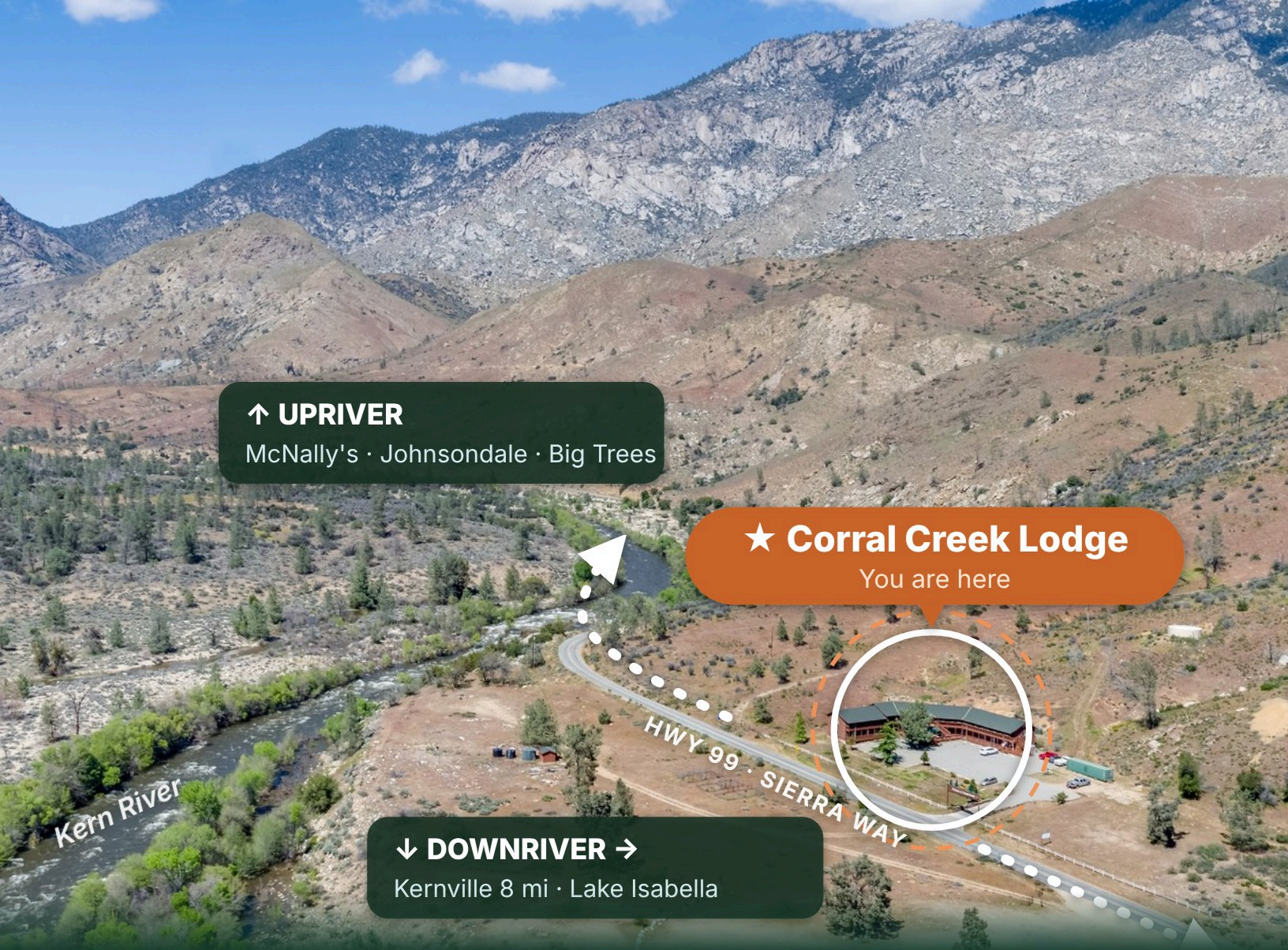




↑ **UPRIVER**

McNally's · Johnsondale · Big Trees

★ **Corral Creek Lodge**

You are here

↓ **DOWNRIVER** →

Kernville 8 mi · Lake Isabella

CORRAL CREEK LODGE · ON THE KERN RIVER · MOUNTAIN HWY 99

Where to Eat

A guest guide to restaurants, cafés & river-view dining — upriver from the lodge, 8 miles down in Kernville, and around Lake Isabella.

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upriver

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downtown Kernville

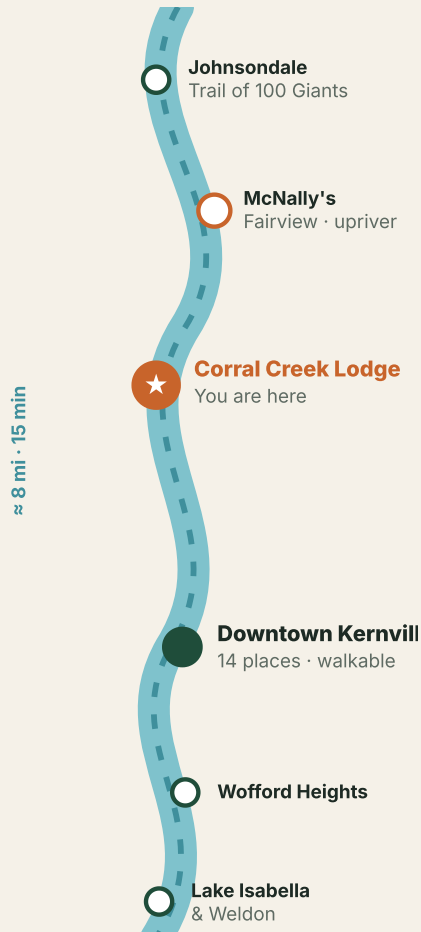
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around the lake

BREAKFAST · LUNCH · DINNER · GROCERIES

From market to meal, follow the river

From the lodge, head **upriver** on Mountain Hwy 99 for McNally's and the Giant Sequoias, or **downriver** on the same road (it becomes Sierra Way) about 8 miles (≈15 min) to downtown Kernville, where most restaurants are a short walk apart.



Quick picks



CLOSEST DINNER TO THE LODGE
Johnny McNally's Fairview Lodge



BEER & BURGERS
Kern River Brewing Company



STOCK UP FOR YOUR STAY
Sierra Gateway Market



DATE NIGHT & VIEWS
Ewings on the Kern



MORNING COFFEE
Big Blue Bear



PASTRIES & BRUNCH
Sequoia Mountain Bakery



BIG BREAKFAST
Cheryl's Diner



FAMILY PIZZA NIGHT
The Pizza Barn

Price guide

\$ = under \$20 a person · \$\$ = \$20–40

JUST NORTH OF THE LODGE

Upriver

toward Johnsondale & the Trail of 100 Giants



HISTORIC STEAKHOUSE

\$\$

Johnny McNally's Fairview Lodge

An old-school riverside steakhouse dating to 1941 — steaks, seafood and a drink by the water. Their burger stand is a perfect lunch stop on the way to the Trail of 100 Giants.

Since 1941

Riverside

Reserve on weekends

Route ↑ Upriver on Hwy 99 toward Johnsondale

Where 7300 Kern River Hwy, Kernville

Call (760) 376-2430

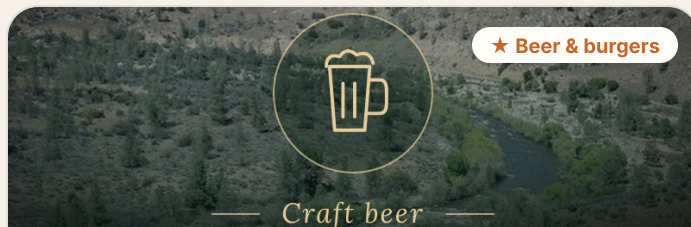
Web mcnallysfairviewlodge.com

8 MILES DOWNRIVER

Downtown Kernville

≈ 8 mi · 15 min from the lodge

The heart of the valley. Park once and walk — most of these spots are a few blocks apart along Kernville Rd, Sierra Way and Big Blue Rd.



BREW PUB · TWO RESTAURANTS

\$\$

Kern River Brewing Company

Kernville's award-winning, employee-owned brewery with two family-friendly pubs in one parking lot — the Original Pub and the Backyard. Burgers, fish & chips, flatbreads and vegan options. Live music Fridays.

Patio

Dog friendly

Groups

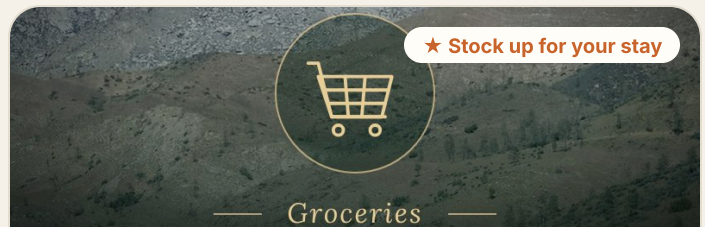
Route ↓ Downriver on Hwy 99 · 8 mi

Where 13415 Sierra Way

Hours Original Pub daily from 11am

Call (760) 376-2337

Web kernriverbrewing.com



GROCERY · SUPPLIES

\$

Sierra Gateway Market

Kernville's main market — the place to stock up on groceries, snacks, drinks and essentials for your stay at the lodge or a picnic by the river.

Groceries

Snacks & drinks

Picnic supplies

Route ↓ Downriver on Hwy 99 · 8 mi

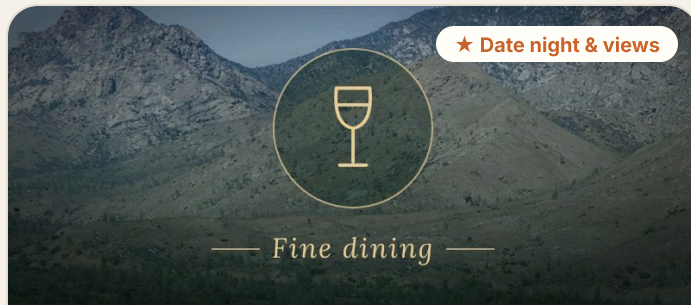
Where 13432 Sierra Way

Hours Daily from 6am · Fri-Sat till 9pm

Call (760) 376-2424

Downtown Kernville *cont.*

≈ 8 mi · 15 min from the lodge



★ Date night & views

— Fine dining —

STEAKHOUSE · RIVER VIEW

\$\$

Ewings on the Kern

Perched on the cliffs above the Ewings rapid, overlooking the lights of town. Copper-counter bar, riverview dining rooms and patio. Our pick for a special evening.

Best view

Reservations encouraged

Date night

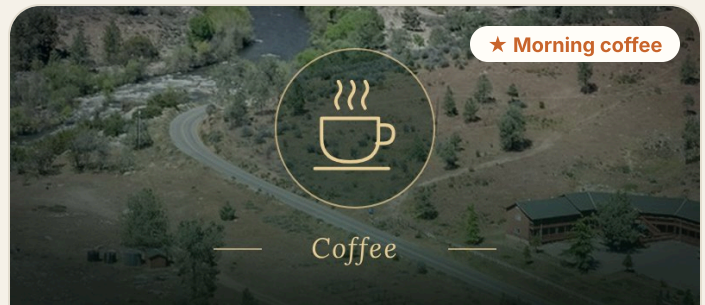
Route ↓ Downriver on Hwy 99 · 8 mi

Where [125 Buena Vista Dr](#)

Hours Thu–Sun, 5–9pm

Call [\(760\) 376-2411](#)

Web [ewingsco.com](#)



★ Morning coffee

— Coffee —

COFFEE · CAFÉ · BAKERY

\$

Big Blue Bear

Right in the middle of town. Espresso drinks, breakfast burritos, avocado toast, cinnamon rolls, bear-paw cookies and hearty sandwiches — great fuel before a river day.

Grab & go

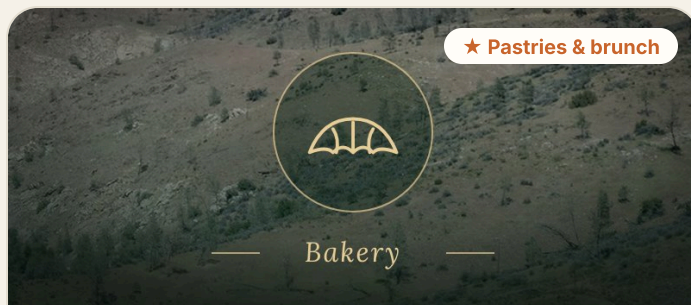
Pastries

Coffee

Route ↓ Downriver on Hwy 99 · 8 mi

Where [101 Piute Dr](#)

Call [\(760\) 376-2442](#)



★ Pastries & brunch

— Bakery —

BAKERY · BRUNCH & LUNCH

\$\$

Sequoia Mountain Bakery

A much-loved bakery café with fresh pastries, sourdough bread, breakfast and lunch plates and smash burgers. One of the highest-rated spots in town.

Fresh bread

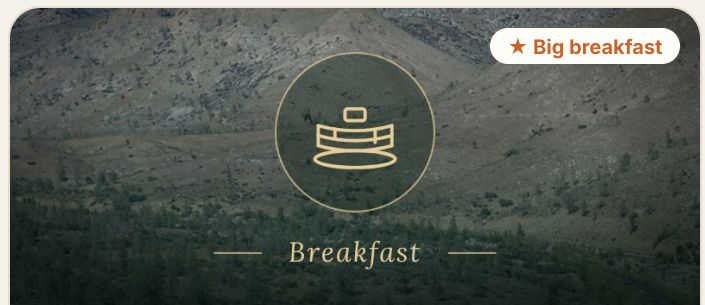
Brunch

Local favorite

Route ↓ Downriver on Hwy 99 · 8 mi

Where [9 Big Blue Rd](#)

Call [\(760\) 961-4885](#)



★ Big breakfast

— Breakfast —

CLASSIC DINER

\$

Cheryl's Diner

Retro small-town diner with all-day breakfast, blueberry pancakes, chicken-fried steak, patty melts and milkshakes. Friendly, family-style service.

All-day breakfast

Family

Route ↓ Downriver on Hwy 99 · 8 mi

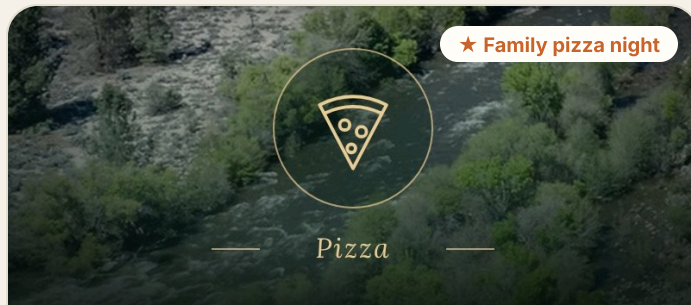
Where [11030 Kernville Rd](#)

Call [\(760\) 376-6131](#)

8 MILES DOWNRIVER

Downtown Kernville *cont.*

≈ 8 mi · 15 min from the lodge



★ Family pizza night

PIZZA · SALAD BAR

\$

The Pizza Barn

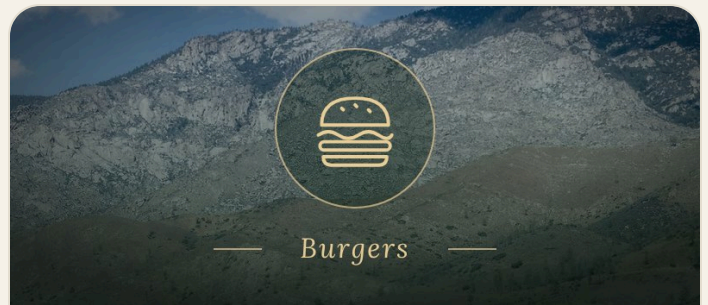
Crowd-pleasing pizza with fresh dough and homemade bread — try the Whitewater pizza. Salad bar, wings and calzones. Easy for families and groups after a day on the water.

Groups Takeout Family

Route ↓ Downriver on Hwy 99 · 8 mi

Where [11401 Kernville Rd](#)

Call [\(760\) 376-1856](#)



BURGERS · SHAKES

\$

McNally's Outpost

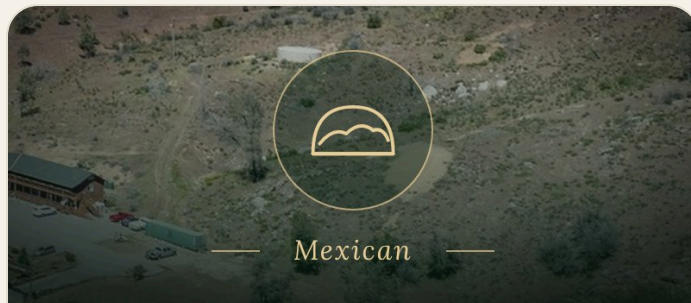
The in-town burger shop from the McNally's family — burgers, hot dogs, onion rings, sweet-potato fries, potato salad and shakes. Vegan patties available.

Quick bite Vegan option

Route ↓ Downriver on Hwy 99 · 8 mi

Where [11301 Kernville Rd, Ste C](#)

Call [\(760\) 376-8613](#)



MEXICAN

\$

El Rio Mexican & American Food

Cute, casual hole-in-the-wall near the river — chips and salsa, shredded-beef tacos, chile rellenos and carne asada plates.

Casual Lunch & dinner

Route ↓ Downriver on Hwy 99 · 8 mi

Where [11 Kern River Dr](#)

Call [\(760\) 376-3246](#)



AMERICAN · CAFÉ

\$

Kern Valley Airport Cafe

A local hangout at the little Kernville airport. Breakfast burritos, hash browns and the famous Pilot Burger while you watch the planes.

Local hangout Breakfast

Route ↓ Downriver on Hwy 99 · 8 mi

Where [10649 Sierra Way](#)

8 MILES DOWNRIVER

Downtown Kernville *cont.*

≈ 8 mi · 15 min from the lodge



Ice cream

ICE CREAM · FROZEN YOGURT

\$

Something Sweeter

Waffle cones, frozen yogurt and sweet treats for an evening stroll around town — the kids will thank you.

Dessert

Family

Route ↓ Downriver on Hwy 99 · 8 mi

Where [11117 Kernville Rd](#)

Call [\(760\) 376-4559](#)



Cocktails

BAR & GRILL

\$

Sportsman's Inn

Easy-going local bar on the main road with good food and a friendly crowd.

21+

Bar food

Route ↓ Downriver on Hwy 99 · 8 mi

Where [11123 Kernville Rd](#)



Saloon

WESTERN SALOON

\$

Kernville Saloon

Classic Western-town watering hole — friendly atmosphere and good-value drinks for a nightcap.

21+

Nightlife

Route ↓ Downriver on Hwy 99 · 8 mi

Where [20 Tobias St](#)

Call [\(760\) 376-2500](#)



Bar

NEIGHBORHOOD BAR

\$

The Hut

Laid-back little bar beloved by the locals for personal service and strong pours.

21+

Locals' spot

Route ↓ Downriver on Hwy 99 · 8 mi

Where [Kernville Rd](#)

Call [\(760\) 376-2314](#)

Around Lake Isabella

Wofford Heights · Lake Isabella · Weldon

Worth the extra drive if you are out at the lake or heading home via Hwy 178.



BAR · BURGERS

\$

Kern River Tavern

Friendly tavern in Wofford Heights, a few minutes past Kernville, now serving burgers.

Wofford Heights

21+

Route ↓ [Downriver past Kernville](#)

Where [7062 Wofford Blvd, Wofford Heights](#)



DINER · MILKSHAKES

\$

Nelda's Diner

Famous for a menu of over 100 milkshake creations, plus BBQ, burgers and diner breakfasts. The ultimate after-river treat.

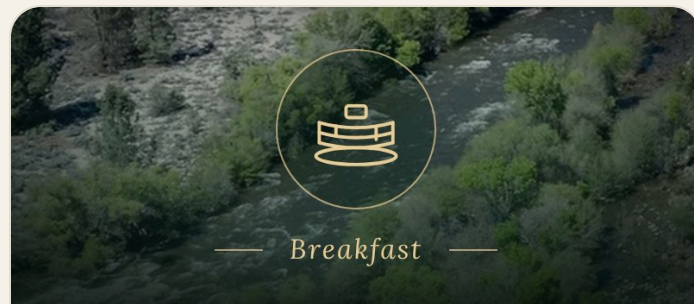
Legendary shakes

Family

Route ↓ [Downriver past Kernville](#)

Where [5128 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella](#)

Call [\(760\) 379-8448](#)



DINER

\$

Dam Korner Cafe

Big breakfasts, bourbon burgers, huge fish tacos and chicken-fried steak — one of the best-reviewed diners around the lake.

Breakfast

Big portions

Route ↓ [Downriver past Kernville](#)

Where [6303 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella](#)



SEAFOOD · MEXICAN

\$

Kern River Ceviche Company

Shrimp ceviche, aguachiles and carne asada — a locals' pick for something fresh and bright.

Fresh

Local favorite

Route ↓ [Downriver past Kernville](#)

Where [36 CA-155, Lake Isabella](#)

Around Lake Isabella *cont.*

Wofford Heights · Lake Isabella · Weldon



Coffee

BREAKFAST CAFÉ

\$

Red Rooster Cafe

Hearty country breakfasts — pancakes, biscuits & gravy and chicken-fried steak.

Breakfast

Takeout

Route ↓ [Downriver past Kernville](#)

Where [12408 Mountain Mesa Rd, Lake Isabella](#)



Smokehouse

BAR & GRILL · SMOKEHOUSE

\$\$

178 Bar & Grill

They smoke their own meats — try the smoked turkey club, beef dip or sliders.

Smoked meats

Sports

Route ↓ [Downriver past Kernville](#)

Where [6107 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella](#)

Call [\(760\) 379-0178](#)



Steakhouse

STEAKHOUSE

\$\$

Sierra Vista Restaurant

A well-loved valley steakhouse in Weldon — steaks done right, blackened salmon and homemade cheesecake.

Steaks

Worth the drive

Route ↓ [Downriver past Kernville](#)

Where [16575 CA-178, Weldon](#)



Ask our front desk

Mountain-town hours change with the seasons, and many places close earlier in winter. We are always happy to recommend a spot, check if it is open, or help with a reservation.