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Dancing Bear Appalachian Bistro Named one of America's '25 Most Romantic Restaurants' by TripAdvisor

Townsend, TN — 2/19/2019 — The highly acclaimed local Smoky Mountain restaurant, Dancing Bear Appalachian Bistro, has received national praise and accolades from the popular travel and restaurant website, [TripAdvisor](#), as one of the top “25 Most Romantic Restaurants of 2019.”

Dancing Bear Appalachian Bistro is owned by Mark and Sharon Oldham, who previously owned a hotel and restaurant in Chattanooga, the StoneFort Inn and Terra Mae Appalachian Bistro, which are now operated as the Dwell Hotel and Matilda Midnight. The Executive Chef at Dancing Bear is Shelley Cooper, who was the chef at Terra Mae for several years before following the Oldhams to the Smoky Mountains area. The restaurant operates on the grounds of the Dancing Bear Lodge, which offers hotel-like amenities in accommodations that include rustic cabins and modern villas.

TripAdvisor announced the honor just ahead of Valentine's Day.

Diners using the TripAdvisor website frequently cite the beef tenderloin, scallops, and trout as popular creations by Chef Cooper, whose inventive choices of unique flavor combinations and use of the highest quality local ingredients make for an unforgettable culinary experience. While delectable foods are key to any great dining experience, Dancing Bear Appalachian Bistro also scores high marks for an ambiance that sets the perfect mood for a special night out or a romantic weekend getaway near Cade's Cove and the Great Smoky

Mountains. Couples enjoy relaxing with an after-dinner cocktail on the patio or warming up by the fire pit while making s'mores.

One guest commented, "What a beautiful, charming and delicious dining experience! The soft music, soft white lights and rustic setting made for a relaxed and pleasant dinner... Good wine, great food and friendly service."

All 25 restaurants included on the TripAdvisor list scored a minimum 4.5/5 rating and received at least 100 new reviews in the previous year. Dancing Bear Appalachian Bistro was a 2018 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence Winner and has been featured on TV shows on Travel Channel and The Food Network.

The mention of the Townsend TN restaurant has been picked up & published by many regional and national media, such as [MSN](#), [Yahoo! Finance](#), [The Grubwire](#), [ABC15-TV](#), [Food News Feed](#) and [Food and Wine](#). The later featured an article suggesting "if you haven't planned your big night out yet, this list might offer some inspiration, with restaurants from Maui, Hawaii (one of three Hawaii winners on the list) to Townsend, Tennessee."

Guests visiting Dancing Bear Appalachian Bistro can make a scheduled dinner reservation by phone at (865) 336-2138, sending an email to info@dancingbearlodge.com or booking online at <https://dancingbearlodge.com/dinner-reservations>.

Dancing Bear Appalachian Bistro is located at 7140 East Lamar Alexander Parkway, Townsend TN 37882-3818.

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