



The infamous holy cow relic at Phil's.



Springtime riding, such as here at the Alien Run, can necessitate puffy layers

# Out of this world

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There is a sweet spot during springtime for those living in the Four Corners area. A time when outdoor enthusiasts can shred snowy (though slightly slushy) peaks and singletrack all in the same day. These are the people that dream of enough daylight and physical prowess to fuel a two- (or three-) sport day of mountain and desert offerings. Though many trails around Durango are still experiencing decidedly springtime conditions, there are a few areas, near or just a short drive south or west – that are currently (future weather permitting) in pristine shape. Before heading out to ride though, it is strongly advised to check trail conditions and seasonal closures, which can be found on various websites including a full list of all the local favorites at [www.trails2000.org](http://www.trails2000.org). So grab your boards, your two-wheeled steed, some beer and some beta, and enjoy that extra hour of late afternoon sunshine.



Rite of spring: catching air in the Rib Cage.



It's easy to forget it's winter ... somewhere.



Cyclists licks their lips awaiting some ribs at Phil's World.



The vast landscape at Alien Run seems like a perfect spot to land a spaceship.