Finding Brokeback

An enthusiast's guide to

Brokeback Mountain movie locations

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About *Brokeback Mountain*

Daily Variety Advertisement

Brokeback Mountain was the most honored motion picture of 2005. It is also one of the most honored films in motion picture history.

Brokeback Mountain was written as a short story by Annie Proulx. It was inspired by two incidents she had observed in early 1997 while in northern Wyoming, U.S.A. The short story was published in the October 13, 1997, issue of *The New Yorker* magazine. It was quickly optioned by screenwriters Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana using their own money. They produced a screenplay, which was widely circulated in Hollywood.

Unfortunately, the subject matter was generally regarded as too controversial for a studio film. During the years that followed, their screenplay became known as "the finest unproducible script in Hollywood." At various times directors expressed interest in it, including Gus Van Sant and Joel Schumacher, among others. A series of events eventually led producers James Schamus and Diana Ossana to attempt making *Brokeback Mountain* with Ang Lee as its director. Financial backing was provided by Focus Features and River Road Entertainment in the reported amount of US$15 million. Filming began in Alberta, Canada, in May 2004, and was largely complete by August 2004.

Brokeback Mountain received widespread acclaim following its September 2005 screening at the Venice and Toronto film festivals. It went on to receive Best Picture and Best Director awards from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts **[1]**, Golden Globe Awards **[2]**, New York Film Critics Circle, Critics Choice Awards **[3]**, and Independent Spirit Awards **[4]**, among many others.

The film was then given "platform" release in New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco in December 2005 and instantly began to set box office records.

Critical acclaim for the film was broad and strong. Stephen Holden **[5]** in *The New York Times* wrote:

"The lonesome chill that seeps through Ang Lee's epic western, "*Brokeback Mountain*," is as bone deep as the movie's heartbreaking story of two cowboys who fall in love almost by accident. It is embedded in the craggy landscape where their idyll begins and ends. It creeps into the farthest corners of the wide-open spaces they share with coyotes, bears and herds of sheep and rises like a stifled cry into the big, empty sky that stretches beyond the horizon."

Writing in the *Los Angeles Times*, Kenneth Turan **[6]** said:

"*Brokeback Mountain* is a groundbreaking film because it isn't. It's a deeply felt, emotional love story that deals with the uncharted, mysterious ways of the human heart just as so many mainstream films have before it. The two lovers here just happen to be men.

Big star vehicles with homosexual protagonists are, of course, not new; one of them, 1993's *Philadelphia*, even won a best actor Oscar for star Tom Hanks. But these films invariably have had an air of earnest special pleading about them, a sense that they'd rather do good in the world than tell a good story. Instead of emphasizing its apartness, *Brokeback Mountain* insists it is a romance like any other, and that makes all the difference."

Daniel Mendelsohn **[7]** writing in the *New York Review of Books* said:

"As *Brokeback* makes so eloquently clear, the tragedy of gay lovers like Ennis and Jack is only secondarily a social tragedy. Their tragedy, which starts well before the lovers ever meet, is primarily a psychological tragedy, a tragedy of psyches scarred from the very first stirrings of an erotic desire which the world around them—beginning in earliest childhood, in the bosom of their families, as Ennis's grim flashback is meant to remind us—represents as unhealthy, hateful, and deadly. Romeo and Juliet (and we) may hate the outside world, the Capulets and Montagues, may hate Verona; but because they learn to hate homosexuality so early on, young people with homosexual impulses more often than not grow up hating themselves: they believe that there's something wrong with themselves long before they can understand that there's something wrong with society."

Critics were not alone in their enthusiasm. Blogger interest erupted, most notably, Dave Cullen's Ultimate *Brokeback* Forum **[8]**, which enrolled more than 6,000 members.

Positioned and promoted not as a "Gay Cowboy Movie" but as a "Western Romance," *Brokeback Mountain* successfully attracted a coveted crossover audience. Gross receipts from domestic and international exhibition of the film have approached US$200 million.

Brokeback Mountain received eight nominations for the 78th Academy Awards **[9]**, where it eventually won three: Best Director **[10]**, Best Adapted Screenplay **[11]**, and Best Original Score **[12]**. The film was widely considered to be the front-runner for the Academy Award for Best Picture **[13]**, though it ultimately, and quite surprisingly for many, lost to *Crash*. Fallout from the Best Picture loss resulted in an unprecedented *Daily Variety* advertisement in the March 10, 2006, issue paid for by friends and members of the Ultimate *Brokeback* Forum.

Book Cover

For more information, read *Brokeback Mountain - Story to Screenplay* by Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana (Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4. This book includes the complete text of both the story and the screenplay; also three short essays on the making of *Brokeback Mountain* by Proulx, McMurtry, Ossana, and photographs by Kimberley French.

[1] http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Academy_of_Film_and_Television_Arts
[2] http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Globe_Award
[3] http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BFCA
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[12] http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academy_Award_for_Original_Music_Score
[13] http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academy_Award_for_Best_Picture

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About This Site

In early 2006, as the *Brokeback Mountain* phenomenon swept the world, some remarkable things happened. One of these was the emergence of Dave Cullen's Ultimate *Brokeback* Forum **[1]**, an online resource for *Brokeback* aficionados to exchange experiences, ideas, and perspectives. The *Brokeback* Forum grew to more than 6,000 individuals who busily discussed topics ranging from Buddhist symbolism to exposed microphone cords, although most discussions dealt with the deep human side of the film and the remarkable feelings of pain, passion, fear, love, sadness, and hope it has engendered in us all.

One of these online conversations concerned travel to the film's shooting locations in Alberta, Canada. Though a few news and Internet accounts provided some tantalizing clues to where some of the film's scenes were shot (many of these reports later proved to be incorrect), there existed no reliable resource to guide *Brokeback* pilgrims to the Laundry Apartment, the Twist Ranch, the Childress Dance Hall, or even the Dozy Embrace site. This was plainly, as Jack would say, "a goddamn bitch of an unsatisfactory situation."

Enter die hard *Brokeback* fans Jim Bond (born traveler), Rob Freeman (owner of Jack's truck), Barry Gilligan (web guru), Steve Gin (*Brokeback* actor), Lauren Gurney (intrepid explorer), and Bob Sohomuch (map buff). Over the course of many emails, the notion emerged of a non-commercial website dedicated to helping *Brokeback* fans find these special places.

Finding the sites was an adventure. The producers of the film and the Alberta Tourism folks had provided a few general locations, but we wanted to go deeper, much deeper. The film has approximately 80 sites, of which we have now identified all of the major ones and all but one of the minor ones. We have also located the sites for 10 deleted scenes. We wrote to small town mayors, geologists, cliff diving enthusiasts, geographers, tractor authorities, and everyone else who might know where these places were. We even cultivated a "mole" or two. Then, in a series of phenomenal trips spanning four years and totaling more than 15,000 km, we drove throughout southern Alberta, movie stills in hand, asking anyone who would talk with us, "Have you seen this place?" The cooperation we received was astounding. Most of the photographs you see here came from these trips.

Meanwhile, Barry tirelessly assembled the framework for the website you are now using. Because of the nature of the material, the maps, the text, and the large number of photographs, no "standard" site format would work. Barry designed every element of this site from the ground up and then processed and integrated photographs, text, and links into the coherent form in which you see them now.

Use FindingBrokeback.com as a resource. It is free, our simple tribute to the committed and creative people who gave their talents to writing and telling the *Brokeback* story. Please let us know what sites you enjoy and share suggestions you may have for others who will follow you.

Oh yes, we undoubtedly have made errors and we want to fix them. If you spot an inaccuracy, locate a site we are still searching for, or find that we have missed something important, please send us an email and let us know! Thank you.

[1] http://www.davecullen.com/forum/

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Planning a *Brokeback Mountain* Trip: Getting Started

Anyone contemplating a *Brokeback* trip must begin somewhere. These notes provide some thoughts that we hope may be useful to you as you begin organizing your visit. You may also wish to refer to "Travel Reminders and Suggestions" where you will find practical information and recommendations.

July and August give you the chance to see *Brokeback* movie locations with a minimum of weather problems. Given the latitude, the days are quite long then, allowing you to see a lot in just a few days. The mountain areas, in particular, are best visited in the summertime. Canyon Creek is in its glory in the spring but the creek slows in the early summer and it becomes a highway of stones by fall.

Some may want to visit the mountain locations first. This approach allows flexibility in case weather proves to be a problem. Because your experience at sites in other areas will not be as weather dependent, you can always do them while you wait for the sun to shine. Since you will likely be flying in and out of Calgary, that city's sites can be split; do some upon arrival, the others on your last day. One circuit that has worked for many is Calgary > Canmore > Cowley > Fort MacLeod > Beiseker > Calgary.

There are four principal areas, all in southern Alberta, that contain *Brokeback* movie locations. FindingBrokeback.com gives you directions to all the known *Brokeback* locations. These are some highlights.

Mountains:

A must-do. Allow one or two days. Start near Canmore and check out the Postcard Mountains (Mount Lougheed and Windtower), then drive south on Hwy 40 where you will find the Basque Bridge, Bear Creek, and the road to "I Did Once" Lake. Then drive north on Hwy 742 past many great mountain locations, culminating in Campsite #2 with its Pole Bridge, Dozy Embrace, Tent Site, and "Get Goin' Cowboy" Hillside (Fight Hill).

If you enjoy hiking, travel to Bragg Creek, head west on Hwy 66 and climb Moose Mountain to the "Ain't Queer" Mountainside or enjoy the nearby Canyon Creek hike (Sheep Procession #1, Campsite #1, and Creek Crossing). A bit further west on Hwy 66, find the site of the "Sweet Life" and "Maybe Texas" Riversides at Elbow Falls.

The Sheep Staging scenes and the Sheep Tangle were shot between Canmore and Bragg Creek at Buffalo Paddock on the Stoney Reservation. This is a glorious area which is well worth a visit. The Seebe Cliffs are nearby, though increased security measures will probably keep you from accessing them.

If you can distance yourself from your *Brokeback* obsession for just a bit, you are also perfectly situated to see some of the world's most remarkable high-altitude scenery in nearby Banff, Jasper, and Lake Louise.

Calgary:

An interesting place to visit in its own right, Calgary was originally an outpost of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Its biggest *Brokeback* attractions are definitely the interior of the Childress Dance Hall, Jack and Lureen's Bar (Ranchmans), Monroe's House, Jack's Alley, and Newsome Farm Equipment (now demolished). Although the city center area has a lot to offer, be advised that parking is expensive in downtown Calgary and the city has good mass transit options.

The sites of Monroe's Grocery Store and Jack's Murder are just north and east of Calgary and could be squeezed into your time there.

Beiseker, Carseland, Dorothy, Rockyford, Dinton, and Blackie:

This cluster of "vintage" towns, generally east and northeast of Calgary, can be done as a group. Beiseker has the Siesta Motel, the site of Ennis's Trailer and the Paving Scene, and east of town is the amazing Twist Ranch.

Carseland has the Drop Off and the Signal Bar. (If you are really in this deep, it is also the site of the Signal Gas Station scene, which was not included in the movie.)

Dorothy, which is a bit out of the way, is quite interesting in its own right, a tiny hamlet with lots of worn, rustic, and somewhat romantic buildings. This geologically unique area is known as Alberta's Badlands. You'll find Ennis's Flashback here, as well as the "Entering Wyoming" and Texas Highways.

Rockyford is a trove of great *Brokeback* sites: the Electra and Childress Rodeo Grounds, Lureen and Jack's Parking Spot, the Childress Dance Hall Façade, the Riverton Post Office, as well as JT's Bar and where the Phone Booth stood.

Tiny Dinton won't take you long. The Wedding Chapel and Drive-In Theater are opposite one another.

A few minutes away, Blackie has the Riverton Thanksgiving (Fight) Bar.

Cowley, Fort Macleod, Claresholm:

Cowley (a special favorite of our webmaster Barry Gilligan) has the Signal Street, Ennis's Alley, railroad, and the site of Joe Aguirre's trailer (sorry, no trailer there anymore).

Fort Macleod is another honeypot. The Laundry Apartment and the Stairwell, the ELKS Building, the Courtroom, the Fireworks Area, Cassie's Bar, and the Bus Café (the Java Shop) are all here.

North of Fort Macleod and west of the town of Claresholm is the site of both Ennis and Alma's Lonesome Ranch and Ennis's Divorce Cabin. Paradoxically, they are very close to one another.

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The FindingBrokeback.com site should help you with your plans and, to the extent that we have been privileged to see these great places, we are happy to respond to questions or make any suggestions we can. Wherever you spend your time, whatever you choose to see, you will have a great trip, we promise!

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Travel Reminders and Suggestions

Travel to Canada

Passports are now required for most international visitors to Canada. U.S. citizens are advised to apply for passports as soon as possible and to be aware of possible processing delays.

Consult the State Department for the latest document information. See:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/ and http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1082.html.

Money

Upon arrival, you will need to get some Canadian money, pronto. Currently $1 CDN equals about $0.76 U.S. (as of August 2015). The Canadian dollar coin is the "Loony," the $2 coin is the "Two-ny." You can generally find ATMs that will work with most major bank networks once you get to Canada. There are several ATMs at the Calgary, AB, airport.

Credit cards work well almost everywhere in Canada although credit card companies may decline transactions if, as we inadvertently did, you create a "suspicious pattern" of transactions. (Call them and they will turn the money back on!) Bring a second credit card as a backup and let your card companies know in advance that you will be using your credit cards in Canada.

Getting Around

You will probably be picking up a rental car at the Calgary, AB, airport. Use Orbitz, Expedia, or Sidestep to get a good rate and then see if you can beat it by a significant margin using Priceline. Another money saving strategy is to pick up your car at an off-airport location, where rates tend to be much lower. Many agencies will allow you to return the car at the airport without an extra charge.

Most of the sites in the film are accessible without using four-wheel-drive vehicles, though there may be times when you will want to have one. See the site descriptions for road condition warnings and check local weather forecasts. Be advised that many of the rural township and range roads, as well as almost all of Hwy 742, are unpaved, though these tend to be generally well maintained.

Watch speed limits and traffic lights. Alberta uses cameras to silently and efficiently nab speeders and yellow-light runners. The ticket will go by mail to the rental car company which will add a fee and bill it to your credit card a month later. As a practical matter, you can't appeal it. No fun. Reminder: All posted speeds are in km.

Canada loves its roads so much that many have multiple names and numbers. Just because the sign says that you are on a road other than the one you think you are on does not mean that you are lost. For instance, a single roadway may have one or more highway numbers, a trail name, a street name and a Township or Range Road number. Got that? The good news is that in Alberta there are relatively few major roads and most run either north-south or east-west.

Calgary uses quadrants to designate locations on a grid of streets and avenues. Thus you need to pay special attention to the letters that follow the street name. Moreover, there is a big difference between streets and avenues of the same name. Hence, 33rd Street NW can be a long way from either 33rd Street SW or 33rd Avenue NW. Be certain you know what kind of road or avenue you are looking for, what kind of road or avenue you are on, and which quadrant you are in.

Please beware of wildlife road hazards, especially in the mountain park areas. Sheep, deer, bear, elk

and other animals often gather roadside, especially in the early and late hours of the day. These animals may jump into the path of your car without warning. After all, they might have a low startle point. Be very careful.

When in rural areas, and especially in the parks, refill your gasoline tank at 50%. You'll be buying gas in liters (1 liter is about ¼ of a gallon). After adjusting for the currency exchange rate, gas will likely cost you more than in the U.S.A. Wipe off headlights and taillights regularly as these accumulate dust on unpaved roads. In addition to the directions available here, a good Alberta roadmap and a GPS receiver are very useful for navigation.

A word about GPS: different receivers use various formats. If necessary, remember to make decimal conversions (14.20 minutes is the same as 14 minutes 12 seconds, etc.) and give your receiver time to properly establish your position. In the few cases here where it was not possible to give the exact location of a feature (for example, a mountain or an interior location), we have supplied coordinates for a viewpoint or the building entrance.

Many of the pages on this website, including this one, are available in **Downloads** as "PDF" files which can then be read or printed offline. The print verison of this website can serve as your own personal "Baedeker" to *Brokeback Mountain* movie locations. Having the directions and pictures from this website readily at hand will allow you to get where you want to go and be sure you're exactly where you want to be!

Lodging

You should make advance lodging reservations, especially if you plan on long days, both to secure yourself a room and to get a good rate. If you plan to stay in Calgary for more than one or two nights, invest the time to study the free Priceline (www.priceline.com) bidding resource BiddingforTravel.com (www.BiddingforTravel.com). BiddingForTravel's FAQs explain how you can use the reports of other Priceline users to save a lot of money on your Calgary (and possibly Canmore) hotels. At minimum, use Sidestep, Travelocity, and one or two other lodging search engines to get good lodging deals.

A list of motels we are familiar with follows. Please let us know if you have any others to suggest. If authenticity is important to you, see the hotel information notes for Beiseker and Fort Macleod.

Beiseker:

Motel 9 - (Siesta Motel) Friendly Joanne runs this simple but spotless refuge for frustrated husbands and their devoted fans. If the classic "MOTEL" sign is not turned on when you want to take your pictures, she is happy to accommodate you. As the only motel in Beiseker, Motel 9 tends to be full during the summer months. Joanne will keep you on her waiting list. (You can always make a back-up reservation in Strathmore.) We have had good luck doing this.

Though only the exterior was used in the making of the film, there is certainly no harm in bringing someone dear to you and reliving some of Jack and Ennis's happiest moments inside. Highway 9 at Highway 72, next to the Esso station. (403) 947-2555.

Calgary:

Westways Guest House - Jonathon and Graham operate this lovely bed and breakfast in an Arts and Crafts period home. (216 25th Avenue SW), www.gaywestways.com, (403) 229-1758, info@gaywestways.com.

Canmore:

Banff Boundary Lodge - This appears to be a condo or timeshare project that is available, at least in part, by the night. Well suited for groups. Very comfortable units sleep up to six and include a kitchenette and living area. Check website for Internet specials. 1000 Harvie Heights Road, Harvie Heights, just west of Canmore on Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy). www.banffboundarylodge.com, (403) 678-9555.

Cochrane:

Rockyview Hotel - Located in downtown Cochrane, this small, budget hotel offers rooms with private and shared baths at some of the least expensive rates we have found. (304 1st Street West), www.rockyviewhotel.com, (403) 932-2442.

Fort Macleod:

Century II Motel - This is an economy motel which, though older, is not as ancient as its name might suggest. If you have a group, ask about the misleadingly named "suites" which share a common bath. (462 Main Street East), www.century2motel.albertanetwork.com, (403) 553-3331, century2reservations@yahoo.com.

Red Coat Inn Motel - This, the "nicest place in town," is where the *Brokeback* talent and crew stayed during the Fort Macleod shooting. With a bit of gentle encouragement, engaging owner Paul Jansen will show you his autographed photos (lobby wall) and share his production-related stories (in any of five languages!).

"Of course he (Ledger) wasn't gay," Jansen roars, "he and Williams stayed in the same room! If only I'd saved the sheets!" By the way, we know what you are thinking and so does Paul. To all who ask, *every* room was Jake Gyllenhaal's or Heath Ledger's room! (359 Main Street), www.redcoatinn.com, (403) 553-4434, rcimotel@telusplanet.net.

Queen's Hotel (Cassie's Bar) - Two of us decided the authentic *Brokeback* experience was worth sacrificing a few creature comforts so we chose to stay at the old Queen's Hotel (see: Chapter 15, 01 32 15) which is the site of the "Cassie's Bar" scene. (Silly us, we thought it was the Old Queens Hotel!) This 1903 sandstone gem witnessed Fort Macleod's "glory years" in which the town briefly served as the commercial hub of southwest

Canada. Those days are long gone, but those who are prepared to forgo virtually all modern amenities may want to spend a night here.

With advance notice, the hotel's helpful owner, George Urisaki, will try to prepare a room for you. Haultain Street (2nd Avenue) at Col. Macleod Boulevard (24th Street). g_urasaki@hotmail.com, (403) 553-4343 or (403) 553-3694.

Priddis:

Evergreen Country B&B - Perfectly situated for *Brokeback* fans who plan to explore the beauty of nearby Moose Mountain and Canyon Creek, this charming bed and breakfast, located 8 minutes SE of Bragg Creek, also makes a good hub from which to see the Kananaskis Parks and Calgary area sites. Monumental breakfasts, spotless rooms, and a pleasant mix of guests. www.evergreencountry.com, (403) 949-3951.

Rockyford:

Rockyford Hotel - Located in Rockyford, this small hotel offers frill-free rooms with private and shared baths at reasonable rates. Ask cheerful Brenda about the spacious, albeit misnamed, "Presidential Suite." See also Rockyford / Draught Horse Inn under **Dining**, below. (105 Main St.), (403) 533-3760.

Strathmore:

Best Western Strathmore Inn - Located midway between Calgary and Rockyford, this inn has large suites at reasonable rates and offers other amenities including continental breakfast and an indoor pool / spa. 550 Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), www.bestwesternalberta.com/hotels/best-western-strathmore-inn, (403) 934-5777.

Dining

Most *Brokeback* sites are off the beaten path and, as such, much more likely to be served by cafes and diners than upscale restaurants. The latter can be found in Calgary, Canmore, and Bragg Creek. Elsewhere, be prepared to enjoy simpler fare and absorb some local color.

This list is based upon places we have tried. Please help us add to it. If you find a place that is particularly appealing, we would love to share your discovery with others.

General - Every Canadian town of modest size has a Tim Horton's donut shop and a Subway. These are always safe, but unremarkable, options. "Beans," if you will.

Beiseker:

BJ's Café - Not nearly as interesting as its name suggests, this is Beiseker's finest and only neighborhood coffee shop, located inside the Esso Station. 610 Highway 9 (near the Hwy 72 intersection and adjacent to Motel 9), (403) 947-2448.

Black Diamond:

Diamond Valley Restaurant - Offers Chinese and continental dishes. Full bar. Open late. (202 Centre Avenue W.), (403) 933-3122.

Bragg Creek:

A number of restaurants did not survive the flood of June 2013. For a current list of restaurants, see www.visitbraggcreek.com/local-business/dining.html.

Bar-B-Q Steak Pit - After five decades here, these folks know a thing or two about the restaurant business. Live music, generous portions, and comfortable surroundings make this locals' haunt a good Bragg Creek dinner option. (50 White Avenue), (403) 949-3633.

Note: This was closed for renovation after the flood of 2013, but is expected to reopen sometime in 2014.

Bragg Creek Family Foods - If you are in Bragg Creek, you are probably heading for Moose Mountain or Canyon Creek. Think "picnic" and head for this family-run grocery store. (Remember to get water!) Located in the small shopping center at White and Balsam Avenues. (Unit 15 - 416 Balsam Ave), (403) 949-3747. See www.braggcreekfamilyfoods.com/.

Infusion Restaurant moved from Bragg Creek to Calgary after the flood of 2013. See below.

Joey's Only Seafood no longer has a restaurant in Bragg Creek. For their restaurants in other locations, see www.joeys.ca.

Calgary:

Diner Deluxe - A contemporary twist on diner food. Creative "comfort food" menu, fair prices. The decor is an astounding collection of `60s retro pieces; some are museum quality. (804 Edmonton Trail NE), www.dinerdeluxe.com, (403) 276-5499.

Infusion Contemporary Cuisine - An inspired fine dining option which melds Pacific and Continental cuisine in unexpected and delicious ways. (2250 162 Ave SW Calgary), www.infusionrestaurant.com/, (587) 296-4555. See also www.facebook.com/InfusionContemporaryCuisine and www.calgaryherald.com/life/

Prairie Ink - Convenient to the King Eddie (Electra Bar) and Canadian Legion (Childress Dance Hall interior). A pleasant spot for sandwiches, salad, or coffee located inside McNally Robinson's, a locally-owned downtown bookstore. (120 8th Avenue SW), www.mcnallyrobinson.com/restaurant, (403) 538-1798.

Ranchman's (Jack and Lureen's Bar) - In addition to being a *Brokeback* location, the menu, food quality, and service at this "cowboy bar" impressed us. The dining area features booths and lots of rodeo cowboy scenery. A steak dinner here provides a great opportunity to soak up the character of this place. (9615 Macleod Trail South), www.ranchmans.com, (403) 253-1100.

Claresholm:

Roy's Place Family Restaurant & Lounge - Roy and Bob serve good food at this established locals' haunt. But don't even try to go there after church on Sundays. Hwy 2 at the light in Claresholm. (5008 1st Street), (403) 625-3397.

Cochrane:

Boston Pizza - A full menu with plenty of reasonably priced options beyond pizza. Comfortable and convenient. (15 Westside Drive), www.bostonpizza.com, (403) 932-8000.

Cowley:

Back Country Butchering, Ltd. - Locally raised beef. Jerky, sausage sticks, custom cut ribs and steaks. A unique selection of local gourmet products. (508 Railway Avenue), (403) 628-2686.

Savory Suite Café - on Railway Avenue in the post office building. A nice, small restaurant with a good menu and wine list that you would not expect to find in rural Alberta. Our (very reliable) source exercised our imaginations by reporting that "The waiter was very friendly." See the "*Brokeback Mountain* was filmed here" plaque in the dining room. Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 5:30pm to 10:00pm. To verify hours and to make reservations: (403) 627-9177.

Fort Macleod:

Aunty Lynda's Café & Grill - A locals' favorite. (2323 Seventh Avenue), www.sunnyalberta.com/dining, (403) 553-2655.

Johnny's - During May 2004, Johnny complained that the *Brokeback* production was hurting his business, but these days he is more than happy to share with you his prized photos of Randy Quaid and other *Brokeback* celebrities. Tasty Chinese and "American" fare for lunch and dinner. 225 Col. Macleod Boulevard (24th Street), (403) 553-3939.

Luigi's Pizza and Steak House - A friendly, casual place with excellent food. Good for groups, open late. 537 Col. Macleod Boulevard (24th Street), (403) 553-4555.

Rockyford:

Draught Horse Inn - Cheerful Brenda and her hard-working crew know that it takes more than an ordinary pizza to satisfy big cowboy appetites. Her rustic 1930's-era restaurant and bar was a runner-up to be one of *Brokeback*'s bars. Ask to see the "Riverton" sign that was used during the filming of the "DECEASED" scene. Just down the street from "JT's Bar" (now "The Pub on Main"). Occasional live music. (105 Main St.), (403) 533-3760.

Strathmore:

Husky House Restaurant - A Waffle House wannabe in a truck stop milieu. Deb and Wanda have lots of experience entertaining breakfast customers. Also open late. 436 Ridge Road, just off of Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), (403) 934-3455.

Roadhouse Restaurant & Saloon - Enjoy breakfast, lunch, or dinner in this western-themed favorite. Large portions. Located in the Country Lane Mall and within walking distance of the Best Western Strathmore Inn. 510K Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), (403) 934-6469.

Bars

Like their patrons, Calgary's gay bars tend to come and go. If you find something here that requires updating, please let us know. Thanks!

For other up-to-date entertainment options see www.gaycalgary.com.

Calgary:

The Back Lot - "Pub" atmosphere, (209 10th Avenue SW), (403) 265-5211.

Calgary Eagle - Near the King Eddie (Electra Bar) and Canadian Legion (Childress Dance Hall interior), friendly, leather not required. (424A 8th Avenue SE), www.calgaryeagle.com, (403) 263-5847.

Money Pennies Eatery & Bar - Friendly, G&L, offers good, simple food. (1742 10th Avenue SW), www.money-pennies.com, (403) 263-7411.

The Twisted Element - Scenic, young crowd. (1006 11th Avenue SW), www.twistedelement.ca, (403) 802-0230.

Communication

Check with your mobile phone provider before you go to Canada. Even if your phone works in Canada, many of the features you depend upon (web access, text messaging, etc.) may not. You may want to sign up for a discount roaming plan that will save you money while there. If you have trouble reaching a U.S. number on a cellphone in Canada, try dialing “1” before the area code.

Hiking

Astoundingly, almost all of the *Brokeback* sites are very easy to access. This is not a coincidence. The vast entourage of trucks, cranes, and crews that is required for location shoots is known in the movie business as “the circus.” For practical reasons, the producers sought locations which were accessible by truck. There are two exceptions: Canyon Creek (Campsite #1 and the Creek Crossing) and Moose Mountain (the High Ridge and the “I Ain’t Queer” Hillside). Each of these makes a lovely half-day excursion.

These climbs are for intermediate hikers. Wear hiking boots and socks. Bring ample water, a snack, and protective gear. Never leave valuables in a car parked at trailheads. Use caution; bear activity is common in these areas, and in all mountain locations. Do not hike alone. Always consult park wardens and take appropriate precautions. See:

http://srd.alberta.ca/RecreationPublicUse/AlbertaBearSmart/BearsOutdoorRecreation.aspx

Canyon Creek Hike:

This is a 12 km (7.5 mile) round trip hike on a fairly level grade gravel road. Allow 3-4 hours.

Take Highway 66 west from Bragg Creek to the “Kananaskis Country” sign and Information Center, and continue (west) 10.5 km to Canyon Creek Road. Turn right (north) onto Canyon Creek Road and go 0.8 km to the parking area on the right. Walk north past the locked gate beyond the parking area, and follow the well-maintained gravel road 3.0 km (north) to the bridge, then past two gas metering stations. After you pass four concrete barriers to the left side of the road (these mark the Sheep Procession vista) you will approach the Campsite #1 area.

To get to Campsite #1, look for a road which intersects Canyon Creek Road to the right and a culvert under Canyon Creek Road. As you face the left side of Canyon Creek Road with both the culvert and the intersection to your right, look to your left for an overgrown path blocked by large

stones. (For reference, this location is 5.02 km north of the gate and is 50d 54m 7.08s, -114d 47m 43.44s.) Proceed 200', turn right at the gravel path, go 200' and turn left. The site is on the creek bank. You will see the circle of campfire stones.

The Creek Crossing site is approximately 1 km further, at the end of Canyon Creek Road. Go to the sour gas plant and containment basin at the end of the road. Go to the left of the concrete barriers for approximately 1/3 of the way down the left side; turn left onto a path that will lead to the creek bed. The site is on your left.

Moose Mountain Hike:

This is a 14 km (9 mile) round trip hike.

Take Highway 66 west from Bragg Creek to the "Kananaskis Country" sign and Information Center, and continue (west) 8.5 km to Moose Mountain Road. Turn right (north) onto Moose Mountain Road and follow it 7.0 km to the well-marked trailhead. The trail begins in the trees at the green vehicle barrier, located on the south side of the parking area. The Moose Mountain summit is 7.1 km from the parking area and trailhead, gaining 477 m (1,565') in elevation. The *Brokeback* sites are all in the meadows area which is just above the tree line. (Note: Moose Mountain Road is unmarked; it is just west of the "Paddy's Flat" sign on Hwy 66.)

Mornings generally provide the most reliable weather conditions. Allowing time to explore filming locations, budget a total of 4 to 5 hours for a rewarding hike to and from the vast Moose Mountain meadows, where several sheep herding scenes were filmed. See:

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/trails/moosemtn.htm

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/trails/moose_prairie.htm

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/outdoor.htm

The hike to the meadows is a moderately strenuous ascent. Though no filming took place above the meadows, the adventurous may wish to keep climbing to the summit using a series of switchbacks leading to a fire lookout station. Budget approximately 50 minutes for the final ascent, along slippery shale surfaces.

Camping

We originally were confident that we could write with some authority on this subject but once Amber Boice explained to us the difference between "camping" and "camp," we turned the whole thing over to her.

Waking up among the mountains and falling asleep under the stars will create an unforgettable experience for you while visiting the filming sites for *Brokeback Mountain*. There are numerous campgrounds in the Kananaskis area.

In addition to being able to sleep under the same stars as Jack and Ennis, you'll save yourself quite a bit of money. You'll find that most campgrounds charge around $20 CDN a night for a site without electricity.

Bow Valley Campground (www.bowvalleycampgrounds.com) proved to be an excellent central

location for my trip, being just 25 minutes from Canmore, 45 minutes from Calgary, 30 minutes from Highway 66 and just minutes away from Highway 40. There is excellent tree cover, a camp store and shower/flush toilets on site.

If you enjoy tent camping, there are a few basics you'll need to remember. First, Kananaskis Country is bear country! You will need to store food in your vehicle at ALL times. Do not leave food unattended at the campsite, even during the day, and remember to dump garbage every night. Second, make sure you are prepared for rain. Rainflies are a must and it is an excellent idea to bring an extra tarp to cover your tent. While it does not rain every day, it usually looks like it could. Third, be sure to have a good supply of Loonies, the Canadian $1 coin. All showers in Kananaskis Country charge $2 for 5 minutes of shower time and accept only $1 coins.

While in the Kananaskis area, you'll notice a large number of rented RVs. If tent camping isn't quite your style, visit the following websites to check out RV rentals: www.canadream.com, www.cruiseamerica.com. Remember, however, that a few of the film locations are on unpaved roads and not well suited for RV access.

If you like camping, you'll LOVE camping in Kananaskis Country; there is nothing else like it.

Other Precautions

Should you find yourself inside of old buildings, be especially careful. Floorboards may be weak, missing, or loose. Railings may be missing or insecure. You will need a flashlight.

Of course, always secure permission of owners before entering private property. Leave property as you find it. Please be especially respectful of Native reservation lands and the long-suffering people who inhabit them.

Several *Brokeback* sites are located in bars and taverns. Obtain permission of patrons before taking bar photographs.

Don't Forget

If we have any travel expertise at all, it is in the area of forgetting things. Here is a short list of things often forgotten that may be useful to *Brokeback* travelers: Sunglasses, Neosporin, lip balm, Q-tips, Post-its, a hat, medicines, water bottles, address book, chargers for cameras and cellphones, extra batteries and memory cards. We found it very nice to have our *Brokeback Mountain* DVD and a portable DVD player on hand for on-site comparisons to the film.

Above All

This site was assembled by volunteers who feel strongly that *Brokeback Mountain* is an important film which has a deep and unique power to touch lives and improve understanding. We urge you to absorb as much of the *Brokeback* travel experience as you possibly can and to share it with those around you. Have a great trip!

Feedback, Please!

No guide is perfect. We have undoubtedly made mistakes and need your help in correcting them. Please let us know which locations you found and if there were any sites you looked for but did not find. If you encounter problems with the directions or the information contained here, we would be grateful for a chance to correct our mistakes. Moreover, if you know of a way to make this resource

more useful or have other suggestions, please email and let us know!

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Links

If you know of a great 'net resource that other users of FindingBrokeback.com might find helpful, please send us an email and tell us about it! Thanks.

General Resources

Brokeback Mountain official site: http://www.brokebackmountain.com/

Dave Cullen's Ultimate *Brokeback* Forum: http://www.davecullen.com/forum/

BetterMost: Beyond *Brokeback Mountain* - A forum for discussion of the larger issues raised by BBM: http://www.bettermost.net/front/

Brokeback Mountain En Terreno Vedado - A Spanish forum for fans of BBM: http://www.brokebackmountain.es/

Brokeback Mountain Forum - A forum for German fans of BBM: http://www.the-brokeback-mountain.de/

Brokeback Mountain Love - A forum for French speaking fans of BBM: http://bbmlove.bb-fr.com/

Brokeback Mountain Vermont - A group seeking to memorialize BBM in Vermont, U.S.A.: http://www.brokebackmountainvermont.com/

ennisjack.com - An online community for all BBM fans: http://www.ennisjack.com/

Forum Tajemnica *Brokeback Mountain* Strona Glówna - A forum for Polish speaking BBM fans: http://www.brokebackmountain.fora.pl/

Groupe Image Buzz Inc. (now part of Vision Globale) - A film company with an interesting video showing how they created the special effects for BBM: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPw5plmkd6Q

Gustavo Santaolalla - Secreto en la Montaña - Brokeback Mountain - Encuentro en el Estudio An interesting video showing Gustavo Santaolalla playing music from BBM: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtXOMp9JfHY

IMDb Site: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0388795/

Le Secret de *Brokeback Mountain* - The official French BBM website; includes an active forum for French speaking BBM fans: http://www.brokebackmountain-lefilm.com/

Le Secret de *Brokeback Mountain* - A movie website with an active forum for French speaking BBM fans: http://www.allocine.fr/film/fichefilm_gen_cfilm=54989.html

Mixi - A Japanese language movie fan site: http://mixi.jp

A website with an active forum for Chinese speaking fans of BBM: http://post.baidu.com/

"Alone on the Range: Basques in Wyoming" - A documentary video about the lives of three Basque shepherds in Wyoming, U.S.A., with parallels to BBM: http://www.veoh.com/videos/v13729117mbZbE9b

An "unofficial" BBM movie website; includes a forum for Chinese speaking fans of BBM: http://www.brokebackmountain.cn/

Taos Memory - A Chinese language BBM fan site: http://taosmemory.com/bbmbbs/

The *Brokeback* Truck: http://thebrokebacktruck.ca/; see also "The Avalon Inn" below.

Travel and Tourism Information

Alberta Parks Tourism: http://www.cd.gov.ab.ca/enjoying_alberta/parks/featured/kananaskis/flashindex.asp

Atlas of Canada: http://atlas.nrcan.gc.ca/site/english/index.html

Calgary Tourism: http://www.tourismcalgary.com/

Drumheller Tourism: http://www.dinosaurvalley.com/

E-Podunk Canada (small towns): http://ca.epodunk.com/

Fort Macleod Tourism: http://www.fortmacleod.com/

Google Maps: http://maps.google.com/

Kananaskis Valley Tourism: http://www.kananaskisvalley.com/

The Avalon Inn at Plover Mills: http://www.robfreeman.ca/avalon_bed&breakfast.htm

Travel Alberta: http://www1.travelalberta.com/

Travel Alberta *Brokeback* Site (Note: Although this is a very useful article, its maps of *Brokeback* locations are inaccurate): http://www1.travelalberta.com/Stories/index.cfm?actionfiltered=display&storyID=180

U.S. State Department (Travel Document Info): http://travel.state.gov/travel/ and http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1082.html

Attractions

Alberta Gay Rodeo: http://www.argra.org/

Bivouac (Mountains): http://www.bivouac.com/ArxPg.asp?ArxId=10

Calgary Stampede: http://calgarystampede.com/

Glenbow Museum, Calgary: http://www.glenbow.org/

Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump UNESCO World Heritage Site: http://www.head-smashed-in.com/

PeakFinder (Mountains): http://www.rmbooks.com/Peakfinder/

Rockyford Rodeo: http://rockyford.ca/

Royal Tyrell Museum, Drumheller: http://www.tyrrellmuseum.com/

Lodging Resources

Bidding for Travel (free Priceline companion site): www.biddingfortravel.com

Priceline (Calgary and Canmore areas only): www.Priceline.com

Other Organizations

Teatro Berdache: http://www.teatroberdache.com/

The Rob Freeman Foundation: http://www.therobfreemanfoundation.ca/

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Hwy 40 Travel Distances

Location	Cumulative km Southbound	Cumulative km Northbound	Difference km
Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy)	0.0	49.9	
			26.0
3 - 00 11 33 Two Peaks (W) (Mt. Lorette)	26.0	23.9	
			6.4
3 - 00 13 45 Basque Bridge (W) (Galatea Trail)	32.4	17.5	
			9.0
7 - 00 37 13 Pup Tent (W) (Fortress Mountain Ski Resort)	41.4	8.5	
			8.4
3 - 00 14 37 Bear Creek (E) (King Creek)	49.8	0.1	
			0.0
3 - 00 14 53 Runaway Mules (E) (King Creek)	49.8	0.1	
			0.1
Hwy 40 and Kananaskis Lakes Road Intersection	49.9	0.0	
			12.5

16 - 01 42 27	“I Did Once” Lake (W) (Upper Kananaskis Lake) Note: This location is on Kananaskis Lakes Road, 12.5 km southwest of the intersection of Hwy 40 and Kananaskis Lakes Road.	62.4	-12.5

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Hwy 742 Travel Distances

Location	Cumulative km Southbound	Cumulative km Northbound	Difference km
Three Sisters Drive Intersection, Canmore, AB	0.0	62.1	
			7.3
5 - 00 23 39 Campsite #2 (W) (near Goat Creek Picnic Area)	7.3	54.8	
			2.1
3 - 00 14 19 Riding Ridge (W)	9.4	52.7	
			26.1
3 - 00 14 15 Mule Hill (E) (Rummel Creek)	35.5	26.6	
			4.0
15 - 01 29 35 Three Mountains / The Fist (W)	39.5	22.6	
			0.0
15 - 01 29 44 Jump Creek (W) (Smuts Creek)	39.5	22.6	
			3.0

16 - 01 40 37	“Gonna Snow” Lake (W) (Burstall Pass Parking Area)	42.5	19.6	
				6.0
3 - 00 13 20	Jack Ascending (E) (Sawmill Parking Area)	48.5	13.6	
				11.0
12 - 01 09 19	Mountain Highway (Mount Foch)	59.5	2.6	
				0.2
15 - 01 29 55	Riding Lake (W) (Spillway Lake)	59.7	2.4	
				2.4
Hwy 742 and Kananaskis Lakes Road Intersection		62.1	0.0	
				10.3
16 - 01 42 27	“I Did Once” Lake (W) (Upper Kananaskis Lake) Note: This location is on Kananaskis Lakes Road, 10.3 km southwest of the intersection of Hwy 742 and Kananaskis Lakes Road.	72.4	-10.3	

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Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Campsite #2	6	00 29 43
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Campsite #2	6	00 29 55
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Dozy Embrace	16	01 48 49
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Dozy Embrace	16	01 48 51
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Dozy Embrace	16	01 49 23
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Dozy Embrace	16	01 49 24
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Fight Hill (“Get Goin’, Cowboy” Hillside)	7	00 39 16
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	“Get Goin’, Cowboy” Hillside (Fight Hill)	7	00 38 55
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Jack’s Flashback	16	01 48 49
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Jack’s Flashback	16	01 48 51
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Jack’s Flashback	16	01 49 23
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Jack’s Flashback	16	01 49 24
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Mosses	13	01 17 32
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Pole Bridge	5	00 23 28
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Pole Bridge	5	00 24 14
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Pole Bridge	5	00 24 16
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Pole Bridge	6	00 29 58
Hwy 742, Goat Creek	Pole Bridge	6	00 31 11
Hwy 742, Mount Foch, 59.5 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	Mountain Highway	12	01 09 19
Hwy 742, Mount Inflexible, 48.5 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	Jack Ascending	3	00 13 20

Hwy 742, Mount Smuts and The Fist, 39.5 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	Three Mountains / The Fist	15	01 29 35
Hwy 742, Rummel Creek, 35.5 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	Mule Hill	3	00 14 15
Hwy 742, Smuts Creek, 39.5 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	Jump Creek	15	01 29 44
Hwy 742, Spillway Lake, 59.7 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	Riding Lake	15	01 29 55
Hwy 742, 9.4 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	Riding Ridge #1	3	00 14 19
Hwy 742, 9.4 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	Riding Ridge #2	15	01 29 47
Jumping Pound Creek, AB, Nicoll Ranch	Hippie Departure	Deleted Scene	
Jumping Pound Creek, AB, Nicoll Ranch	Hippie Discovery	Deleted Scene	
Jumping Pound Creek, AB, Nicoll Ranch	Hippie Rescue	Deleted Scene	
Kananaskis Lakes Road, Upper Kananaskis Lake	“I Did Once” Lake	16	01 42 27
Kananaskis Lakes Road, Upper Kananaskis Lake	“I Did Once” Lake	16	01 44 42
Kananaskis Lakes Road, Upper Kananaskis Lake	“I Did Once” Lake	16	01 48 15
Kananaskis Lakes Road, Upper Kananaskis Lake	“I Did Once” Lake	16	01 49 34
Kananaskis Lakes Road, Upper Kananaskis Lake	“I Did Once” Lake	16	01 49 37
La Mesilla, New Mexico, U.S.A.	Juarez Skyline	14	01 22 24
Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	Jack’s Room	18	01 59 05
Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	Jack’s Room	18	02 00 20
Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	Twist Cemetery	Deleted Scene	
Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	Twist Kitchen	18	01 55 55
Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	Twist Ranch (Exterior)	18	01 55 24
Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	Twist Ranch (Exterior)	18	01 55 27
Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	Twist Ranch (Exterior)	18	01 55 33
Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	Twist Ranch (Exterior)	18	02 02 16
Range Road 264 and Township Road 280, west of Beiseker, AB	Paving Scene	8	00 44 30
Range Road 283, near Conrich, AB	Jack’s Murder	17	01 53 13
Rockyford, AB, CIBC Bank, 201 Main Street	Dance Hall (Exterior)	15	01 35 37
Rockyford, AB, CIBC Bank, 201 Main Street	Dance Hall (Exterior)	15	01 35 48
Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue	JT’s Bar	11	01 01 52
Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue	Phone Booth	17	01 51 55
Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue	Phone Booth	17	01 52 06

Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue	Post Office	11	01 01 34
Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue	Post Office	17	01 51 50
Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds	Childress Rodeo	10	00 53 30
Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds	Childress Rodeo	10	00 53 36
Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds	Childress Rodeo	10	00 53 40
Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds	Childress Rodeo	10	00 53 47
Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds	Electra Rodeo	9	00 50 24
Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds	Jack and Lureen's Parking Spot	10	00 56 57
Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds	Steer Wrestling	Deleted Scene	

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Site Name	Location	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Aguirre's Trailer	Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue and Osler Street	1	00 01 51
Aguirre's Visit	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	7	00 34 34
Aguirre's Visit	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	7	00 34 53
"Ain't Queer" Mountainside	Hwy 66, Moose Mountain	6	00 31 22
"Ain't Queer" Mountainside	Hwy 66, Moose Mountain	6	00 31 33
"Ain't Queer" Mountainside	Hwy 66, Moose Mountain	6	00 31 41
"Ain't Queer" Mountainside	Hwy 66, Mountain, Sheep Summit	6	00 31 20
Apartment View	Fort Macleod, AB, 3rd Avenue near 25th Street	11	01 02 07
Basque Bridge	Hwy 40, Galatea Trail, 32.4 km south of Hwy 1	3	00 13 45
Bear Creek	Hwy 40, King Creek, 49.8 km south of Hwy 1	3	00 14 37
Bus Café	Fort Macleod, AB, Java Shop / Greyhound Station, 2302 2nd Avenue	17	01 49 47
Bus Café	Fort Macleod, AB, Java Shop / Greyhound Station, 2302 2nd Avenue	17	01 49 58
Campsite #1	Hwy 66, Canyon Creek	2	00 10 45
Campsite #1	Hwy 66, Canyon Creek	3	00 12 59
Campsite #1	Hwy 66, Canyon Creek	4	00 20 38
Campsite #1	Hwy 66, Canyon Creek	4	00 20 50
Campsite #2	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	5	00 23 39
Campsite #2	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	5	00 24 09
Campsite #2	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	5	00 24 22
Campsite #2	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	6	00 29 43
Campsite #2	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	6	00 29 55
Cassie's Bar	Fort Macleod, AB, Queen's Hotel, 207 24th Street	15	01 32 15
Cassie's Bar	Fort Macleod, AB, Queen's Hotel, 207 24th Street	15	01 32 28
Cassie's Bar	Fort Macleod, AB, Queen's Hotel, 207 24th Street	15	01 32 49
Childress Bar	Calgary, AB, Ranchman's, 9615 Macleod Trail South	10	00 55 11
Childress Rodeo	Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds	10	00 53 30
Childress Rodeo	Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds	10	00 53 36
Childress Rodeo	Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds	10	00 53 40
Childress Rodeo	Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds	10	00 53 47
Chilean Rock	Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation	7	00 36 04
Courtroom	Fort Macleod, AB, Town Hall building, 236 23rd Street (Hwy #3 east)	13	01 19 33

Coyote Hill	Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation	3	00 13 36
Creek Crossing	Hwy 66, Canyon Creek	2	00 10 10
Dance Hall (Exterior)	Rockyford, AB, CIBC Bank, 201 Main Street	15	01 35 37
Dance Hall (Exterior)	Rockyford, AB, CIBC Bank, 201 Main Street	15	01 35 48
Dance Hall (Interior)	Calgary, AB, Royal Canadian Legion #1, 116 7th Ave SE	15	01 34 11
Diving Cliff	Seebe Cliffs	12	01 09 28
Diving Cliff	Seebe Cliffs	12	01 09 38
Divorce Cabin	Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB	14	01 19 57
Dozy Embrace	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	16	01 48 49
Dozy Embrace	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	16	01 48 51
Dozy Embrace	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	16	01 49 23
Dozy Embrace	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	16	01 49 24
Drive-In Theatre	Dinton, AB, opposite St. Thomas' Anglican Church on Hwy 547	8	00 44 47
ELKS Lodge	Fort Macleod, AB, 3rd Avenue at 25th Street	11	01 00 23
Electra Bar (Jimbo's Bar)	Calgary, AB, King Edward Hotel, 9th Avenue SW and Fourth Street SE	9	00 50 45
Electra Rodeo	Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds	9	00 50 24
Ennis as Vet	Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB	Deleted Scene	
Ennis's Alley	Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue	8	00 42 45
Ennis's Flashback	Dorothy, AB, Hwy 848	12	01 11 39
Ennis's Flashback	Dorothy, AB, Hwy 848	12	01 12 07
Ennis's Flashback	Dorothy, AB, Hwy 848	12	01 12 09
Ennis's Trailer	Beiseker, AB, Town Dump	19	02 02 50
Ennis's Trailer	Beiseker, AB, Town Dump	19	02 03 01
Ennis's Trailer	Beiseker, AB, Town Dump	19	02 03 15
Ennis's Trailer Window	Beiseker, AB, Town Dump	19	02 07 47
"Entering Wyoming" Highway	Hwy 570, east of Dorothy, AB	14	01 19 35
Fight Hill ("Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside)	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	7	00 39 16
Fireworks Area	Fort Macleod, AB, Westwinds Baseball Area	9	00 52 29
Fireworks Area	Fort Macleod, AB, Westwinds Baseball Area	9	00 53 02
Flat Highway	Hwy 1A, Morley area	12	01 09 16

“Get Goin’, Cowboy” Hillside (Fight Hill)	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	7	00 38 55
“Gonna Snow” Lake	Hwy 742, Burstall Pass Parking Area, 42.5 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	16	01 40 37
Goodbye	Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue and Cameron Street	8	00 42 27
Grocery (Exterior)	Crossfield, AB, Railway Street at Nanton Avenue	10	00 58 07
Grocery (Interior)	Crossfield, AB, Railway Street at Nanton Avenue	10	00 58 20
High Ridge #1	Hwy 66, Moose Mountain	6	00 30 09
High Ridge #2	Hwy 66, Moose Mountain	6	00 30 25
High Ridge #2	Hwy 66, Moose Mountain	6	00 30 30
Hills and Mountains	Hwy 22, south of Longview, AB	1	00 00 54
Hippie Departure	Jumping Pound Creek, AB, Nicoll Ranch	Deleted Scene	
Hippie Discovery	Jumping Pound Creek, AB, Nicoll Ranch	Deleted Scene	
Hippie Rescue	Jumping Pound Creek, AB, Nicoll Ranch	Deleted Scene	
“I Did Once” Lake	Kananaskis Lakes Road, Upper Kananaskis Lake	16	01 42 27
“I Did Once” Lake	Kananaskis Lakes Road, Upper Kananaskis Lake	16	01 44 42
“I Did Once” Lake	Kananaskis Lakes Road, Upper Kananaskis Lake	16	01 48 15
“I Did Once” Lake	Kananaskis Lakes Road, Upper Kananaskis Lake	16	01 49 34
“I Did Once” Lake	Kananaskis Lakes Road, Upper Kananaskis Lake	16	01 49 37
Jack Ascending	Hwy 742, Mount Inflexible, 48.5 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	3	00 13 20
Jack and His Dog	Hwy 66, Moose Mountain	03	00 12 44
Jack and Lureen’s Parking Spot	Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds	10	00 56 57
Jack’s Alley	Calgary, AB, 805 24th Avenue SE	14	01 22 31
Jack’s Alley	Calgary, AB, 805 24th Avenue SE	14	01 22 45
Jack’s Alley	Calgary, AB, 805 24th Avenue SE	14	01 22 53
Jack’s Dark Camp	Hwy 66, Moose Mountain	2	00 11 17
Jack’s Filly	Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation	2	00 08 52
Jack’s Flashback	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	16	01 48 49
Jack’s Flashback	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	16	01 48 51
Jack’s Flashback	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	16	01 49 23
Jack’s Flashback	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	16	01 49 24
Jack’s Murder	Range Road 283, near Conrich, AB	17	01 53 13
Jack’s Room	Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	18	01 59 05
Jack’s Room	Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	18	02 00 20
Jack’s Thanksgiving	Calgary, AB, Now-demolished house near Elbow and Glenmore	14	01 23 30

JT's Bar	Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue	11	01 01 52
Juarez Skyline	La Mesilla, New Mexico, U.S.A.	14	01 22 24
Jump Creek	Hwy 742, Smuts Creek, 39.5 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	15	01 29 44
Laundry Apartment	Fort Macleod, AB, 3rd Avenue near 25th Street	11	01 00 28
Laundry Apartment Kitchen	Fort Macleod, AB, 3rd Avenue near 25th Street	11	01 01 00
Lonesome Ranch	Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB	9	00 46 38
Lonesome Ranch	Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB	9	00 46 47
Lonesome Ranch	Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB	9	00 46 54
"Maybe Texas" Riverside	Hwy 66, Elbow Falls Day Use Area	15	01 30 12
"Maybe Texas" Riverside	Hwy 66, Elbow Falls Day Use Area	15	01 30 26
"Maybe Texas" Riverside	Hwy 66, Elbow Falls Day Use Area	15	01 31 59
Monroe's House (Exterior)	Calgary, AB, 913 18th Avenue NW	14	01 28 42
Monroe's House (Interior)	Calgary, AB, 315 Sharon Avenue SW	14	01 26 01
Monroe's House (Interior)	Calgary, AB, 315 Sharon Avenue SW	14	01 26 33
Mosses	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	13	01 17 32
Motel (Exterior)	Hwys 9 and 72, just east of Beiseker, AB	12	01 05 17
Motel (Interior)	Calgary, AB, Springbank Park For All Seasons, 32224 Springbank Road	12	01 05 29
Mountain Highway	Hwy 742, Mount Foch, 59.5 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	12	01 09 19
Mule Hill	Hwy 742, Rummel Creek, 35.5 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	3	00 14 15
Newsome Farm Equipment	Calgary, AB, Now-demolished building, 52nd Street SE	13	01 14 13
Newsome Farm Equipment	Calgary, AB, Now-demolished building, 52nd Street SE	13	01 14 52
Paving Scene	Range Road 264 and Township Road 280, west of Beiseker, AB	8	00 44 30
Phone Booth	Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue	17	01 51 55
Phone Booth	Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue	17	01 52 06
Pole Bridge	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	5	00 23 28
Pole Bridge	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	5	00 24 14
Pole Bridge	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	5	00 24 16
Pole Bridge	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	6	00 29 58
Pole Bridge	Hwy 742, Goat Creek	6	00 31 11

Post Office	Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue	11	01 01 34
Post Office	Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue	17	01 51 50
Postcard Mountains	Hwy 1, Exit 98, Mount Lougheed and Windtower	19	02 07 45
Pup Tent	Hwy 40, Fortress Mountain Ski Resort, 41.4 km south of Hwy 1, then 8 km up access road to main gate	7	00 37 13
Quiet Down	Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation	7	00 36 55
Return from Twist Ranch	Hwy 22, south of Longview, AB	18	02 02 30
Riding Lake	Hwy 742, Spillway Lake, 59.7 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	15	01 29 55
Riding Ridge #1	Hwy 742, 9.4 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	3	00 14 19
Riding Ridge #2	Hwy 742, 9.4 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	15	01 29 47
Riding in the River	Hwy 66, Elbow Falls Day Use Area	15	01 30 01
Riverton Thanksgiving (Fight) Bar	Blackie, AB, Railway Avenue	14	01 28 47
Riverton Thanksgiving (Fight) Bar	Blackie, AB, Railway Avenue	14	01 28 58
Runaway Mules	Hwy 40, King Creek, 49.8 km south of Hwy 1	3	00 14 53
Sheep Procession #1	Hwy 66, Canyon Creek	2	00 09 55
Sheep Procession #1	Hwy 66, Moose Mountain	2	00 10 24
Sheep Procession #1	Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation	2	00 09 29
Sheep Procession #2	Hwy 66, Moose Mountain	5	00 23 10
Sheep Procession #2	Hwy 66, Moose Mountain	5	00 23 15
Sheep Procession #2	Hwy 66, Moose Mountain	5	00 23 22
Sheep Rock	Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation	6	00 30 50
Sheep Staging #1	Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation	2	00 08 27
Sheep Staging #1	Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation	2	00 08 38
Sheep Staging #1	Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation	2	00 08 44
Sheep Survey	Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation	2	00 10 33
Sheep Tangle	Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation	7	00 36 18
Sheep Tangle	Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation	7	00 36 38
Signal Bar (Exterior)	Carseland, AB, 110 Railway Avenue	2	00 06 58
Signal Bar (Interior)	Carseland, AB, 110 Railway Avenue	2	00 08 17
Signal Drop Off	Carseland, AB, Hwy 24 and Range Road 260 (NE corner)	1	00 01 21
	Carseland, AB, Hwy 24 and Range Road 260 (NE		

Signal Gas Station	of RR track)	Deleted Scene	
Signal Street	Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue	1	00 01 38
Signal Street	Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue	1	00 02 07
Signal Street	Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue and Cameron Street	9	00 45 05
Signal Street	Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue and Osler Street	1	00 02 20
Sneering Mechanics	Calgary, AB, Isaiah Diesel, 2422 9th Ave. SE	Deleted Scene	
Steer Wrestling	Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds	Deleted Scene	
“Sweet Life” Riverside	Hwy 66, Elbow Falls Day Use Area	12	01 09 57
Tent Interior	Calgary, AB, Springbank Park For All Seasons, 32224 Springbank Road	5	00 27 45
Texas Highway	Hwy 570, east of Dorothy, AB	14	01 22 17
The Rifle	Seebe Cliffs	Deleted Scene	
The Stairwell	Fort Macleod, AB, 3rd Avenue near 25th Street	11	01 03 42
Three Mountains / The Fist	Hwy 742, Mount Smuts and The Fist, 39.5 km south of Three Sisters Drive intersection Canmore	15	01 29 35
Truck Scene	Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue and Osler Street	Deleted Scene	
Twist Cemetery	Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	Deleted Scene	
Twist Kitchen	Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	18	01 55 55
Twist Ranch (Exterior)	Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	18	01 55 24
Twist Ranch (Exterior)	Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	18	01 55 27
Twist Ranch (Exterior)	Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	18	01 55 33
Twist Ranch (Exterior)	Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB	18	02 02 16
Two Peaks	Hwy 40, Mount Lorette, 26.0 km south of Hwy 1	3	00 11 33
Untangled Sheep Procession	Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation	7	00 36 54
Wedding Chapel	Dinton, AB, on Hwy 547, between Aldersyde and Mossleigh	8	00 43 42

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Chapter 1 - Looking for Work - 00 00 54

DVD capture

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DVD Time Code = 00 00 54
Location: Hwy 22, south of Longview, AB
GPS: 50d 20m 40.32s -114d 12m 10.2s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Hills and Mountains

Travel Directions:
From Longview, take Hwy 22 south 13 km to the Bar U Ranch. Continue south 9.1 km to 786 Ave. Turn east (left) on 786 Ave., and go approximately 2 km to the curve in the road at the hill. Park and walk to the southwest corner of the fenced area near the summit. Face west.

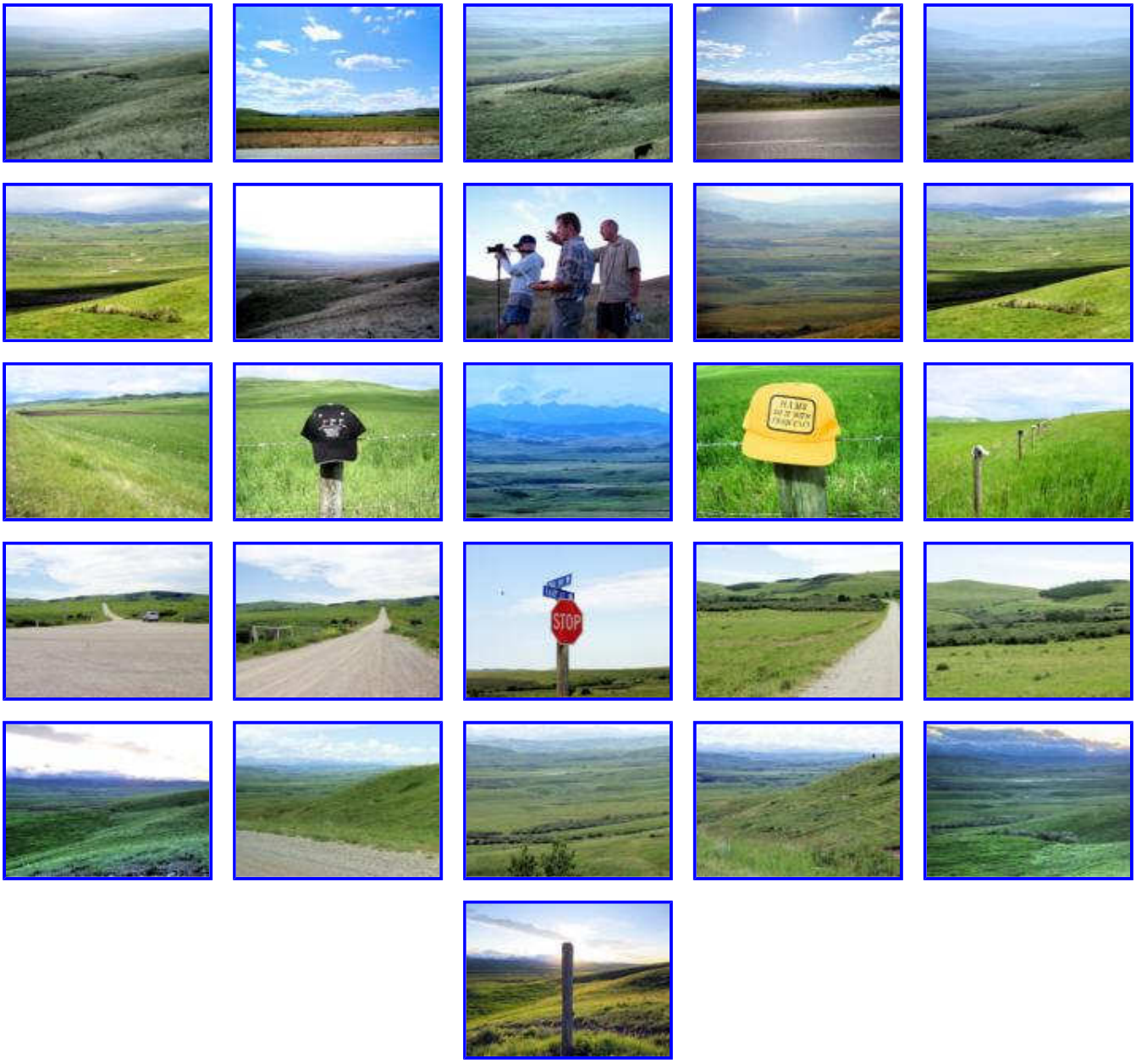
Remarks:
This intricate montage of peaks and hills opens the film. The shot is taken from near Hwy 22, south of Longview, facing westward. It was taken from an elevated site.

This spot is best photographed at dusk or dawn. The *Brokeback* photography crew filmed a test sunset with an alarm clock in the foreground to select the optimal time for the actual shooting of the scene the following day. Hwy 22 is a busy highway, and tractor-trailer trucks can be seen on it quite often. If you are patient, you may be able to see one pass this scene as we did. The white spot in the middle of the “saddle” landform is caused by sunlight reflecting off water in a stream.

The Bar U Ranch, originally owned by George Lane (one of the four founders of the Calgary Stampede), can be found 13 km south of Longview. It has been preserved as a National Historic Site and is open to the public during the summer. Also nearby is the ranch of Canadian country music legend Ian Tyson (songwriter and performer of the timeless folk song “Four Strong Winds”). Still very active, Tyson is often spotted in Longview buying groceries or playing impromptu sets in local bars.

Important:
The fence is electrified. Do not touch it.

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 1 - Looking for Work - 00 01 21

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 01 21
Location: Carseland, AB, Hwy 24 and Range Road 260 (NE corner)
GPS: 50d 50m 55.86s -113d 27m 51.96s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Signal Drop Off

Travel Directions:
Hwy 24 at the intersection of Range Road 260, facing east.

Remarks:
A complex story begins simply at this unassuming spot. A telephoto lens was used to bring the much discussed grouping of three utility poles, which are actually quite distant, into the image.

You'll find another familiar image from early in the film on the opposite side of the railroad tracks, immediately to the west. On the way, note the Quonset building at the corner. This building, formerly a service station, was the site of the deleted Signal Gas Station scene. See:

http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/carseland/2003618.html

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 1 - Looking for Work - 00 01 38

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 01 38
Location: Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue
GPS: 49d 34m 10.44s -114d 4m 19.98s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Signal Street

Travel Directions:
42 km west of Fort Macleod on Hwy 3 (Crowsnest Hwy). Right (north) onto Hwy 510 / Range Road 1-3, left (west) onto Railway Avenue.

Remarks:
Cowley is a gusty place, as any *Brokeback Mountain* fan can attest. The nearby Crowsnest Pass channels powerful winds through Cowley day and night. The surrounding landscape is, quite understandably, dotted with wind turbines which play a role in protecting the region's pristine environment.

To local Native tribes, the nearby Oldman River is the haunt of Napi (or "Old Man"), a mythical trickster figure who created mankind from mounds of mud. The area's twisted stands of poplar trees, shaped by constant wind action, have been suitably dubbed "the Curly Wood Hills" by Native people.

Cowley has a proud history, peppered with a string of achievements and setbacks that typify the drama of frontier life. See:

http://www.crowsnest-highway.ca/cgi-bin/citypage.pl?city=COWLEY#4

As you walk down its Railway Avenue (almost every Alberta town with a rail line has a "Railway Avenue"), you may feel a bit of the joy of encounter, as well as the pain of separation, that brought the filmmakers, and now you, here. See:

http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/cowley/2000546.html

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 1 - Looking for Work - 00 01 51

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 01 51
Location: Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue and Osler Street
GPS: 49d 34m 10.02s -114d 4m 20.16s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Aguirre's Trailer

Travel Directions:
42 km west of Fort Macleod on Hwy 3 (Crowsnest Hwy). Right (north) onto Hwy 510 / Range Road 1-3, left (west) onto Railway Avenue. Osler is the second street.

Remarks:
The trailer and fake fence are gone, but the footings, steeple, and the parking area are quite visible. Locals recall that the crew spent more than six weeks in Cowley.

Some believe that the passing train in the opening scene was not originally contemplated until a moving Cowley train inspired Lee to create his now famous metaphor for dark lives separated by brief, brilliant, *Brokeback* moments. See:

http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/cowley/2000546.html

Quotation:
"Up on Brokeback ..."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 1 - Looking for Work - 00 02 07

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 02 07
Location: Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue
GPS: 49d 34m 10.44s -114d 4m 19.98s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Signal Street

Travel Directions:
42 km west of Fort Macleod on Hwy 3 (Crowsnest Hwy). Right (north) onto Hwy 510 / Range Road 1-3, left (west) onto Railway Avenue.

Remarks:
We first see (and hear) Jack's 1950 GMC truck in this shot facing southeast on Cowley's Railway Avenue. Just as the actors had doubles, so did Jack's truck! The stunt truck cruised down Railway Avenue, coughing and sputtering, while the beauty truck arrived at Aguirre's trailer. Of course, the real cruising began once the vehicle was parked.

Ang Lee asked Jake Gyllenhaal to "kick the truck hard." The stunt truck was to have been the one he actually kicked, but, being more than half a century old, it would not start on the day this shot was filmed so the beauty truck ended up with approximately ten heel marks on its fender.

Passionate about such things, Canadian philanthropist Rob Freeman has acquired both trucks, which he uses for charitable purposes. He has the original fender, heel marks and all. Truck aficionados will appreciate Rob's fascinating website. See:

http://www.thebrokebacktruck.ca

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 1 - Looking for Work - 00 02 20

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 02 20
Location: Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue and Osler Street
GPS: 49d 34m 10.44s -114d 4m 19.98s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Signal Street

Travel Directions:
42 km west of Fort Macleod on Hwy 3 (Crowsnest Hwy). Right (north) onto Hwy 510 / Range Road 1-3, left (west) onto Railway Avenue. Osler is the second street.

Remarks:
Cowley is a small town of about 200 people. First settled around 1880, it was once home to the Doukhobors, a Russian sect that escaped the persecution of Alexander III around 1915. Their progressive farming methods brought much-needed modern irrigation practices and mechanized agricultural equipment to the region. But it was the Doukhobors' communal lifestyle that engendered resentment and widespread discrimination among their neighbors. Assassinations and predatory farm lending practices brought an end to Cowley's communes during the Depression.

The *Brokeback* producers sought towns which had an authentic 1960s look to them. Cowley fit that bill perfectly. Frozen in time, it has no new buildings or modern signs to mar its vintage appearance.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 2 - Herding Sheep - 00 06 58

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 06 58
Location: Carseland, AB, 110 Railway Avenue
GPS: 50d 51m 1.50s -113d 28m 0.84s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Signal Bar (Exterior)

Travel Directions:
Hwy 24 at the intersection of Range Road 260. Go north across the railroad tracks. Railway Avenue is the first road to the left (west).

Remarks:
Welcome to Carseland's Blue Bar. Originally a brilliant blue (some would say much too brilliant), the film's producers painted the structure's south façade in tasteful earth tones. When shooting was completed, the owners insisted upon a full restoration.

The Blue Bar's friendly barmaids are glad to share *Brokeback Mountain* shooting stories with customers and visitors. "One of the actors was very nice, the other was so busy working into his role that he was a bit of a [pain]," says one of them, who got to sit next to Ang Lee during the shoot. See:

http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/carseland/2003618.html

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 2 - Herding Sheep - 00 08 17

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 08 17
Location: Carseland, AB, 110 Railway Avenue
GPS: 50d 51m 1.50s -113d 28m 0.84s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Signal Bar (Interior)

Travel Directions:
Hwy 24 at the intersection of Range Road 260. Go north across the railroad tracks. Railway Avenue is the first road to the left (west).

Remarks:
The tiny bar counter gave *Brokeback*'s 19-year-old cowboys a larger-than-life presence that made their sad stories even tougher to hear. For those who are passionate about such things, the arresting collection of western lariats, spurs, branding irons, and castration tools on the wall behind Ennis is no longer there. Though the tavern does incorporate a simple upstairs hotel, you won't get to stay there. It is rented by the week or month to locals. See:

http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/carseland/2003618.html

Brokeback is not the Blue Bar's first brush with Hollywood fame. Sam Elliott made *The Hi-Lo Country* in Carseland in 1998. (See the plaque on the west wall near the pool table.)

Quotation:
"Can't please my old man, no way."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 2 - Herding Sheep - 00 08 27

DVD capture *

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 08 27
Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation
GPS: 51d 8m 39.6s -115d 0m 14.82s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Sheep Staging #1

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Morley Road, Exit 131, north 3.6 km to Hwy 1A, turn left (west) on 1A, 12 km to "Stoney Indian Park / Buffalo Paddock" sign. Turn left (south) at the "Peacekeepers" building (now a burned ruin), proceed 0.8 km to gate, continue approximately 0.4 km to where there is a road, and a large rusted dumpster on your right, behind some birch trees. Turn right and proceed 0.2 km, passing the dumpster and two small wood buildings to the right. Note: If you pass the vandalized building with the peaked roof and the "WOMEN" and "MEN" signs on the front, you have gone too far.

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Remarks:
Both the Sheep Staging areas and the Sheep Tangle scene were shot on the Stoney Reservation at the foot of imposing Yamnuska Mountain. Yamnuska is among Canada's most famous mountains and has a special place in Stoney heritage and culture. The steep face is a favorite for experienced professional climbers, but intermediate hikers can access the summit along a trail that skirts the western slope. See:

http://www.peakfinder.com/peakfinder.ASP?PeakName=Yamnuska

The snowy peaks that we see in the film are imposed. Though you might be forgiven for missing the similarity, they are the same mountains shown on the postcard that we see in the final scene (Mount Lougheed and Windtower). For a fascinating explanation of how this and other effects were accomplished, see:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPw5plmkd6Q (Groupe Image Buzz Video)

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For first-person information on this scene, seek out Alberta cowboy Kim Anton who portrays the weathered Basque counter in the sheep-staging scenes. Kim shares his vast knowledge of cowboy history and lore as a guide at the Bar U National Historic Site, a preserved working 19th century cattle ranch 13 km south of Longview on Hwy 22. See:

http://www.pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/ab/baru/visit/visit1_E.asp

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Quotation:
“You wanna watch it there. That horse has a low startle point.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 2 - Herding Sheep - 00 08 38

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 08 38
Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation
GPS: 51d 8m 39.6s -115d 0m 14.82s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Sheep Staging #1

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Remarks:
The breathtaking Stoney Reservation near Morley is a fitting backdrop for starting a journey up *Brokeback Mountain*. The Buffalo Paddock area is a large tribal park which is used for rodeos and outdoor ceremonies.

The Stoney, who have distinct cultural ties to the Sioux, are one of western Canada's proud Native peoples. For centuries, the nomadic Stoney lived in harmony with the land, following the seasonal migration routes of deer and bighorn sheep in the Canadian Rocky Mountains. It is believed that the modern day Bearspaw, Chiniki, and Goodstoney bands all have Stoney roots.

To learn more about the history of the Stoney people, see:

http://www.canmorealberta.com/directory/about/history/kananaskis.html

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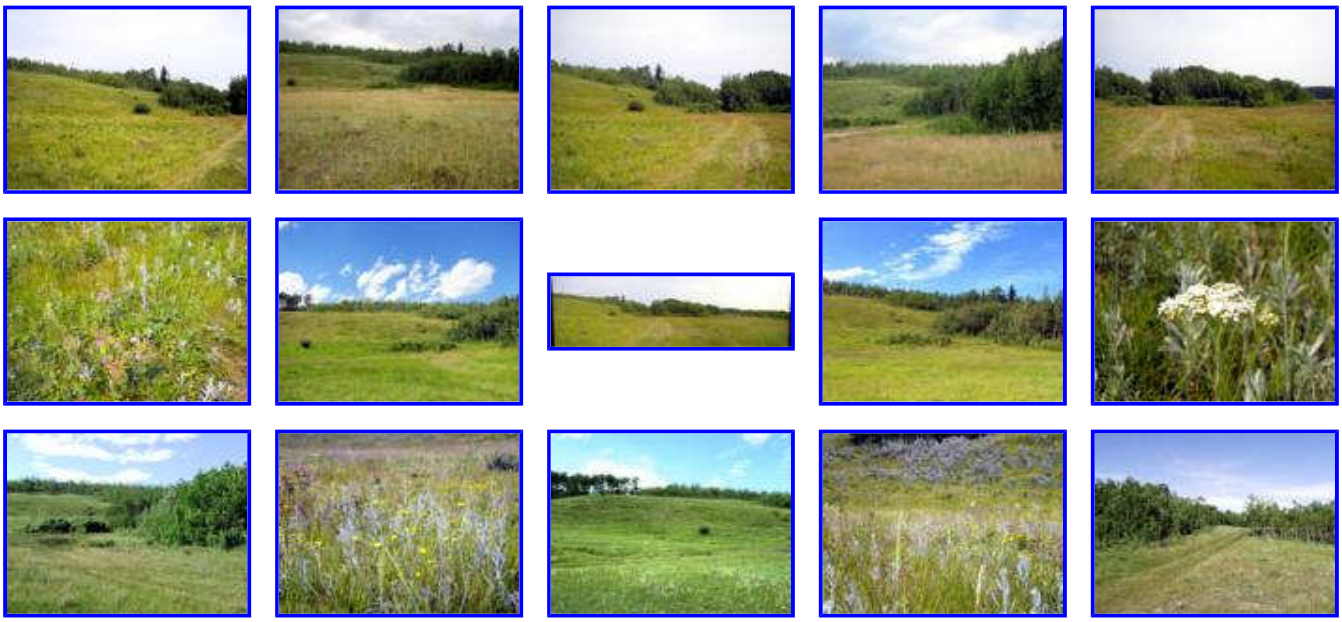
Quotation:
“Don’t let them stray. Joe will have your ass if you do.”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 2 - Herding Sheep - 00 08 44

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 08 44
Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation
GPS: 51d 8m 39.66s -115d 0m 15.0s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Sheep Staging #1

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Remarks:
Not far from the spot where the Basque provisioner warned Ennis about bulky soup boxes, the magnificent Bow River forms a lovely small canyon. Named for the resilient trees which grow along its banks that were used by Native peoples to make hunting bows, the river has a distinctive turquoise color. It is fed by glaciers high in the Canadian Rockies to the west. From there, it makes its way to Calgary where it meets the Elbow River near the site of Fort Calgary.

The Bow River can be seen in Sheep Procession #1 (Chapter 2, 00 09 29), in the Sheep Rock scene (Ch. 6, 00 30 50), and the Diving Cliff scene (Ch.12, 01 09 28). The Elbow River is featured in the "Sweet Life" (Ch.12, 01 09 57) and "Maybe Texas" (Ch.15, 01 30 12, 01 30 26, 01 31 59) Riverside scenes, as well as Riding in the River (Ch. 15, 01 30 01).

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Quotation:
“Only thing, don’t never order soup.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 2 - Herding Sheep - 00 08 52

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 08 52
Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation
GPS: 51d 8m 39.6s -115d 0m 14.82ss
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack's Filly

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Morley Road, Exit 131, north 3.6 km to Hwy 1A, turn left (west) on 1A, 12 km to "Stoney Indian Park / Buffalo Paddock" sign. Turn left (south) at the "Peacekeepers" building (now a burned ruin), proceed 0.8 km to gate, continue approximately 0.4 km to where there is a road, and a large rusted dumpster on your right, behind some birch trees. Turn right and proceed 0.2 km, passing the dumpster and two small wood buildings to the right. Note: If you pass the vandalized building with the peaked roof and the "WOMEN" and "MEN" signs on the front, you have gone too far.

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Remarks:
This simple, lighthearted scene tells the viewer a lot about the film's protagonists. In "Doubt there's a filly that could throw me" and "Let's get," Jack shows us a bit of his fearlessness and impatience, qualities that would dictate the course of his tragic life and, ultimately, his fate. Meanwhile, Ennis is preoccupied with *tying knots*, and in "You wanna watch it there. That horse has a low startle point," warns Jack that some creatures can be overwhelmed by fright.

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Quotation:

“Doubt there’s a filly that could throw me.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 2 - Herding Sheep - 00 09 29

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 09 29
Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation
GPS: 51d 8m 24.6s -114d 59m 17.34s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Sheep Procession #1

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Morley Road, Exit 131, north 3.6 km to Hwy 1A, turn left (west) on 1A, 12 km to "Stoney Indian Park / Buffalo Paddock" sign. Turn left (south) at the "Peacekeepers" building (now a burned ruin), 0.8 km to gate, then go 1.5 km beyond the gate to the site (past the vandalized building with the peaked roof and the "WOMEN" and "MEN" signs on the front at approximately 0.7 km, then an additional 0.8 km). The site is on the right (south) side of the road. Note: The last 1 km of this road is rough; walk it if your vehicle can't stand it.

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Remarks:
Although this is a park, please be mindful that it is Native land and worthy of special respect. Most of the Sheep Procession #1 footage was taken at Canyon Creek and nearby Moose Mountain. This shot (which is actually quite close to the locations of the Dead Sheep and the Sheep Tangle scenes) captures the lovely Bow River, as well as the dramatic canyon that it forms.

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Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 2 - Herding Sheep - 00 09 55

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 09 55
Location: Hwy 66, Canyon Creek
GPS: 50d 53m 58.02s -114d 47m 31.68s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Sheep Procession #1

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 161A "Bragg Creek Rd / Hwy 22." Go south on Hwy 22 approximately 17.4 km to the 4-way stop in Bragg Creek. (Do not follow the "Bragg Creek West" sign.) Turn left at the 4-way stop (continue on Hwy 22) and go 3.4 km to the "T" intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 66. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 66 and go approximately 16.6 km to Canyon Creek Road. Turn right (north) onto Canyon Creek Road and go 0.8 km to the parking area on the right. Walk north past the locked gate beyond the parking area, and follow the well-maintained gravel road 3.0 km to the bridge, then past two gas metering stations. At the crest of the next hill you will see four concrete barriers and a row of large stones to the left side of the road (4.66 km north of the gate). The site is to the left.

Remarks:
The Canyon Creek trip (which also features Campsite #1 and the Creek Crossing sites) is great for a leisurely hike or a bike ride. The round trip distance is 11 km and the generally flat grade and gravel roadbed make for easy travel. Approximately 0.4 km to the south of this site is the place where the sheep were offloaded from trucks and herded into the valley.

As you walk Canyon Creek Road you will be surrounded by natural gas extraction equipment, including pumping, metering, and sour gas burn-off facilities. Shell Canada operates the gas plant and maintains the road. See:

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/elbowmap.htm

If you visit in early spring you will see the lovely creek at its finest. As summer approaches, the creek slows to a trickle and eventually becomes a very rocky highway of stones.

Important:
Use caution. For intermediate and experienced hikers. Wear hiking boots. Take ample water and protective gear. Never leave valuables in a car at trailheads. Use caution; bear activity is common in this area, and in all mountain locations. See:

http://srd.alberta.ca/RecreationPublicUse/AlbertaBearSmart/BearsOutdoorRecreation.aspx

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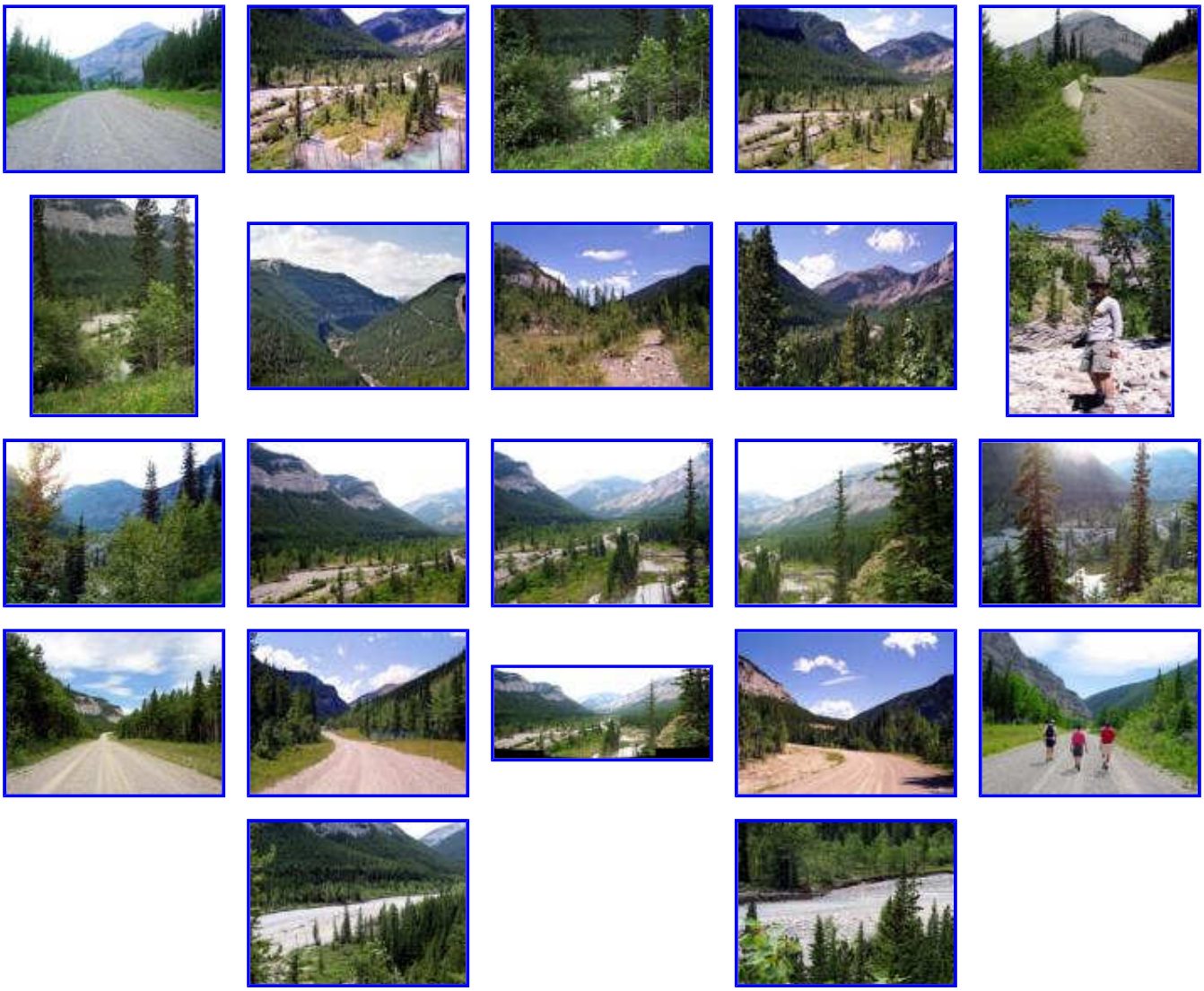
Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 2 - Herding Sheep - 00 10 10

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 10 10
Location: Hwy 66, Canyon Creek
GPS: 50d 54m 8.52s -114d 48m 2.82s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Creek Crossing

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 161A "Bragg Creek Rd / Hwy 22." Go south on Hwy 22 approximately 17.4 km to the 4-way stop in Bragg Creek. (Do not follow the "Bragg Creek West" sign.) Turn left at the 4-way stop (continue on Hwy 22) and go 3.4 km to the "T" intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 66. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 66 and go approximately 16.6 km to Canyon Creek Road. Turn right (north) onto Canyon Creek Road and go 0.8 km to the parking area on the right. Walk north past the locked gate beyond the parking area, and follow the well-maintained gravel road 5.37 km to the sour gas plant and containment basin at the end of the road. Go to the left of the concrete barriers for approximately 1/3 of the way down the left side; turn left onto a path that will lead to the creek bed. The site is on your left.

Remarks:
The lovely Creek Crossing is one of the most poignant moments in the opening part of the film. Cinematography critics and commentators have written volumes about the questions presented by this memorable scene. Are Ennis and Jack figuratively crossing the Styx? The Rubicon? The Jordan? Is Christian imagery intended by the prominent use of the lambs and Jack's "water walk"? Could Jack's jeans possibly be any tighter?

A *Brokeback* production marker (a rock marked with a black "X") can be found on the north side of the creek on the hillside. (GPS: 50d 54m 07.62s -114d 48m 02.04s)

The Canyon Creek trip (which also features Campsite #1 and the Sheep Procession #1 sites) is great for a leisurely hike or a bike ride. The round trip distance is 11 km and the generally flat grade and gravel roadbed make for easy travel.

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http://srd.alberta.ca/RecreationPublicUse/AlbertaBearSmart/BearsOutdoorRecreation.aspx

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Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 2 - Herding Sheep - 00 10 24

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 10 24
Location: Hwy 66, Moose Mountain
GPS: 50d 56m 39.42s -114d 47m 59.76s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Sheep Procession #1

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 161A "Bragg Creek Rd / Hwy 22." Go south on Hwy 22 approximately 17.4 km to the 4-way stop in Bragg Creek. (Do not follow the "Bragg Creek West" sign.) Turn left at the 4-way stop (continue on Hwy 22) and go 3.4 km to the "T" intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 66. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 66 and go approximately 13.9 km to Moose Mountain Road. Turn right (north) onto Moose Mountain Road and follow it 7.0 km to the well-marked trailhead. The trail begins in the trees at the green vehicle barrier, located on the south side of the parking area. As you approach the tree line, find the spot where the road ascends a tree-lined hill and look to your right. For a "perfect" view, climb to the summit of the nearby hill. (Note: Moose Mountain Road is unmarked; it is just west of the "Paddy's Flat" sign on Hwy 66.)

The Moose Mountain summit is 7.1 km from the parking area and trailhead, gaining 477 m (1,565') in elevation. Allowing time to explore filming locations, budget a total of 4 to 5 hours for a rewarding hike to and from the vast Moose Mountain meadows, where several sheep herding scenes were filmed. Mornings generally provide the most reliable weather conditions. See:

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/trails/moosemtn.htm

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/trails/moose_prairie.htm

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/outdoor.htm

The hike to the meadows is a moderately strenuous ascent. Though no filming took place above the meadows, the adventurous may wish to keep climbing to the summit using a series of switchbacks leading to a fire lookout station. Budget approximately 50 minutes for the final ascent, along slippery shale surfaces.

Remarks:
This long and very scenic ascent shot is intended to emphasize the upward climb to Campsite #1 (which is actually located at a lower elevation at nearby Canyon Creek!).

The sheep in this scene are a computer creation. Though live sheep were brought to the meadows atop Moose Mountain, this location is in a very remote spot several kilometers away. For a fascinating explanation of how the sheep and other effects were accomplished, see:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPw5plmkd6Q (Groupe Image Buzz Video)

Important:
Vehicle access to the trailhead and parking area is subject to seasonal closure, usually opening in mid-May and closing after Canadian Thanksgiving (the second Monday in October). Note: For intermediate and experienced hikers. Wear hiking boots. Bring ample water and protective gear. Never leave valuables in a car at trailheads. Use caution; bear activity is common in this area, and in all mountain locations. See:

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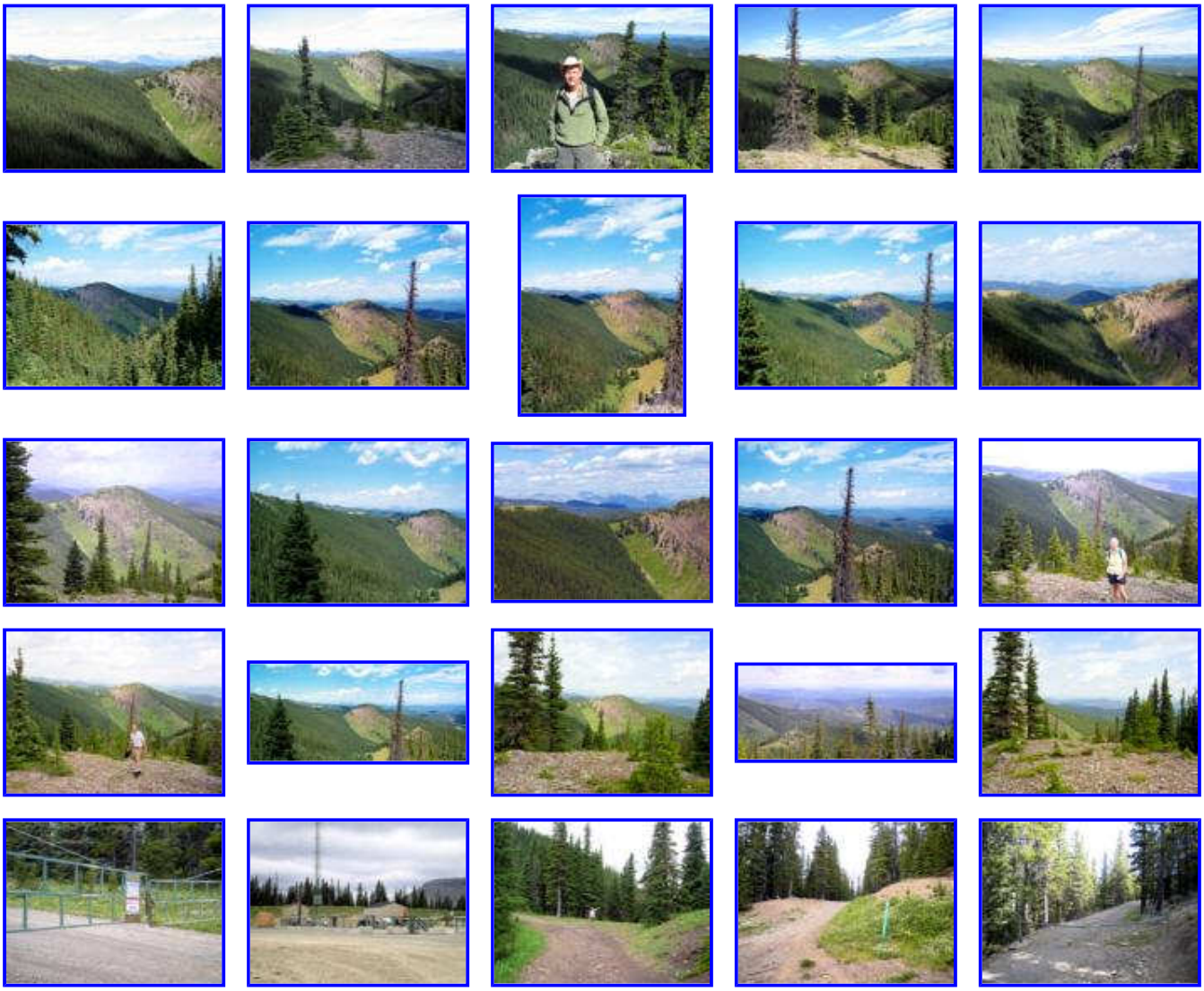

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Chapter 2 - Herding Sheep - 00 10 33

DVD capture *

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 10 33
Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation
GPS: 51d 8m 28s -114d 59m 29s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Sheep Survey

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
Jack removes a thorn while Ennis basks in the serenity and solitude of this place. It is a lovely moment, free of fear, confusion, and guilt.

Of course, we soon return to this spot under much more painful circumstances. This is also where Ennis ponders the dead sheep. And Earl.

Like many of the sheep scenes, this one was made at the Stoney Native Reservation near Morley. The lovely Bow River flows through the area but, in order to give this site authenticity as a high mountain location, the river was removed using special effects. See:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPw5plmkd6Q (Groupe Image Buzz Video)

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Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 24 April 2011

Chapter 2 - Herding Sheep - 00 10 45

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 10 45
Location: Hwy 66, Canyon Creek
GPS: 50d 54m 3.6s -114d 47m 43.5s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Campsite #1

Travel Directions:
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As you face the left side of Canyon Creek Road with both the culvert and the intersection to your right, look for an overgrown path blocked by large stones ahead to your left. (For reference, this location is 5.02 km north of the gate and is 50d 54m 7.08s, -114d 47m 43.44s.) Proceed 200', turn right at the gravel path, go 200' and turn left. The site is on the creek bank near the circle of campfire stones.

Remarks:
The trail to the famous Ice Caves lies beyond the Canyon Creek Road intersection and to the right. Due to many accidents, the caves were officially closed to the public in 2000. See:

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/icecave.htm

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/outdoor.htm

Though the road is now closed to private vehicles, hiking in the area is permitted, though access to the Ice Caves area remains strictly prohibited.

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mountain locations. Always consult park wardens and take appropriate precautions. See:

http://srd.alberta.ca/RecreationPublicUse/AlbertaBearSmart/BearsOutdoorRecreation.aspx

Pictures of surrounding area:

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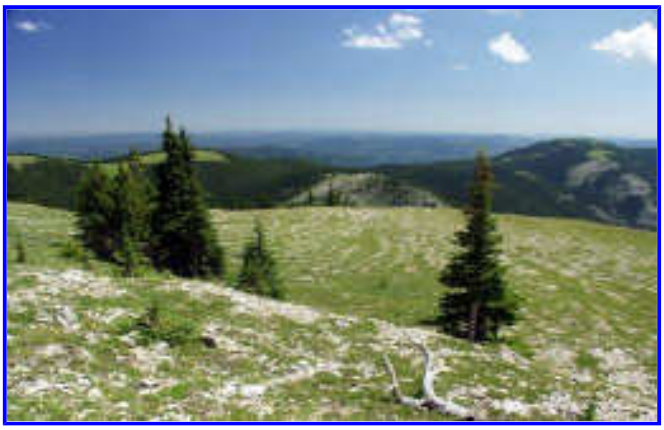
Chapter 2 - Herding Sheep - 00 11 17

DVD capture *



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DVD Time Code = 00 11 17
Location: Hwy 66, Moose Mountain
GPS: 50d 56m 25s -114d 48m 38s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack's Dark Camp

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 161A "Bragg Creek Rd / Hwy 22." Go south on Hwy 22 approximately 17.4 km to the 4-way stop in Bragg Creek. (Do not follow the "Bragg Creek West" sign.) Turn left at the 4-way stop (continue on Hwy 22) and go 3.4 km to the "T" intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 66. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 66 and go approximately 13.9 km to Moose Mountain Road. Turn right (north) onto Moose Mountain Road and follow it 7.0 km to the well-marked trailhead. The trail begins in the trees at the green vehicle barrier, located on the south side of the parking area. The site is about 0.4 km beyond the tree line to the southwest (downhill and to the left). (Note: Moose Mountain Road is unmarked; it is just west of the "Paddy's Flat" sign on Hwy 66.)

The Moose Mountain summit is 7.1 km from the parking area and trailhead, gaining 477 m (1,565') in elevation. Allowing time to explore filming locations, budget a total of 4 to 5 hours for a rewarding hike to and from the vast Moose Mountain meadows, where several sheep herding scenes were filmed. Mornings generally provide the most reliable weather conditions. See:

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/trails/moosemtn.htm

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/trails/moose_prairie.htm

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/outdoor.htm

The hike to the meadows is a moderately strenuous ascent. Though no filming took place above the meadows, the adventurous may wish to keep climbing to the summit using a series of switchbacks leading to a fire lookout station. Budget approximately 50 minutes for the final ascent, along slippery shale surfaces.

Remarks:
Jack, denied the chance to make his own fire by Joe Aguirre's rules, feels drawn to the distant spot where Ennis is portrayed as an isolated fire in the vast, empty night. Of *Brokeback*'s many poignant metaphors, this one, which works as well on the screen as it does on the printed page, is among the

most powerful and most cherished.

Important:
Vehicle access to the trailhead and parking area is subject to seasonal closure, usually opening in mid-May and closing after Canadian Thanksgiving (the second Monday in October). Note: For intermediate and experienced hikers. Wear hiking boots. Take ample water and protective gear. Never leave valuables in a car at trailheads. Use caution; bear activity is common in this area, and in all mountain locations. See:

http://srd.alberta.ca/RecreationPublicUse/AlbertaBearSmart/BearsOutdoorRecreation.aspx

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Quotation:
“Jack, in his dark camp, saw Ennis as night fire, a red spark on the huge black mass of mountain.” **[1]**

[1] *Brokeback Mountain - Story to Screenplay* by Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana (Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4, page 4.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 3 - Against the Rules - 00 11 33

DVD capture

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DVD Time Code = 00 11 33
Location: Hwy 40, approaching Mount Lorette, northbound
GPS: 50d 54m 11s -115d 8m 12s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Two Peaks

Travel Directions:
Two Peaks (Mount Lorette), is on Hwy 40, 26.0 km south of Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy) and 6.4 km north of the Basque Bridge. The view of Mount Lorette is from the east side of Hwy 40, just north of the Kananaskis Golf Course entrance.

Remarks:
Mount Lorette, like many of its neighboring peaks, is named for a WW I military campaign in which Canadians played a role. Standing 2,469 m (8,101') at Skogan Pass, its profile is a signature image of the imposing Kananaskis Range. See:

http://www.peakfinder.com/peakfinder.ASP?PeakName=Mount+Lorette

http://www.albertaparks.ca/bow-valley.aspx

Birdwatching enthusiasts may be interested to know that thousands of Golden Eagles pass over Mount Lorette on their annual migration path. Warm thermal winds, sweeping high above the Kananaskis and Bow River Valleys, create a natural pathway that essentially “vacuums” the eagles southward in the fall, and northward in the spring. Astoundingly, the migration route went unnoticed by humans until 1992. See:

http://www.birdersworld.com/brd/default.aspx?c=a&id=468

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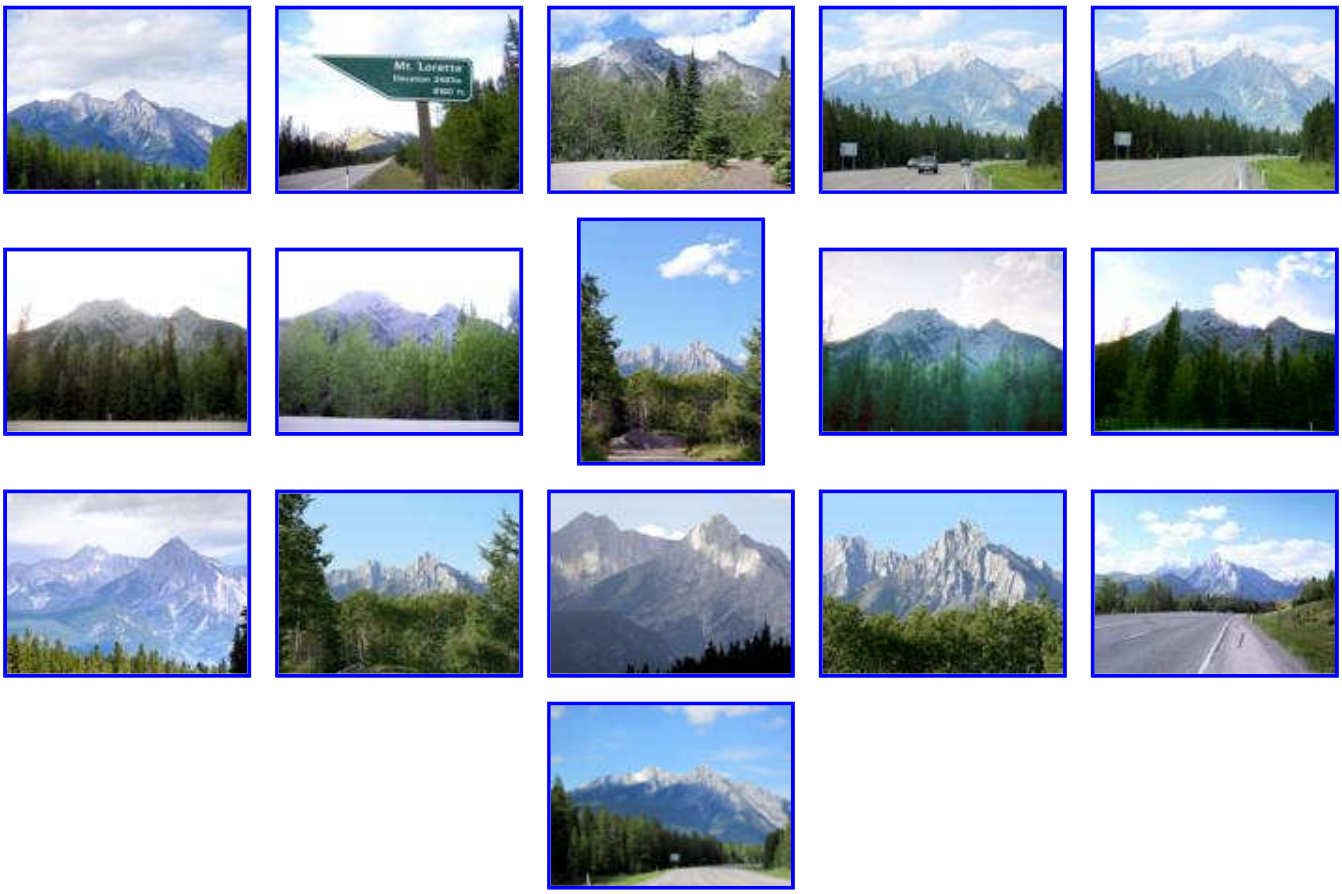
Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 3 - Against the Rules - 00 12 44

DVD capture *

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DVD Time Code = 00 12 44
Location: Moose Mountain
GPS: 50d 56m 31.44s -114d 48m 33.6s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack and His Dog

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 161A "Bragg Creek Rd / Hwy 22." Go south on Hwy 22 approximately 17.4 km to the 4-way stop in Bragg Creek. (Do not follow the "Bragg Creek West" sign.) Turn left at the 4-way stop (continue on Hwy 22) and go 3.4 km to the "T" intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 66. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 66 and go approximately 13.9 km to Moose Mountain Road. Turn right (north) onto Moose Mountain Road and follow it 7.0 km to the well-marked trailhead. The trail begins in the trees at the green vehicle barrier, located on the south side of the parking area. The site is about 0.3 km beyond the tree line to the north (right). (Note: Moose Mountain Road is unmarked; it is just west of the "Paddy's Flat" sign on Hwy 66.)

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http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/outdoor.htm

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Remarks:
Could there be a better way to convey the blissful innocence of *Brokeback Mountain* than in this visual masterpiece? It is an artful triumph of composition; Jack rests soundly in the company of his loyal blue heeler, as the sheep quietly graze in the distance.

Armed with only a few clues, Bob Sohomuch found this Edenic spot in July 2009.

Quotation:
"... for he loved a little dog." **[1]**

[1] *Brokeback Mountain - Story to Screenplay* by Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry, and Diana Ossana (Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4, page 3.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture

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DVD Time Code = 00 12 59
Location: Hwy 66, Canyon Creek
GPS: 50d 54m 3.06s -114d 47m 43.5s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Campsite #1

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 161A "Bragg Creek Rd / Hwy 22." Go south on Hwy 22 approximately 17.4 km to the 4-way stop in Bragg Creek. (Do not follow the "Bragg Creek West" sign.) Turn left at the 4-way stop (continue on Hwy 22) and go 3.4 km to the "T" intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 66. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 66 and go approximately 16.6 km to Canyon Creek Road. Turn right (north) onto Canyon Creek Road and go 0.8 km to the parking area on the right. Walk north past the locked gate beyond the parking area, and follow the well-maintained gravel road 3.0 km to the bridge, then past two gas metering stations. After you pass four concrete barriers to the left side of the road (Sheep Procession #1) look for a culvert under Canyon Creek Road and a road which intersects from the right (Moose Dome Creek Road, unmarked).

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Remarks:
After a long hike down Canyon Creek Road, Campsite #1 is a fitting reward. The circle of campfire stones, two stumps, and the components of the meat rack, tripod, and saddle stand remain in place. By all means, discover and enjoy all of these left-behinds and, just as Ennis and Jack did, leave them there for others to appreciate, as well.

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http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/outdoor.htm

Though the road is now closed to private vehicles, hiking in the area is permitted, though access to

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http://srd.alberta.ca/RecreationPublicUse/AlbertaBearSmart/BearsOutdoorRecreation.aspx

Quotation:
“No more beans.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture

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DVD Time Code = 00 13 20
Location: Hwy 742, Mount Inflexible
GPS: 50d 44m 53.34s -115d 14m 46.06s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack Ascending

Travel Directions:
Jack Ascending (Mount Inflexible) is in Peter Lougheed Provincial Park, on the east side of Hwy 742, 48.5 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 11.0 km north of the Mountain Highway (Mount Foch). Park in the Sawmill Day Use Area.

To reach Hwy 742 (also known as Spray Lakes Rd. / Smith-Dorrien Rd.): From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), use Exit 91 “Hwy 1A - Canmore.” Follow Bow Valley Trail 2.2 km, turn left (northwest) onto Railway Ave. Proceed 0.5 km and turn left (west) at Main St. (also known as 8th St.), go 0.6 km and turn left (south) onto Bridge Rd. (also known as 8th Ave. / Rundle Drive). At the “T” intersection, turn left (south) on Three Sisters Drive, proceed 0.6 km and turn right (west) at Spray Lakes Rd. (also known as Hwy 742). (Or simply follow the helpful “Kananaskis Country” signs throughout Canmore.) See map of Canmore.

Remarks:
Ennis cleaned the coffeepot in the river as he watched Jack ascend this stunning mountain. The sheep came from a computer, but the mountain is undeniably the real thing.

This is the western summit of Mount Inflexible. A sign at the Sawmill Parking Area shows a network of trails which traverse the base of the mountain and its neighbors. See:

http://www.peakfinder.com/peakfinder.ASP?Peakname=Mount+Inflexible

http://www.albertaparks.ca/peter-lougheed.aspx

Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture

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DVD Time Code = 00 13 36
Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation
GPS: 51d 8m 25s -114d 59m 20s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Coyote Hill

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Morley Road, Exit 131, north 3.6 km to Hwy 1A, turn left (west) on 1A, 12 km to "Stoney Indian Park / Buffalo Paddock" sign. Turn left (south) at the "Peacekeepers" building (now a burned ruin), 0.8 km to gate, then go 1.5 km beyond the gate to the site (past the vandalized building with the peaked roof and the "WOMEN" and "MEN" signs on the front at approximately 0.7 km, then an additional 0.8 km). The site is on the right (south) side of the road. Note: The last 1 km of this road is rough; walk it if your vehicle can't stand it.

[Alternately, if you are coming from the cliffs at Seebe (see Chapter 12, 01 09 28, and 01 09 38), turn right (north) onto 1X (the road you came in on), go 2.1 km to intersection of 1A; go right (east) 8.8 km; turn right (south) at "Peacekeepers" building, proceed as directed above.]

The park is officially closed during wintertime though access by foot is feasible, weather permitting. You might want to contact Ray Greenwood, (403) 881-2614, for access arrangements, which may require payment of a $5 fee. Security guards in the area have been known to save paperwork by collecting fees from visitors on the spot.

Remarks:
"Truth is," the coyote is really a dog! Animal wrangler Tom Bews Jr. knows all the tricks of his profession and, with a bit of fur highlighting, was able to make this Calgary stunt dog "look right." A retired rodeo cowboy himself, Bews also provided the film's horses, sheep, cattle, elk, and bear.

Quotation:
"Dammit!"

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 3 - Against the Rules - 00 13 45

DVD capture

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DVD Time Code = 00 13 45
Location: Hwy 40, Galatea Trail
GPS: 50d 51m 47.10s -115d 10m 39.84s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Basque Bridge

Travel Directions:
The Basque Bridge is in the Galatea Day Use Area, Spray Valley Provincial Park, on the west side of Hwy 40, 32.4 km south of Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy) and 9.0 km north of Fortress Mountain Ski Resort. (It is also 6.2 km south of Kananaskis Golf Course on Hwy 40.) Follow trail downhill approximately 500 m to bridge. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see "Hike to Basque Bridge" in **Albums**.

Remarks:
The suspension bridge over the Kananaskis River provided a memorable setting for the Basque provisioner's (Calgary actor David Trimble) remark to Ennis that it was "too early in the summer to be sick of beans." See:

http://www.albertaparks.ca/spray-valley/information-facilities/day-use/galatea.aspx?id=st-day:6942

The bridge represents something of an engineering feat in a place where technology typically takes a back seat to nature. Walk over it to appreciate its springy quality. It lies near the head of the moderately challenging 6 km / 4 hour Galatea Creek Trail. See:

http://www.trailpeak.com/index.jsp?cat=hike&con=trail&val=1371

For pictures of another bridge of similar construction, see the "Star Mine Bridge" in **Albums**. For pictures taken during a hike of the Galatea Creek Trail, see "Hiking Galatea Creek Trail" also in **Albums**.

Mountain sheep activity is frequent in this area, as the sheep often descend to the highway to lick the salt from the roads. Keep an eye out for these animals, especially driving around curves, and under no circumstances should you approach them.

Important:
Although the bridge is easy to access from a parking lot just off the roadway, the full Galatea Creek Trail should be attempted only by experienced hikers. Wear hiking boots. Bring ample water and

protective gear. Never leave valuables in a car parked at trailheads. Use caution; bear activity is common in this area, and in all mountain locations. See:

http://srd.alberta.ca/RecreationPublicUse/AlbertaBearSmart/BearsOutdoorRecreation.aspx

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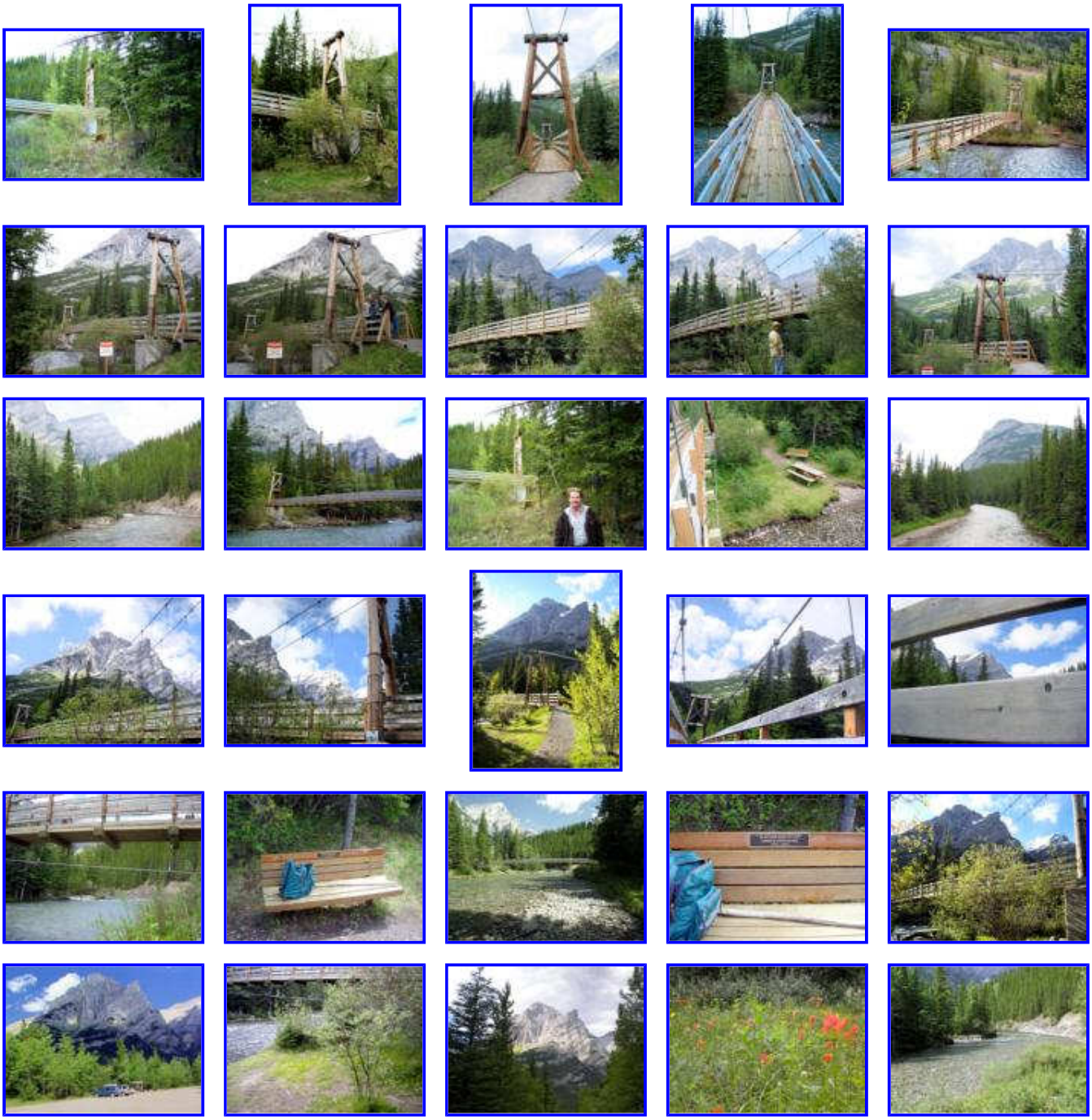
Quotation:
"Yeah, well, I'm sick of beans."

Pictures of surrounding area:



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DVD capture

Photo courtesy Joe Ellington.

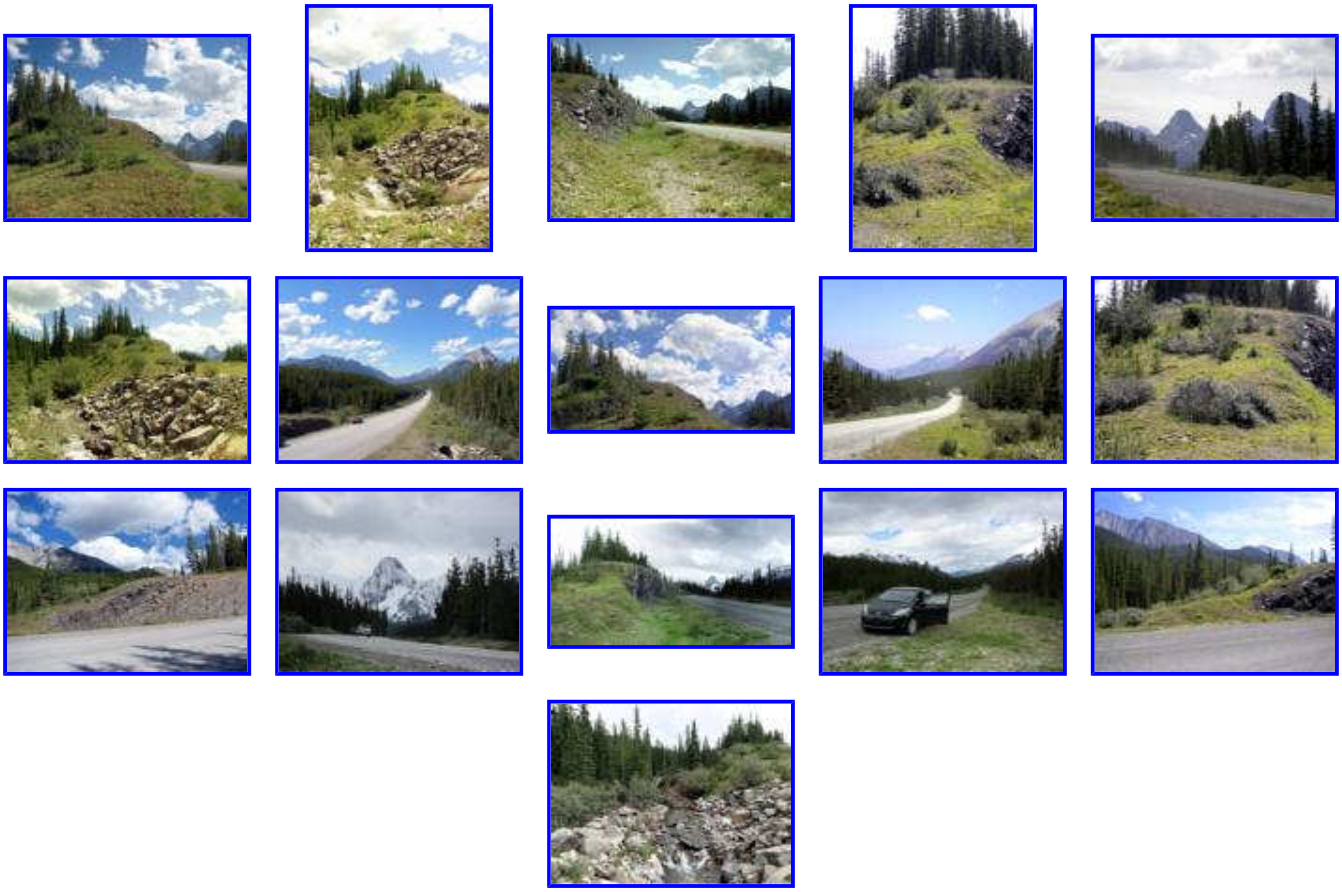
DVD Time Code = 00 14 15
Location: Hwy 742, Rummel Creek
GPS: 50d 51m 1s -115d 20m 38s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Mule Hill

Travel Directions:
Mule Hill is on the east side of Hwy 742, next to Rummel Creek, 35.5 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 4.0 km north of Three Mountains / The Fist.

To reach Hwy 742 (also known as Spray Lakes Rd. / Smith-Dorrien Rd.): From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), use Exit 91 “Hwy 1A - Canmore.” Follow Bow Valley Trail 2.2 km, turn left (northwest) onto Railway Ave. Proceed 0.5 km and turn left (west) at Main St. (also known as 8th St.), go 0.6 km and turn left (south) onto Bridge Rd. (also known as 8th Ave. / Rundle Drive). At the “T” intersection, turn left (south) on Three Sisters Drive, proceed 0.6 km and turn right (west) at Spray Lakes Rd. (also known as Hwy 742). (Or simply follow the helpful “Kananaskis Country” signs throughout Canmore.) See map of Canmore.

Remarks:
The striking Mule Hill is more than 32 km (20 miles) from the Bear Creek. It hardly matters. In August 2004, near the end of filming, Lee dispatched a “splinter” crew, horses, vehicles, and doubles to gather assorted “establishing shots” throughout the Kananaskis region. Their work was expertly injected throughout the film. Three years later, Mule Hill was re-discovered by sharp-eyed Joe Ellington.

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 3 - Against the Rules - 00 14 19

DVD capture

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DVD Time Code = 00 14 19
Location: Hwy 742, 2.1 km south of Goat Creek Picnic Area
GPS: 51d 2m 39s -115d 24m 57s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Riding Ridge #1

Travel Directions:
The Riding Ridge is on the west side of Hwy 742 near the northern end of Spray Valley Provincial Park, 9.4 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 26.1 km north of Mule Hill (Rummel Creek).

To reach Hwy 742 (also known as Spray Lakes Rd. / Smith-Dorrien Rd.): From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), use Exit 91 “Hwy 1A - Canmore.” Follow Bow Valley Trail 2.2 km, turn left (northwest) onto Railway Ave. Proceed 0.5 km and turn left (west) at Main St. (also known as 8th St.), go 0.6 km and turn left (south) onto Bridge Rd. (also known as 8th Ave. / Rundle Drive). At the “T” intersection, turn left (south) on Three Sisters Drive, proceed 0.6 km and turn right (west) at Spray Lakes Rd. (also known as Hwy 742). (Or simply follow the helpful “Kananaskis Country” signs throughout Canmore.) See map of Canmore.

Remarks:
Framing this image are several peaks of the Goat Range in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies, as well as some lovely Canadian fir trees.

Remember this spot; you will see it again more than a decade later at a time when the men’s lives have become far more complicated than they are here amidst the joy of their *Brokeback* summer.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 14 37
Location: Hwy 40, King Creek
GPS: 50d 43m 4.68s -115d 6m 15.72s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Bear Creek

Travel Directions:
Bear Creek (King Creek) is in Peter Lougheed Provincial Park, King Creek Day Use Area, on the east side of Hwy 40, 49.8 km south of Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy) and 0.1 km north of the intersection of Hwy 40 and Kananaskis Lakes Road. Follow trail along rock face approximately 200 meters; turn left to the stream.

Remarks:
This is the spot where a stunt bear held up production of the film by repeatedly licking his lips instead of growling. Finally, after many takes, the bear got it right and the scene was complete. Ennis's horse, like its rider, proved to have a low startle point. See:

http://www.albertaparks.ca/peter-lougheed.aspx

Important:
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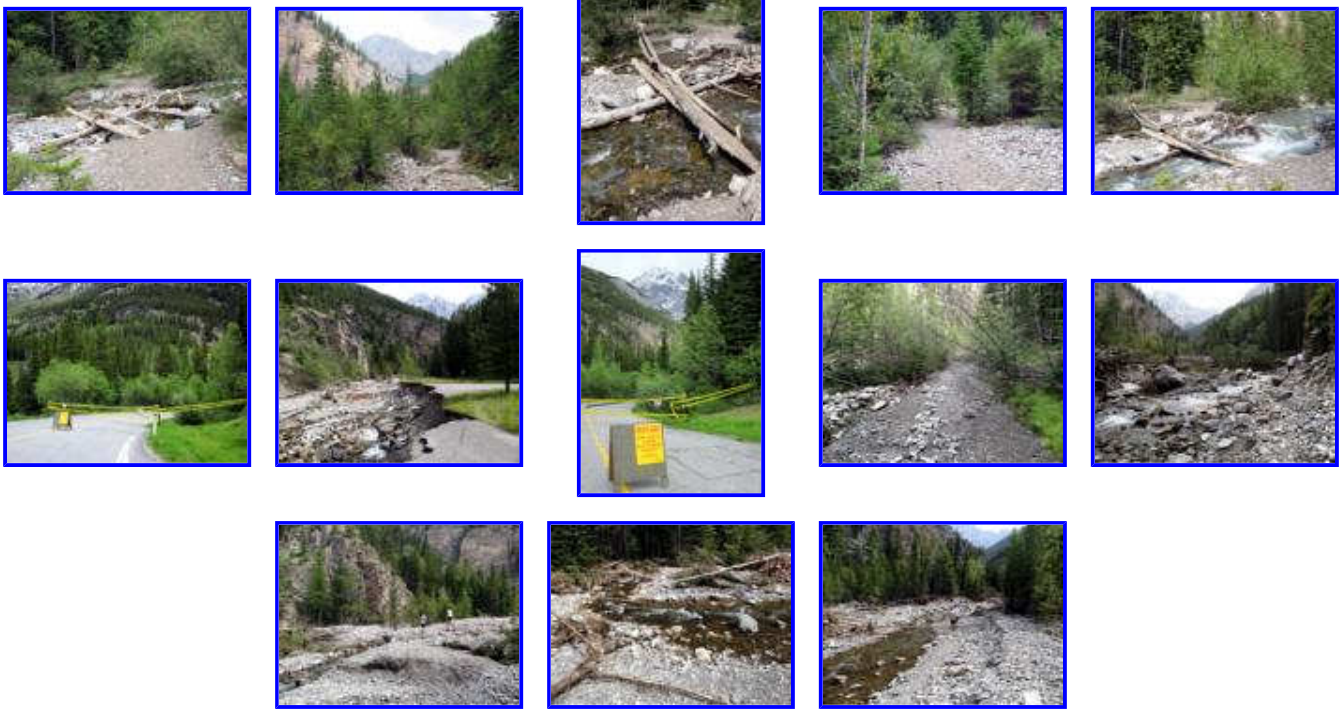
Pictures of surrounding area:



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DVD capture

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DVD Time Code = 00 14 53
Location: Hwy 40, King Creek
GPS: 50d 43m 4s -115d 6m 17s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Runaway Mules

Travel Directions:
The Runaway Mules site is at King Creek (Bear Creek), in Peter Lougheed Provincial Park, King Creek Day Use Area, on the east side of Hwy 40, 49.8 km south of Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy) and 0.1 km north of the intersection of Hwy 40 and Kananaskis Lakes Road. Follow trail along rock face approximately 200 meters; turn left to the stream, then look behind you.

Remarks:
Mules are normally dedicated and highly reliable work animals but they behave irrationally and dangerously when they are frightened. Get it? Of course you do! See:

http://www.albertaparks.ca/peter-lougheed.aspx

Important:
Always consult park wardens and take appropriate precautions.

Quotation:
“Whoa. Come back here!”

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 4 - Trading Places - 00 20 38

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 20 38
Location: Hwy 66, Canyon Creek
GPS: 50d 54m 3.06s -114d 47m 43.5s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Campsite #1

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
Though not for the first or last time, Jack enjoyed recalling his rodeoin’ days here at Campsite #1. Ennis had a few things to say, as well. The circle of campfire stones, two stumps, and the components of the meat rack, tripod, and saddle stand remain in place. By all means, discover and enjoy all of these left-behinds and, just as Ennis and Jack did, leave them there for others to appreciate, as well.

The trail to the famous Ice Caves lies beyond the Canyon Creek Road intersection and to the right. Due to many accidents, the caves were officially closed to the public in 2000. See:

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Though the road is now closed to private vehicles, hiking in the area is permitted, though access to the Ice Caves area remains strictly prohibited.

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Quotation:
“I don’t rodeo much myself.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 29 December 2014

Chapter 4 - Trading Places - 00 20 50

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 20 50
Location: Hwy 66, Canyon Creek
GPS: 50d 54m 3.06s -114d 47m 43.5s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Campsite #1

Travel Directions:
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As you face the left side of Canyon Creek Road with both the culvert and the intersection to your right, look for an overgrown path blocked by large stones ahead to your left. (For reference, this location is 5.02 km north of the gate and is 50d 54m 7.08s, -114d 47m 43.44s.) Proceed 200', turn right at the gravel path, go 200' and turn left. The site is on the creek bank near the circle of campfire stones.

Remarks:
What is Jack's foot doing in that fire? Is it the naivete of a city boy whose driving instructor was Paul Newman, or an omen of things to come? Visit Campsite #1 and try out these stones for yourself.

Thanks to the restoration efforts of FindingBrokeback.com contributors Steve Gin and his husband Don, the big log, stumps, and the campfire rocks at this site now "look right." Also nearby you'll find the wood components of the meat rack and the tripod. Enjoy all of this authentic *Brokeback* memorabilia and, please, leave it for others to appreciate, as well.

Important:
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http://srd.alberta.ca/RecreationPublicUse/AlbertaBearSmart/BearsOutdoorRecreation.aspx

Quotation:
“Hell, that’s the most I’ve spoke in a year.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 23 10
Location: Hwy 66, Moose Mountain
GPS: 50d 56m 23.64s -114d 48m 37.26s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Sheep Procession #2

Travel Directions:
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The Moose Mountain summit is 7.1 km from the parking area and trailhead, gaining 477 m (1,565') in elevation. Allowing time to explore filming locations, budget a total of 4 to 5 hours for a rewarding hike to and from the vast Moose Mountain meadows, where several sheep herding scenes were filmed. Mornings generally provide the most reliable weather conditions. See:

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http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/trails/moose_prairie.htm

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/outdoor.htm

The hike to the meadows is a moderately strenuous ascent. Though no filming took place above the meadows, the adventurous may wish to keep climbing to the summit using a series of switchbacks leading to a fire lookout station. Budget approximately 50 minutes for the final ascent, along slippery shale surfaces.

Remarks:
Forester Joe Burritt and his wife Dale, who for five years have spent their summers living in perfect solitude at the fire tower atop Moose Mountain, were amazed by the intense activity that took place in their front yard one morning in July 2004. Dozens of trucks, hundreds of sheep, indeed a small city, invaded their island in the sky, and, two days later, disappeared without a trace.

The Burritts, who make a 7 km mountain hike every time they leave home, welcome visitors to their magnificent perch but not into their home, which is neither a public washroom nor a watering station. Please bring your drinking water with you. Should the need arise, kindly use the same washroom facilities that were available to Ennis and Jack during their time here!

For pictures taken during filming, see the “Dale & Joe Burritt Moose Mountain Production Photos” in **Albums**.

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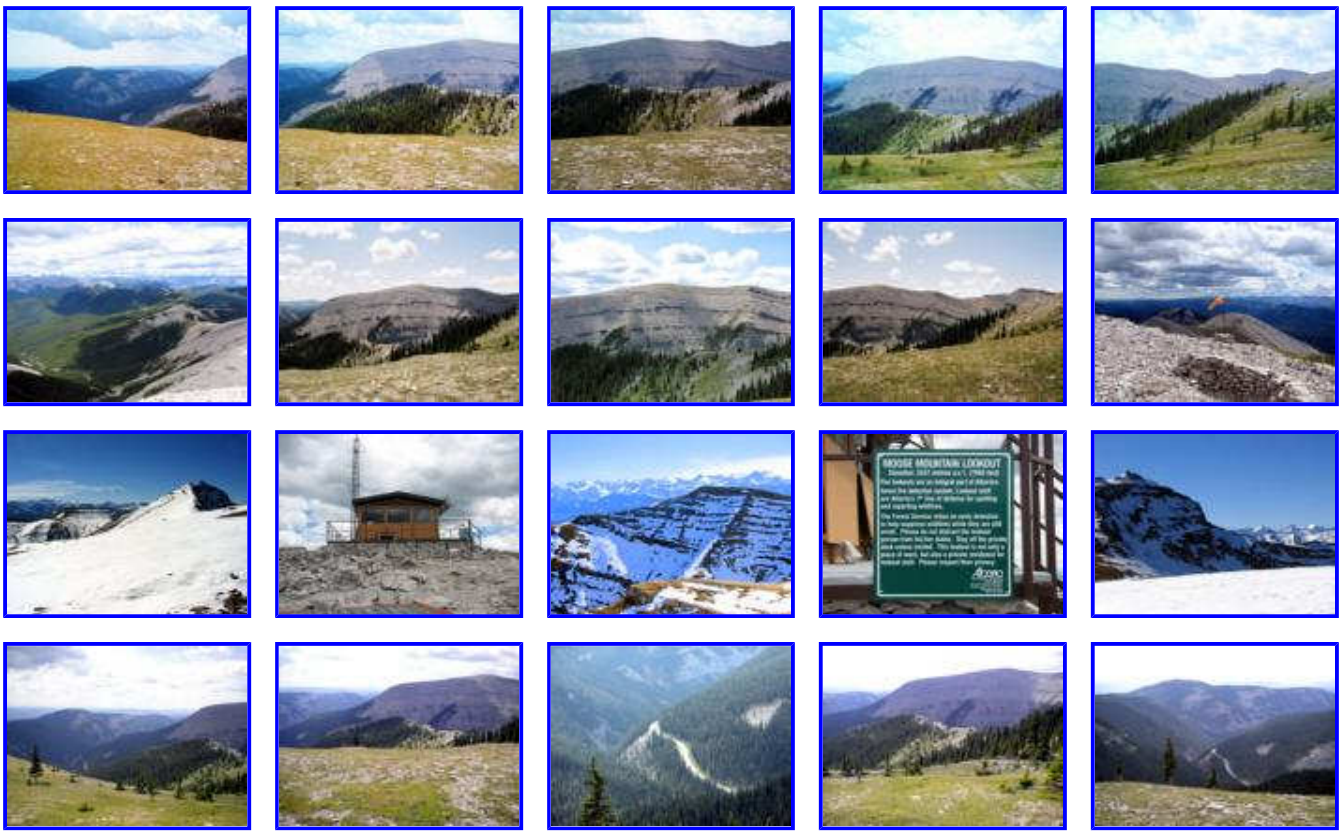
Pictures of surrounding area:



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DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 23 15
Location: Hwy 66, Moose Mountain
GPS: 50d 56m 25.56s -114d 48m 40.92s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Sheep Procession #2

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Remarks:
Opposite the canyon here is Powder Face Ridge. It is also visible from nearby Canyon Creek, home to Campsite #1.

The filmmakers had a problem finding the "right" mountain. The story suggests Brokeback is a

mountain with two levels. Many mountains were considered, some as far away as the U.S. border, but problems with site access and wildlife safety left the producers with Moose Mountain.

Various shots from other locations were used to make the trek to the two campsites appear to be much longer and higher than it really is. Indeed, the elevation of Campsite #2 is actually 488 m (1,600') lower than that of this site.

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Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 5 - Forty Winks - 00 23 22

DVD capture

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DVD Time Code = 00 23 22
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Remarks:
The fact that *Brokeback* was a "gay cowboy movie" was not the only thing that got in the filmmakers' way. After the cast and funding were in place and plans had been made to use hundreds of sheep, the producers learned that domestic sheep carry bacteria, *Pasteurella*, that can readily devastate populations of wild cloven hoofed animals. See:

http://www.cnr.uidaho.edu/range456/hot-topics/wildlife-livestock.htm

Having suffered problems with other film productions where a single domestic animal escaped and caused a widespread epidemic, Provincial wildlife authorities refused to permit the use of a herd of domestic sheep in such vulnerable natural areas.

Although it was possible to use clever editing to work around their sheep problem, Lee insisted upon authenticity. Lawyers and biologists spent months in negotiations to secure permission to use domestic sheep in the Moose Mountain and Stoney Reserve locations. In the end, the filmmakers agreed to overlay the natural grass with panels of grass-covered plastic, so that the sites would remain uncontaminated.

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Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 23 28
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 35.52s -115d 25m 51.54s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Pole Bridge

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
If the second campsite has an icon, it is, of course, the pole bridge. The bridge deck features a series of sequentially numbered metal plates and corresponding notches. Though we can imagine some humorous explanations, these probably served another purpose. Perhaps you know what they were for. If so, please tell us.

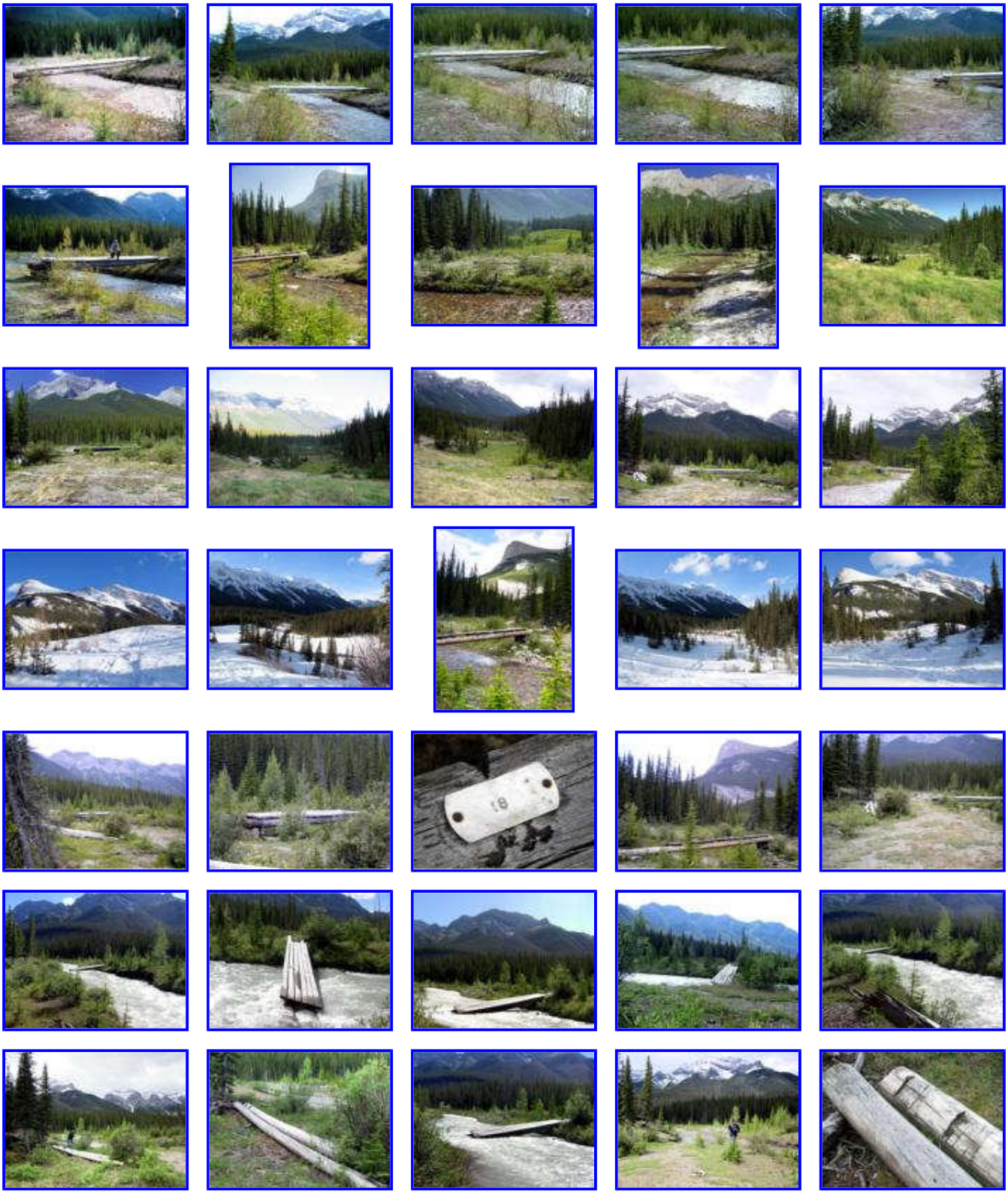
[Update: Sadly, the pole bridge was washed out by high water in 2011.]

See:

http://www.albertaparks.ca/spray-valley/information-facilities/day-use/goat-creek.aspx?id=st-

day:8158

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 5 - Forty Winks - 00 23 39

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 23 39
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 36.96s -115d 25m 51.36s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Campsite #2

Travel Directions:
Campsite #2 is at the northern end of Spray Valley Provincial Park, off Hwy 742, 7.3 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 2.1 km north of the Riding Ridge. The easiest way to access the site is to follow Hwy 742 and park at the Goat Creek Picnic Area. Walk south along Hwy 742 for approximately 200 meters. At the point where the utility lines cross Hwy 742 you will see a gravel road to your right (west). Turn right and follow the gravel road approximately 0.7 km downhill until you reach a clearing. Turn right and continue across the clearing, passing the "Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside (Fight Hill), and the Dozy Embrace site. If you encounter temporary fencing in this area, go around it to the right. As you approach Goat Creek, you will see the familiar pole bridge and campsite. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see "Hike to Campsite #2" in **Albums**.

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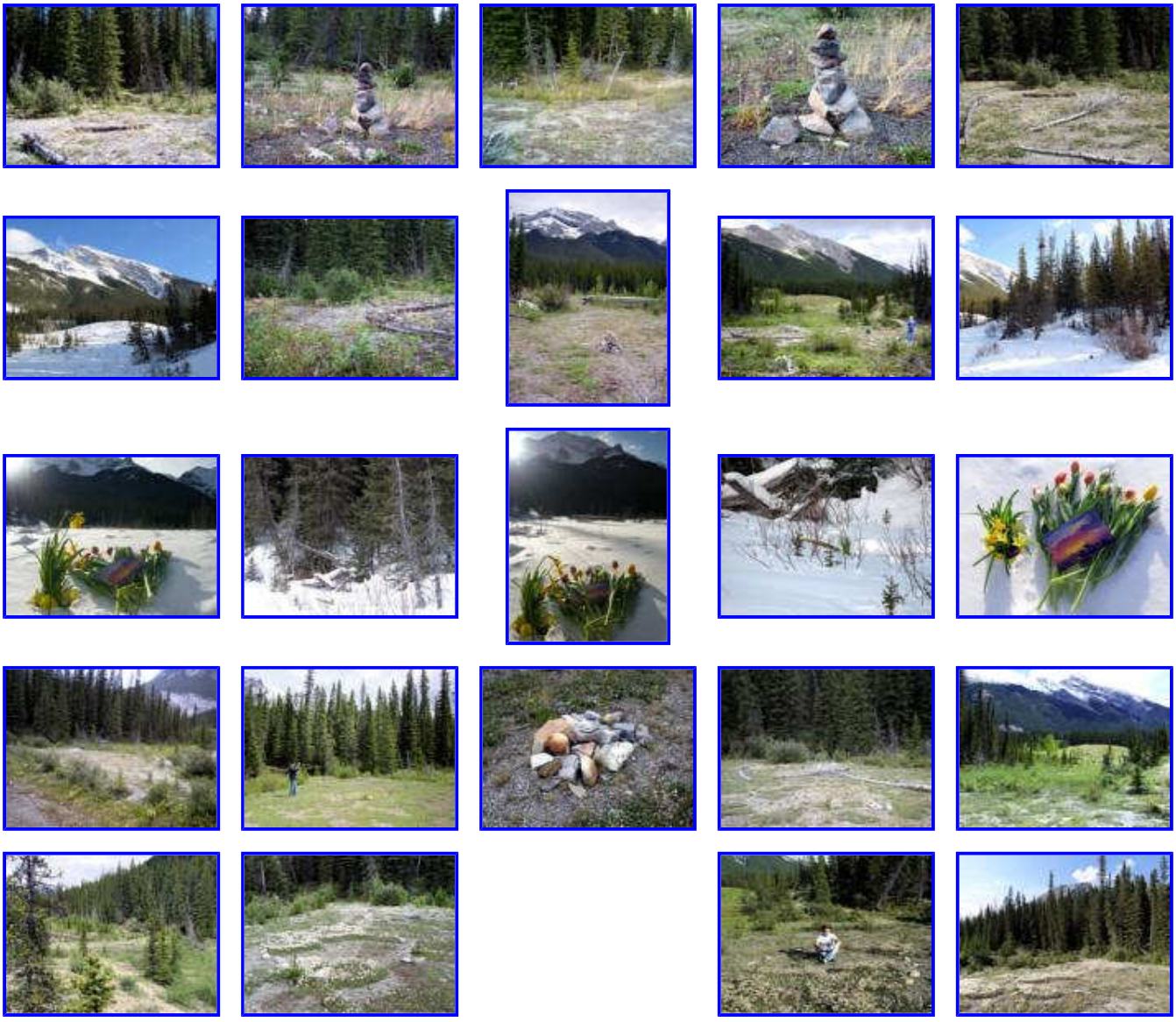
Remarks:
That so-very-memorable tent occupied a clearing near the creek that is still visible. Indeed the campfire, pole bridge, grassy hill, and creek all "look right." See:

http://www.albertaparks.ca/spray-valley/information-facilities/day-use/goat-creek.aspx?id=st-day:8158

Quotation:
"Tent don't look right."

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 5 - Forty Winks - 00 24 09

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 24 09
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 36.96s -115d 25m 51.36s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Campsite #2

Travel Directions:
Campsite #2 is at the northern end of Spray Valley Provincial Park, off Hwy 742, 7.3 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 2.1 km north of the Riding Ridge. The easiest way to access the site is to follow Hwy 742 and park at the Goat Creek Picnic Area. Walk south along Hwy 742 for approximately 200 meters. At the point where the utility lines cross Hwy 742 you will see a gravel road to your right (west). Turn right and follow the gravel road approximately 0.7 km downhill until you reach a clearing. Turn right and continue across the clearing, passing the "Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside (Fight Hill), and the Dozy Embrace site. If you encounter temporary fencing in this area, go around it to the right. As you approach Goat Creek, you will see the familiar pole bridge and campsite. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see "Hike to Campsite #2" in **Albums**.

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Remarks:
You are looking westward at the Goat Range. Its namesake, Goat Creek, flows by Campsite #2, forming the western boundary of the park. The Goat Range is one of many smaller mountain groups which abut Canada's majestic Rocky Mountains.

How did these mountains all come to be here? Some 175 million years ago, geologists believe that the Pacific and the North American continental plates collided. Over the next 55 million years mounting pressures and consequent forces resulted in the massive uplift of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. A second tectonic collision roughly 85 million years ago formed the foothills and ancillary ranges, of which the Goat Range is one. See:

http://www.mountainnature.com/geology/platetectonics.htm

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 5 - Forty Winks - 00 24 14

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 24 14
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 35.52s -115d 25m 51.54s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Pole Bridge

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
Campsite #2 is remarkable in many respects. Its silence, for instance. Although it is quite close to the road (Highway 742) and equally close to a small hydroelectric generation station, the surrounding mountains and hills insulate it to the point that all we hear in this scene is Jack's animated singing.

Quotation:
"What exactly is the Pentecost?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 5 - Forty Winks - 00 24 16

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 24 16
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 35.52s -115d 25m 51.54s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Pole Bridge

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Remarks:
Campsite #2 is high on every *Brokeback* pilgrim's list of places to savor. It boasts an unmatched assortment of memorable settings. The tent area, the "Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside (Fight Hill), the Pole Bridge, and, of course, the Dozy Embrace site, make for a remarkable visit.

Yes, there is a lot to photograph, but do reserve a bit of time to reflect upon the spirit of this place and the beauty of what happened here.

Quotation:
"You may be a sinner but I ain't yet had the opportunity."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 5 - Forty Winks - 00 24 22

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 24 22
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 36.3s -115d 25m 52.4s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Campsite #2

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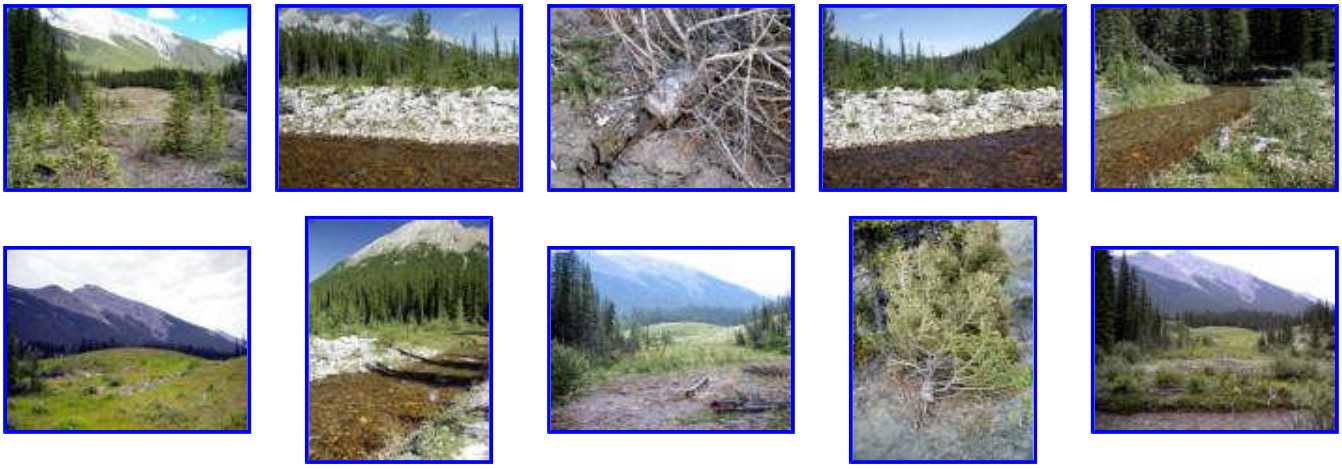
Remarks:
Note in the photos how prop trees were used to mask the rather conspicuous pathway on the right side of the "Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside (Fight Hill). If you look in the woods you'll find these discarded trees which are easy to identify by the metal spikes mounted at their base. Campsite #2 has other artifacts, as well. Should you find something that others might enjoy, please let it be.

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 5 - Forty Winks - 00 27 45

DVD capture

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Location: Calgary, AB, Springbank Park For All Seasons, 32224 Springbank Road
GPS: 51d 4m 3s -114d 20m 54s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Tent Interior

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 169 South. Proceed south on Range Road 33 (181 St.) 2.4 km to intersection of Springbank Road. The building is on the NE corner of the intersection, attached to Springbank Community High School.

Remarks:
The tent interior was filmed not in the scenic mountains of western Alberta but, instead, at a makeshift sound stage constructed on a curling rink just west of Calgary.

Curling is one of Canada's favorite winter sports. Sometimes called "chess on ice," it requires analytical forethought and an expert understanding of both mechanics and plane geometry. A curling rink is hardly a venue one would ordinarily associate with activity which, as Anne Proulx tells us, requires no instruction manual.

See also DVD Chapter 12, 01 05 29, Motel (Interior).

Quotation:
"What're you doin'?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 6 - First Light - 00 29 43

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 29 43
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 36.96s -115d 25m 51.36s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Campsite #2

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
Things are rarely the same the morning after and they certainly were not the same after the "FNIT" (First Night In Tent) scene. The dialog and delivery make this plain, but the shot composition does, as well. Gone are the picturesque views of the lovely creek, grassy hillside, bright sky, and inspiring mountain scenery. In their place we see a worn saddle, a canvas tent, hanging clouds, and two very confused and frightened 19-year-olds.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 29 55
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 36.96s -115d 25m 51.36s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Campsite #2

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Remarks:
"They never talked about the sex," **[1]** writes Annie Proulx. On this morning, Ennis could barely muster a nod. In this, the first of several opportunities Heath Ledger had to emote Ennis's shame, fear, and deep pain, he rose to the challenge without uttering a word. And in "See you for supper," Jake Gyllenhaal persuasively established Jack as the forever hopeful one.

Quotation:
"See you for supper."

[1] *Brokeback Mountain - Story to Screenplay* by Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana (Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4, page 7.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 29 58
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 35.52s -115d 25m 51.54s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Pole Bridge

Travel Directions:
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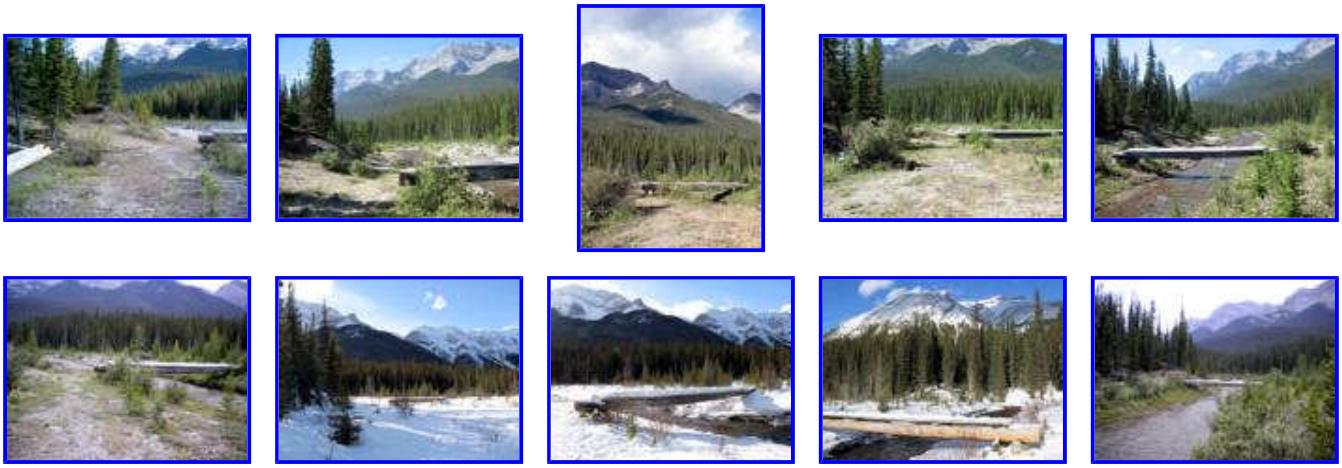
Remarks:
The large group of us that delight in finding carefully crafted "*Brokeback* bookends" all know this unassuming image from the first day of Ennis and Jack's life together. Its counterpart comes almost an hour-and-a-half later in the film as Ennis again departs, this time after the Dozy Embrace during Jack's Flashback (see Chapter 16, 01 49 23). The composition of the two shots, the camera placement, and the subject leave no room for doubt that we are now at the beginning and later, that we have reached the end.

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 6 - First Light - 00 30 09

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 30 09
Location: Hwy 66, Moose Mountain
GPS: 50d 56m 26s -114d 48m 37s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: High Ridge #1

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
There are many mountains, and about 50 km, between Campsite #2 and Moose Mountain where the high ridge scenes were filmed, but who cares? If the director's intent was to underscore Ennis's lonely and troubled mood, the rocky terrain, the winds, and the elevation here certainly respond to that objective.

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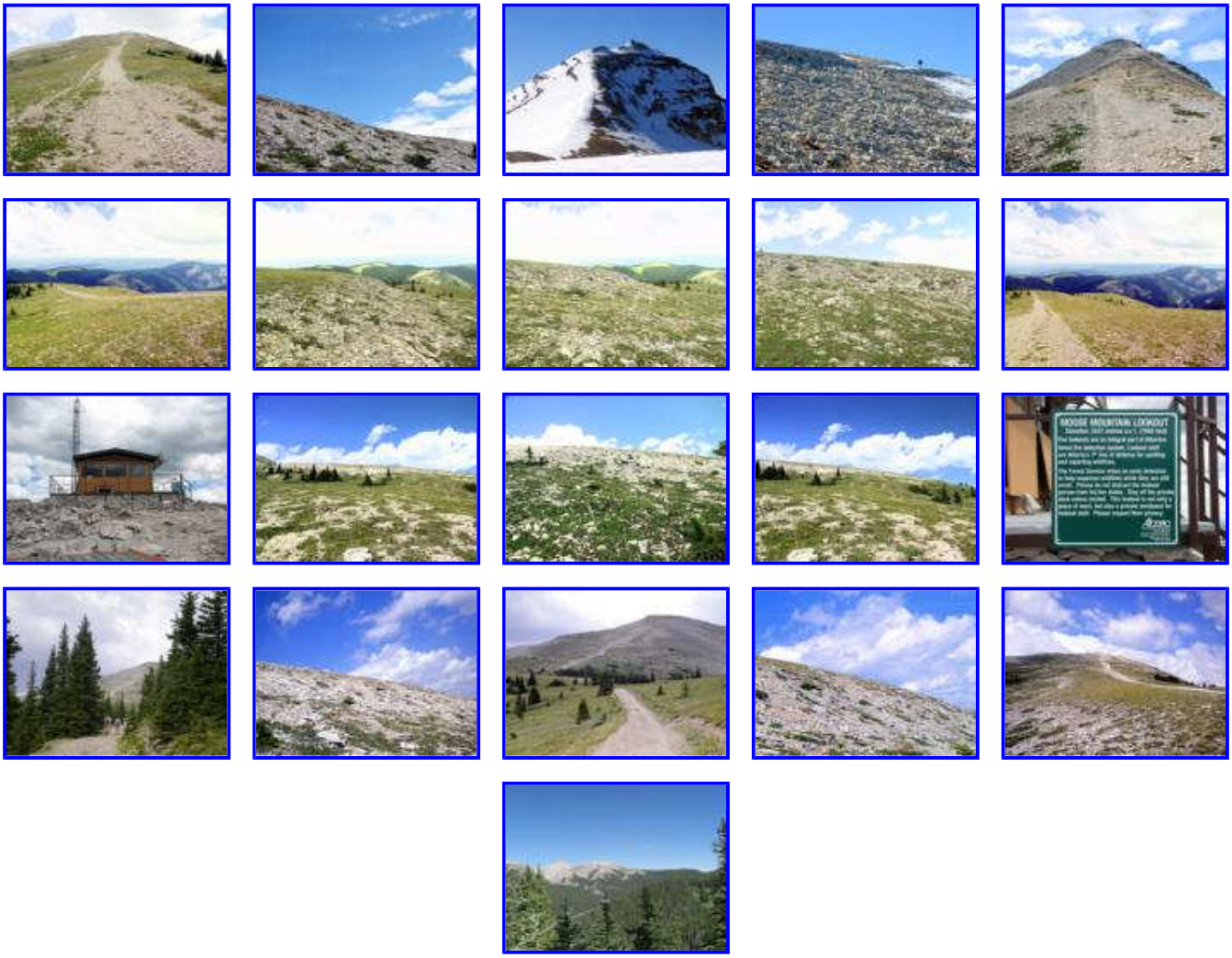
Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 6 - First Light - 00 30 25

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 30 25
Location: Hwy 66, Moose Mountain
GPS: 50d 56m 31.14s -114d 48m 36.84s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: High Ridge #2

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
Moose Mountain is a place of powerful natural forces. Violent storms from the Canadian Rockies move eastward where they are channeled within its canyons. The forest ranger who lives atop Moose has measured winds exceeding 90 mph and observed golf ball-sized hail. Observe the tops of the spruce trees. The isolated white-topped ones literally broke off at the upper trunk under the stress of

Moose’s hurricane-force canyon winds.

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Pictures of surrounding area:

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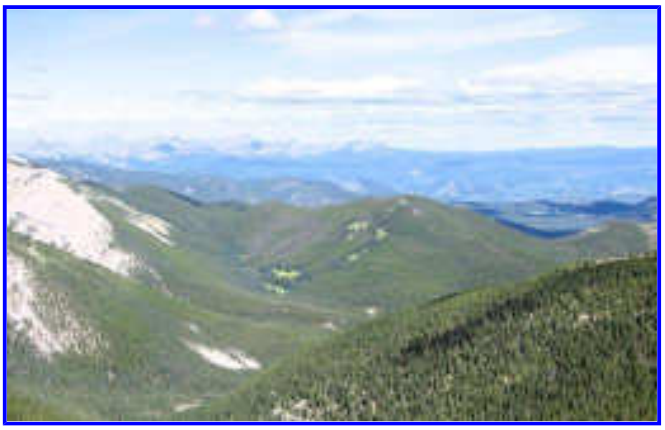
DVD capture



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DVD Time Code = 00 30 30
Location: Hwy 66, Moose Mountain
GPS: 50d 56m 31.14s -114d 48m 36.84s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: High Ridge #2

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
Although it appears that we are at the top of Moose Mountain, this is actually a meadow. A barren gravel ridge and a series of switchbacks separate this site from the mountain's 2,437 m (7,995') summit. No *Brokeback* filming took place on this ridge, although shots from both sheep processions and the entire "I Ain't Queer" scene were photographed nearby.

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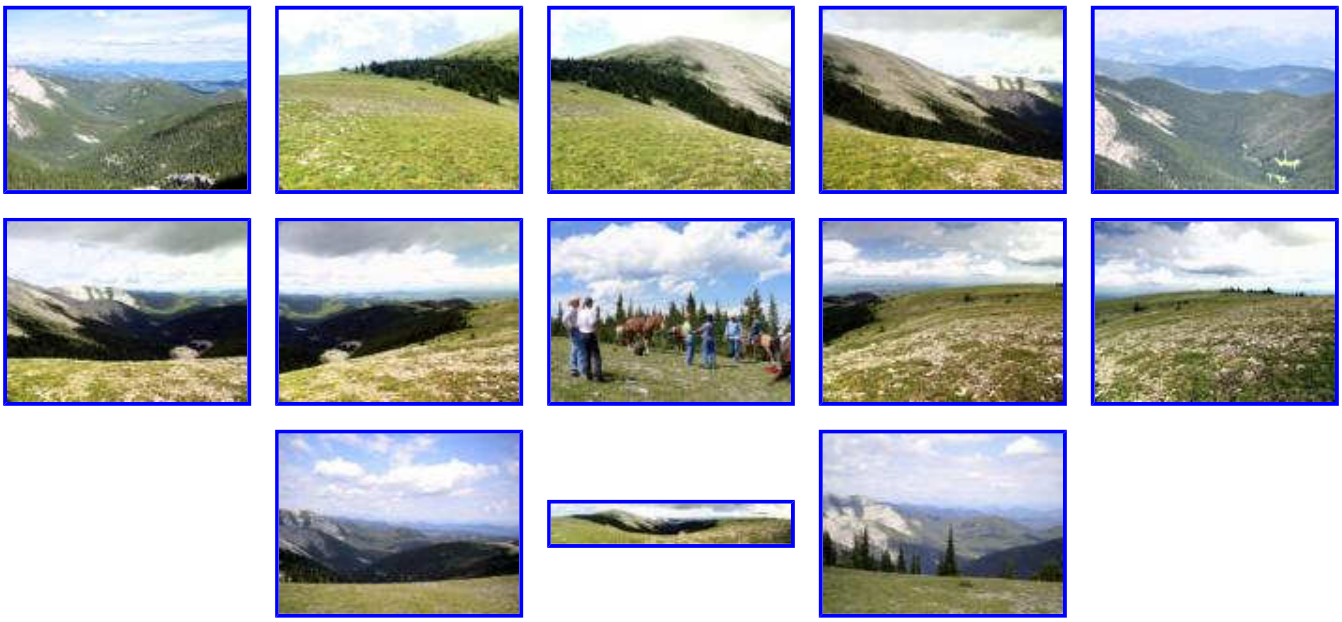

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Chapter 6 - First Light - 00 30 50

DVD capture *

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 30 50
Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation
GPS: 51d 8m 27s -114d 59m 29s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Sheep Rock

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Morley Road, Exit 131, north 3.6 km to Hwy 1A, turn left (west) on 1A, 12 km to "Stoney Indian Park / Buffalo Paddock" sign. Turn left (south) at the "Peacekeepers" building (now a burned ruin), 0.8 km to gate, then go 1.5 km beyond the gate to the site (past the vandalized building with the peaked roof and the "WOMEN" and "MEN" signs on the front at approximately 0.7 km, then an additional 0.8 km). The site is on the right (south) side of the road. Note: The last 1 km of this road is rough; walk it if your vehicle can't stand it.

[Alternately, if you are coming from the cliffs at Seebe (see Chapter 12, 01 09 28, and 01 09 38), turn right (north) onto 1X (the road you came in on), go 2.1 km to intersection of 1A; go right (east) 8.8 km; turn right (south) at "Peacekeepers" building, proceed as directed above.]

The park is officially closed during wintertime though access by foot is feasible, weather permitting. You might want to contact Ray Greenwood, (403) 881-2614, for access arrangements, which may require payment of a $5 fee. Security guards in the area have been known to save paperwork by collecting fees from visitors on the spot.

Remarks:
Although this is a park, please be mindful that it is Native land and worthy of special respect.

Most of the High Ridge footage was taken at nearby Moose Mountain. This shot (which is actually quite close to the locations of the Sheep Staging and Sheep Tangle scenes) captures a bit of the lovely azure Bow River.

Try as you might, you will never find the spot you see in the film. This image is a composite. For a fascinating explanation of how this and other effects were accomplished, see:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPw5plmkd6Q (Groupe Image Buzz Video)

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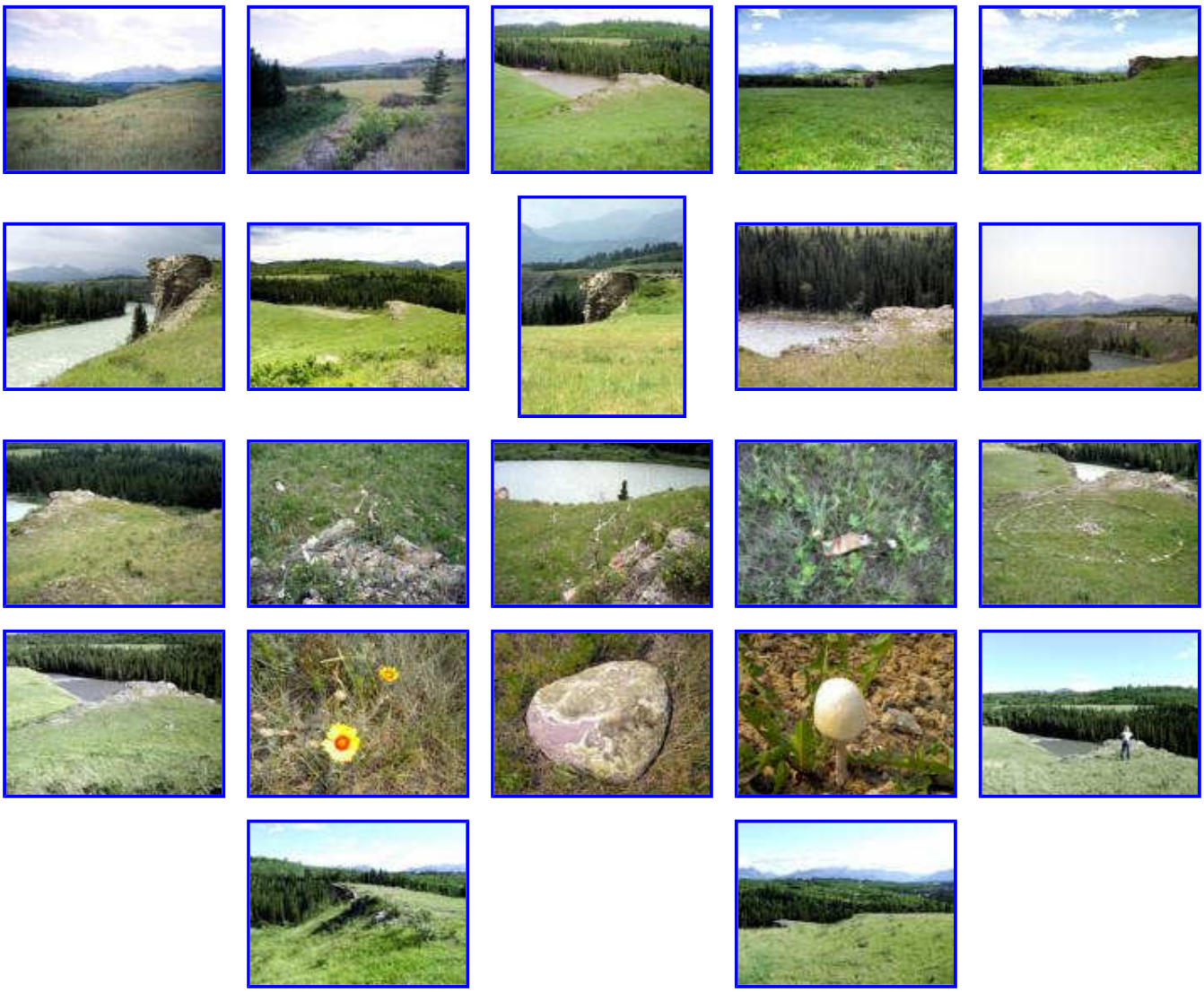
Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 6 - First Light - 00 31 11

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 31 11
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 35.52s -115d 25m 51.54s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Pole Bridge

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Remarks:
It is laundry day at Campsite #2! The glacier-fed waters of Goat Creek insure that colors won't run and clothes don't shrink. Of course, Jack washed the shirts regularly, in the gravely mistaken belief that this would enhance their value when they were subsequently sold on eBay.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 6 - First Light - 00 31 20

DVD capture (reversed)

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 31 20
Location: Hwy 66, Moose Mountain, Sheep Summit
GPS: 50d 56m 31.8s -114d 48m 35.34s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "Ain't Queer" Mountainside

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
Finding these sites has been a delightful adventure. As you might imagine, for every actual site we found, there were several contenders which would "almost" be right were it not for an inconvenient mountain, house, or road! Confronted with these annoyances, it was often tempting to assert that the filmmakers had indeed used the site in question and that any discrepancies were the result of special

effects! Some very elaborate theories were spun to explain some rather improbable image manipulation. Of course, after we had heard enough of our own lies, we went back to work and found the right place.

This scene is an exception. You will not find it in nature. After a lot of searching atop Moose Mountain, Steve Gin and Bob Sohomuch figured out that the image in the film is reversed! It is the only such *Brokeback* shot we have discovered.

Why? Did Ang Lee want the dog to face the other way? Did the dog refuse to cooperate? Is there something else about the composition of the shot that works better this way? We do not have a clue. Perhaps you do. If so, please let us know.

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Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 6 - First Light - 00 31 22

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 31 22
Location: Hwy 66, Moose Mountain
GPS: 50d 56m 33.06s -114d 48m 31.44s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "Ain't Queer" Mountainside

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
Those who find the sheep to be a powerful metaphor for the boys' innocence often note that, in this shot, the sheep's once white wool appears to have darkened. The evening shadows are probably the cause of this illusion.

Imagery aside, the logistics of this scene are confusing. Did Jack leave his laundry duties at camp and join Ennis up on the mountaintop with the sheep before both returned back to camp that evening? Whatever happened, the herd of sheep at twilight provides a great backdrop for the memorable “I Ain’t Queer” scene.

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Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 6 - First Light - 00 31 33

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 31 33
Location: Hwy 66, Moose Mountain
GPS: 50d 56m 31.8s -114d 48m 35.34s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "Ain't Queer" Mountainside

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 161A "Bragg Creek Rd / Hwy 22." Go south on Hwy 22 approximately 17.4 km to the 4-way stop in Bragg Creek. (Do not follow the "Bragg Creek West" sign.) Turn left at the 4-way stop (continue on Hwy 22) and go 3.4 km to the "T" intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 66. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 66 and go approximately 13.9 km to Moose Mountain Road. Turn right (north) onto Moose Mountain Road and follow it 7.0 km to the well-marked trailhead. The trail begins in the trees at the green vehicle barrier, located on the south side of the parking area. The site, which is marked with a cairn, is about 0.5 km beyond the tree line to the north (right). (Note: Moose Mountain Road is unmarked; it is just west of the "Paddy's Flat" sign on Hwy 66.)

The Moose Mountain summit is 7.1 km from the parking area and trailhead, gaining 477 m (1,565') in elevation. Allowing time to explore filming locations, budget a total of 4 to 5 hours for a rewarding hike to and from the vast Moose Mountain meadows, where several sheep herding scenes were filmed. Mornings generally provide the most reliable weather conditions. See:

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/trails/moosemtn.htm

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/trails/moose_prairie.htm

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/outdoor.htm

The hike to the meadows is a moderately strenuous ascent. Though no filming took place above the meadows, the adventurous may wish to keep climbing to the summit using a series of switchbacks leading to a fire lookout station. Budget approximately 50 minutes for the final ascent, along slippery shale surfaces.

Remarks:
The vast open spaces atop Moose Mountain, and all around it, stretch to the horizon affording perfect privacy. If there ever was a place to speak candidly, this is it. Instead, with the exchange "You know I ain't queer" "Me neither," that opportunity is squandered.

Tragically, this is the only intimate conversation Ennis and Jack share during their *Brokeback* summer. And it is a lie. In the decades that followed, the missed opportunities and lies would fester until they became too painful to bear.

Important:
Vehicle access to the trailhead and parking area is subject to seasonal closure, usually opening in mid-May and closing after Canadian Thanksgiving (the second Monday in October). Note: For intermediate and experienced hikers. Wear hiking boots. Take ample water and protective gear. Never leave valuables in a car at trailheads. Use caution; bear activity is common in this area, and in all mountain locations. See:

http://srd.alberta.ca/RecreationPublicUse/AlbertaBearSmart/BearsOutdoorRecreation.aspx

Always consult park wardens and take appropriate precautions.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 6 - First Light - 00 31 41

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 31 41
Location: Hwy 66, Moose Mountain
GPS: 50d 56m 31.8s -114d 48m 35.34s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "Ain't Queer" Mountainside

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Remarks:
A "cairn" is a man-made pile of rocks that marks a site or trail. Steve Gin, and husband Don, have begun a cairn at this spot. Add to it if you care to. Another cairn, located 50 km to the northwest at Campsite #2, marks the site of the Dozy Embrace (see Chapter 5, 00 23 39).

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Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 7 - Bad News - 00 34 34

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 34 34
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 35.76s -115d 25m 51.00s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Aguirre's Visit

Travel Directions:
The site of Aguirre's Visit (Campsite #2) is at the northern end of Spray Valley Provincial Park, off Hwy 742, 7.3 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 2.1 km north of the Riding Ridge. The easiest way to access the site is to follow Hwy 742 and park at the Goat Creek Picnic Area. Walk south along Hwy 742 for approximately 200 meters. At the point where the utility lines cross Hwy 742 you will see a gravel road to your right (west). Turn right and follow the gravel road approximately 0.7 km downhill until you reach a clearing. Turn right and continue across the clearing, passing the "Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside (Fight Hill), and the Dozy Embrace site. If you encounter temporary fencing in this area, go around it to the right. As you approach Goat Creek, you will see the familiar pole bridge and campsite. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see "Hike to Campsite #2" in **Albums**.

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Remarks:
What did Aguirre see? Did he recall his own *Brokeback* summer? Perhaps he even relived a part of it before bringing the bad news to Jack. See:

http://www.albertaparks.ca/spray-valley/information-facilities/day-use/goat-creek.aspx?id=st-day:8158

Quotation:
"Not unless you can cure pneumonia."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 7 - Bad News - 00 34 53

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 34 53
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 35.76s -115d 25m 51.00s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
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Remarks:
A sea of ink has been expended in analyzing Joe Aguirre's initial visit. Did he watch the boys with disgust or excitement? Perhaps this was not the first summer that things had turned out this way. Who knows, perhaps he was reminded of a *Brokeback* experience of his own?

Where the film is ambiguous, the story provides some clarification. "They believed themselves invisible, not knowing Joe Aguirre had watched them through his 10x42 binoculars for ten minutes one day, waiting until they'd buttoned up their jeans ..." **[1]**

Quotation:
"Bad news."

[1] *Brokeback Mountain - Story to Screenplay* by Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana (Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4, page 7.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 7 - Bad News - 00 36 04

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 36 04
Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation
GPS: 51d 8m 25s -114d 59m 19s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Chilean Rock

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Morley Road, Exit 131, north 3.6 km to Hwy 1A, turn left (west) on 1A, 12 km to "Stoney Indian Park / Buffalo Paddock" sign. Turn left (south) at the "Peacekeepers" building (now a burned ruin), 0.8 km to gate, then go 1.5 km beyond the gate to the site (past the vandalized building with the peaked roof and the "WOMEN" and "MEN" signs on the front at approximately 0.7 km, then an additional 0.8 km). The site is on the right (south) side of the road. Note: The last 1 km of this road is rough; walk it if your vehicle can't stand it.

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Remarks:
Like the Basques, herders from Chile came a long way to the mountain west in order to find work as shepherds.

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Quotation:
"Well, what are we supposed to do now, huh?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 09 December 2009

Chapter 7 - Bad News - 00 36 18

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 36 18
Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation
GPS: 51d 8m 24s -114d 59m 19s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Sheep Tangle

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
The Sheep Tangle, set near the Bow River, illustrates the observation contained in the story that "In a disquieting way everything seemed mixed." **[1]** (Never mind that 19-year-old Jack's use of the unexpected adjective "Chilean" is rather disquieting in itself!)

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Quotation:
"Get on in there and untangle them Chilean sheep outta ours, I guess."

[1] *Brokeback Mountain - Story to Screenplay* by Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana

(Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4, page 8.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 7 - Bad News - 00 36 38

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 36 38
Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation
GPS: 51d 8m 24s -114d 59m 19s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Sheep Tangle

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
Like most brilliant comedy, this clever scene, in which Jack "has his way" with the sheep, is rich in symbolism and foreshadowing. Naïve and natural, the sheep have tangled and graze in perfect peace. They don't care about the brands that have been applied by the Joe Aguirres of the world to keep them apart.

Meanwhile, Jack finds it very difficult to force a timid, reluctant sheep to separate from the herd and defiantly expresses his exasperation with Aguirre / authority. Ennis fears the consequences of failing to please Aguirre and, not for the last time, urges obedience.

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Quotation:
“We gotta stick this out, Jack.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 09 December 2009

Chapter 7 - Bad News - 00 36 54

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 36 54
Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation
GPS: 51d 8m 25s -114d 59m 18s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Untangled Sheep Procession

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Morley Road, Exit 131, north 3.6 km to Hwy 1A, turn left (west) on 1A, 12 km to "Stoney Indian Park / Buffalo Paddock" sign. Turn left (south) at the "Peacekeepers" building (now a burned ruin), 0.8 km to gate, then go 1.5 km beyond the gate to the site (past the vandalized building with the peaked roof and the "WOMEN" and "MEN" signs on the front at approximately 0.7 km, then an additional 0.8 km). The site is on the right (south) side of the road. Note: The last 1 km of this road is rough; walk it if your vehicle can't stand it.

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Remarks:
Those incredibly lovely Alberta skies! Among the region's many unique contributions to the film are its stunning skyscapes. Alberta skies are celebrated in Canadian song and poetry, and are well known to motion picture and still photographers worldwide. Want to see more amazing Alberta skies? Check out:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/86953562@N00/sets/1169396/

Though our Canadian friends might argue the point, such skies do not come along every day. The filmmakers experienced some unusually rainy weather while shooting the movie; in most cases the sky images were shot separately and added digitally. See:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPw5plmkd6Q (Groupe Image Buzz Video)

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Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 7 - Bad News - 00 36 55

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 36 55
Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation
GPS: 51d 8m 27s -114d 59m 19s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Quiet Down

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Morley Road, Exit 131, north 3.6 km to Hwy 1A, turn left (west) on 1A, 12 km to "Stoney Indian Park / Buffalo Paddock" sign. Turn left (south) at the "Peacekeepers" building (now a burned ruin), 0.8 km to gate, then go 1.5 km beyond the gate to the site (past the vandalized building with the peaked roof and the "WOMEN" and "MEN" signs on the front at approximately 0.7 km, then an additional 0.8 km). The site is on the right (south) side of the road. Note: The last 1 km of this road is rough; walk it if your vehicle can't stand it.

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Remarks:
One of many examples of artful, low-key cowboy humor, the harmonica "joke" which began at Campsite #2, and which will eventually span four long years, continues here.

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Quotation:
"You'll run them sheep off again if you don't quiet down."

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 07 June 2013

Chapter 7 - Bad News - 00 37 13

DVD capture

Photo courtesy “MarkC.”

DVD Time Code = 00 37 13
Location: Hwy 40, Fortress Mountain Ski Resort
GPS: 50d 49m 25s -115d 12m 17s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Pup Tent

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 40 south 41.4 km to Fortress Junction (“Gas Plus” station is on the left). Turn right and follow the ski resort access road westward, 8 km up the mountain to the main gate (closed in winter), then continue beyond the buildings to a service road. Site is near the water tank near the top of the ski slopes. Bear Creek (King Creek), is on Hwy 40, 8.4 km south of Fortress Junction.

At present, access to this site is very difficult pending the repair of an access road bridge. Unless you are able to get a ride from a ski resort employee this is a moderately strenuous hike which requires 4 to 5 hours to complete.

Remarks:
The filmmakers needed a “really big” mountain to find this much snow in the spring of 2004. The ski area adjacent to The Fortress fit this bill nicely.

The shot is a composite. Eyewitnesses report that the tent was photographed near the corner of the ski area parking lot.

Unlike most peaks, Kananaskis’ legendary Fortress does not carry the usual name “mountain.” It is an awesome thing to behold. Mountain lovers will enjoy reading the fascinating description of The Fortress found at:

http://www.peakfinder.com/peakfinder.ASP?PeakName=The+Fortress

The views from this scene are of nearby Mts. Inflexible and James Walker, seen from the east. See:

http://www.skifortress.ca/index.php?optionfiltered=com_content&task=view&id=53&Itemid=80

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 23 April 2011

Chapter 7 - Bad News - 00 38 55

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 38 55
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 34.80s -115d 25m 46.44s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside (Fight Hill)

Travel Directions:
The "Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside (near Campsite #2) is at the northern end of Spray Valley Provincial Park, off Hwy 742, 7.3 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 2.1 km north of the Riding Ridge. The easiest way to access the site is to follow Hwy 742 and park at the Goat Creek Picnic Area. Walk south along Hwy 742 for approximately 200 meters. At the point where the utility lines cross Hwy 742 you will see a gravel road to your right (west). Turn right and follow the gravel road approximately 0.7 km downhill until you reach a clearing. Turn right and continue across the clearing. You will come to the "Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside (Fight Hill), before you get to the nearby Dozy Embrace and Pole Bridge sites. If you encounter temporary fencing in this area, go around it to the right. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see "Hike to Campsite #2" in **Albums**.

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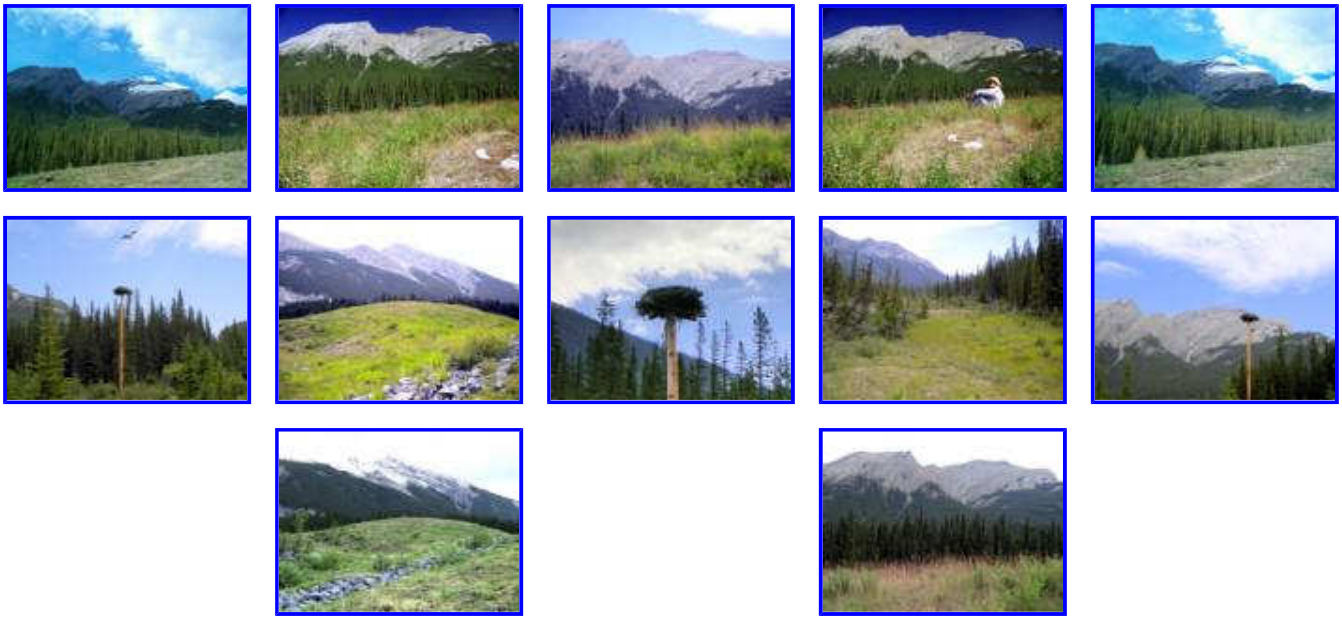
Remarks:
One of the great sights of Campsite #2 is the "Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside (Fight Hill). Ennis tried to sort out his future here but, despite the inspiring surroundings, could not break free of powerful forces that restrained him.

Feeling restrained? Try the same spot. Perhaps your luck will be better.

Quotation:
"Time to get goin', cowboy."

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 7 - Bad News - 00 39 16

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 39 16
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 34.80s -115d 25m 46.44s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Fight Hill ("Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside)

Travel Directions:
The Fight Hill (near Campsite #2) is at the northern end of Spray Valley Provincial Park, off Hwy 742, 7.3 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 2.1 km north of the Riding Ridge. The easiest way to access the site is to follow Hwy 742 and park at the Goat Creek Picnic Area. Walk south along Hwy 742 for approximately 200 meters. At the point where the utility lines cross Hwy 742 you will see a gravel road to your right (west). Turn right and follow the gravel road approximately 0.7 km downhill until you reach a clearing. Turn right and continue across the clearing. You will come to the Fight Hill ("Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside), before you get to the nearby Dozy Embrace and Pole Bridge sites. If you encounter temporary fencing in this area, go around it to the right. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see "Hike to Campsite #2" in **Albums**.

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Remarks:
The grassy hillside stands against the majestic backdrop of Ha Ling Peak. See:

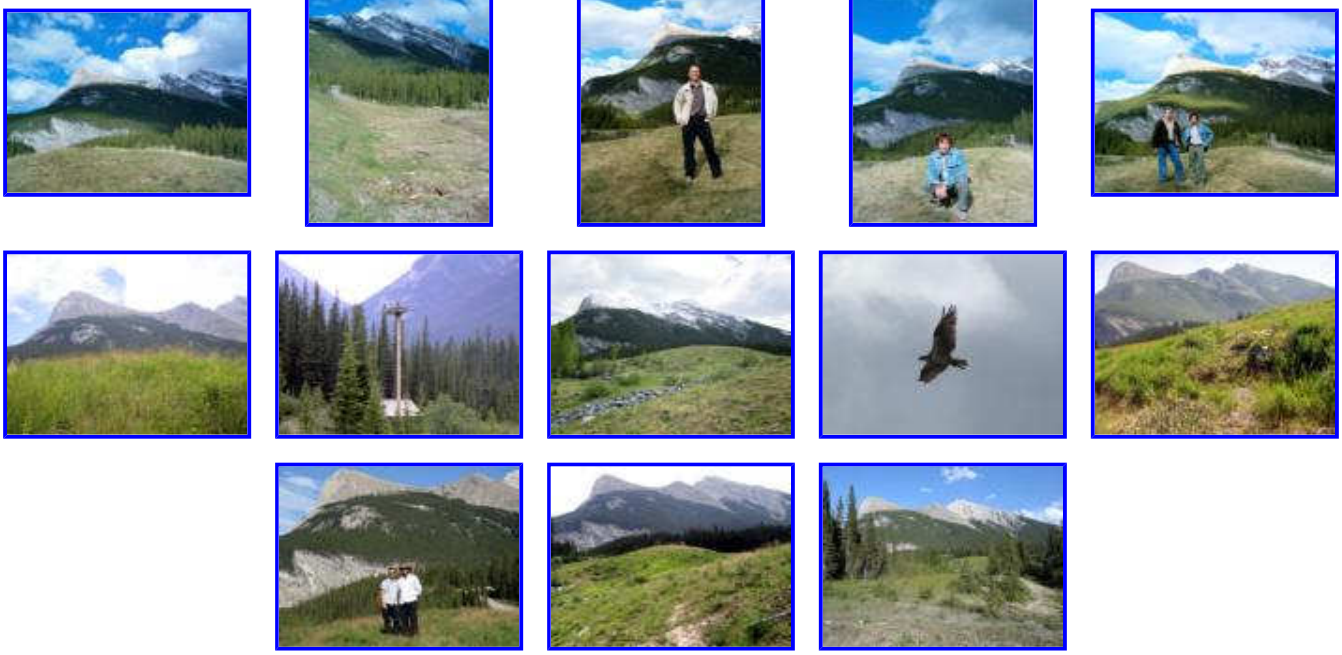
http://www.peakfinder.com/peakfinder.ASP?PeakName=Ha+Ling+Peak

http://www.albertaparks.ca/spray-valley/information-facilities/day-use/goat-creek.aspx?id=st-day:8158

The memory of what happened on the knoll behind the tent lasted Jack for a lifetime. Ennis remembered it too. This hill is not a bad place to sit, ponder, and soak in the glorious Canadian Rocky Mountain scenery but, please, no fighting!

Quotation:
“This ain’t no rodeo, cowboy.”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 8 - Separate Ways - 00 42 27

DVD capture

Photo courtesy John (NZ).

DVD Time Code = 00 42 27
Location: Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue and Cameron Street
GPS: 49d 34m 12.9s -114d 4m 24.6s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Goodbye

Travel Directions:
42 km west of Fort Macleod on Hwy 3 (Crowsnest Hwy). Right (north) onto Hwy 510 / Range Road 1-3, left (west) onto Railway Avenue. Cameron is the third street. The site is in front of the fire station. See also:

http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/cowley/2000546.html

Remarks:
Jack's iconic 1950 GMC truck spent the summer of '63 in front of the Cowley Fire Station. A display of vintage firefighting equipment now occupies the space, some of which is about the same age as Jack's truck.

Canadian philanthropist Rob Freeman, who has generously given of his time to help build this website, has purchased Jack's truck and meticulously restored it. He now uses it to promote charitable causes including HIV / AIDS and cancer research, and housing for special needs adults. For more information about Jack's truck and Rob's important work, see:

http://www.thebrokebacktruck.ca

Quotation:
"I can't believe I left my damn shirt up there."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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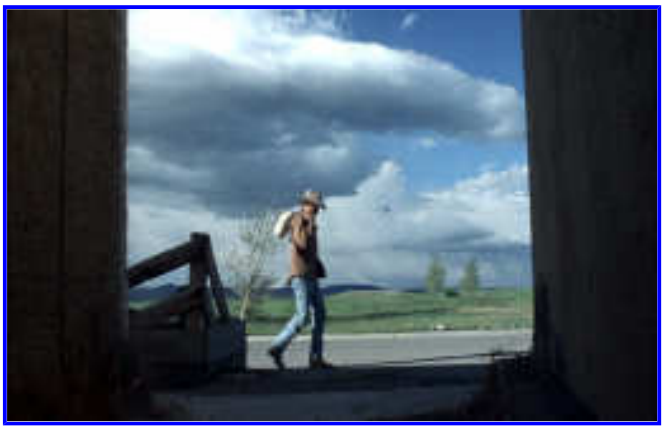
Chapter 8 - Separate Ways - 00 42 45



DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 42 45
Location: Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue
GPS: 49d 34m 10.80s -114d 4m 22.44s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Ennis's Alley

Travel Directions:
42 km west of Fort Macleod on Hwy 3 (Crowsnest Hwy). Right (north) onto Hwy 510 / Range Road 1-3, left (west) onto Railway Avenue. Alley is between the Village of Cowley building and Chinook-Spitzie Lodge No. 6.

Remarks:
You can feel as much of Ennis's pain as you allow in this austere passageway between the Village of Cowley building and a Masonic Lodge. A *Brokeback Mountain* production positioning mark remains on the concrete curb where pounding that wall was all Ennis could do. Pound it yourself. Does that feel better, now? We thought not. See:

http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/cowley/2000546.html

Quotation:
"What the fuck are you lookin' at?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 8 - Separate Ways - 00 43 42

DVD capture

Photo courtesy "JWK."

DVD Time Code = 00 43 42
Location: Dinton, AB, on Hwy 547, between Aldersyde and Mossleigh
GPS: 50d 43m 4.38s -113d 33m 36.96s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Wedding Chapel

Travel Directions:
From Calgary, follow Hwy 2 south to Aldersyde, turn left at the PetroCanada station onto Hwy 547 toward Mossleigh. Dinton is unmarked, about 5.0 km beyond the Blackie turnoff at the corner of Hwy 547 (also known as 370 Ave., SE) and 304th Street. The Wedding Chapel (St. Thomas' Anglican Church) is on the right.

From Carseland, go south on Highway 24, turn west on Hwy 547, and drive 10.4 km. The Wedding Chapel is to the left (south).

Remarks:
Microscopic Dinton won't be on your roadmap, but it is easy to find. This tiny, simple wood church meets the story's requirements with an authenticity that Hollywood set carpenters could not match.

The del Mar wedding portrait (available in **Downloads**) was made on the northwest side of the church.

Larry Reese, a theatre instructor at Red Deer College (north of Calgary), fills the role of the jolly minister. The real minister at St. Thomas' Anglican Church is Rev. DiVenczo, who holds services here at 9 AM on the first and third Sundays of each month and can be contacted at (403) 652-2271.

While in Dinton, be sure to see the Drive-In Theatre site. It is just across the road! See:

http://www.calgary.anglican.ca/Parishes/DintonStThomas.html

Quotation:
"And if you don't, I will."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 8 - Separate Ways - 00 44 30

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 44 30
Location: Range Road 264 and Township Road 280, west of Beiseker, AB
GPS: 51d 21m 28s -113d 36m 53s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Paving Scene

Travel Directions:
From the intersection of Hwys 9 and 72 in Beiseker, go west 6.6 km on Hwy 72 to Range Road 264. Turn left (south) onto Range Road 264 (there is a sign for South Rock) and go 3.2 km to the intersection of Range Road 264 and Township Road 280. The site is on your right.

[Alternately, if traveling east on Hwy 72 you will come to the South Rock sign and Range Road 264 before reaching the town of Beiseker. Turn right (south) onto Range Road 264 and go 3.2 km to the intersection of Range Road 264 and Township Road 280. The site is on your right.]

Remarks:
It was here that newlywed Ennis shoveled hot asphalt and dreamed of even hotter times up on Brokeback Mountain. Despite considerable effort, the location of this scene eluded many accomplished site finders until resourceful Lauren Gurney finally found it in June 2007.

Quotation:
“I told her strong backs and weak minds runs in the family.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 8 - Separate Ways - 00 44 47

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 44 47
Location: Dinton, AB, opposite St. Thomas' Anglican Church on Hwy 547
GPS: 50d 43m 4.68s -113d 33m 37.14s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Drive-In Theatre

Travel Directions:
From Calgary, follow Hwy 2 south to Aldersyde, turn left at the PetroCanada station onto 547 toward Mossleigh. Dinton is unmarked, about 5.0 km beyond the Blackie turnoff at the corner of Hwy 547 (also known as 370 Ave., SE) and 304th St. The ball field at the northwest corner of the intersection served as the drive-in theatre.

From Carseland, go south on Highway 24, turn west on Highway 547, and drive 10.4 km. The ball field is to the right (north).

Remarks:
Microscopic Dinton won't be on your roadmap but it is easy to find. The ball field, which became Ennis and Alma's drive-in theatre, is opposite St. Thomas' Anglican Church (the Wedding Chapel). The drive-in is something of an illusion. A computer-generated theater screen is imposed on the image of the Dinton baseball diamond. The deception is perfected by speaker stands obtained from a Calgary drive-in. A few of the speaker-stand post holes remain. Ennis's truck faced westward.

While in Dinton be sure to see the Wedding Chapel (St. Thomas' Anglican Church). It is just across the road!

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 45 05

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 45 05
Location: Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue and Cameron Street
GPS: 49d 34m 10.02s -114d 4m 20.16s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Signal Street

Travel Directions:
42 km west of Fort Macleod on Hwy 3 (Crowsnest Hwy). Right (north) onto Hwy 510 / Range Road 1-3, left (west) onto Railway Avenue. Cameron is the third street. The site is in front of the fire station. See also:

http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/cowley/2000546.html

Remarks:
It is in search of love that Jack, in a scene that portends his ultimate fate, unknowingly enters a hostile place and falls prey to Joe Aguirre's own "sucker punch."

Jack's reaction has been the subject of considerable debate. Does he respond by leaving Aguirre's trailer in humiliation? Or, as has also been suggested, does he depart with his head held high in an expression of "pre-Stonewall pride"?

Quotation:
"Well, look what the wind blew in."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 46 38

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 46 38
Location: Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB
GPS: 49d 58m 39.06s -113d 44m 41.94s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Lonesome Ranch

Travel Directions:
John and Kerry Hart farm, Hwy 520 and Range Road 283, 15.5 km west of Claresholm. From Claresholm, follow 43rd Avenue (also known as Hwy 520) west 15.5 km. (Beware: This road takes an abrupt and poorly marked curve at 7.2 km. Don't make the same mistake Ennis's parents did!) Turn left at Range Road 283 and go south 1.3 km. Turn left again and follow the driveway 0.6 km.

Remarks:
Alma was no Jack, but when the opportunity presented itself to persuade Ennis to move out of this dump, she did the best that she possibly could. Although Alma's marriage eventually fell apart, her clothesline and kitchen are still intact and visible at this site.

The cabin, where Ennis moved after his divorce, is located on the same property. On the way to or from the Hart farm, hungry pilgrims might want to check out Roy's Place "at the light" in Claresholm. Roy and Bob serve good food at reasonable prices.

Important:
Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property. Driveway may require four wheel drive / high-profile vehicle. Use caution.

Quotation:
"Can't we move to town?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

Floor Plan

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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 46 47

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 46 47
Location: Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB
GPS: 49d 58m 39.06s -113d 44m 41.94s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Lonesome Ranch

Travel Directions:
John and Kerry Hart farm, Hwy 520 and Range Road 283, 15.5 km west of Claresholm. From Claresholm, follow 43rd Avenue (also known as Hwy 520) west 15.5 km. (Beware: This road takes an abrupt and poorly marked curve at 7.2 km. Don't make the same mistake Ennis's parents did!) Turn left at Range Road 283 and go south 1.3 km. Turn left again and follow the driveway 0.6 km.

Remarks:
The Lonesome Ranch has the characteristic grittiness of *Brokeback*'s many flatland settings. Wallpaper and paint are peeling, furnishings are shabby, children cry, work is hard; in short, this place is about as experientially distant from Campsite #2 as one could possibly imagine.

Important:
Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property. Driveway may require four wheel drive / high-profile vehicle. Use caution.

Quotation:
"I'm tired of these lonesome old ranches."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 46 54

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 46 54
Location: Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB
GPS: 49d 58m 39.06s -113d 44m 41.94s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Lonesome Ranch

Travel Directions:
John and Kerry Hart farm, Hwy 520 and Range Road 283, 15.5 km west of Claresholm. From Claresholm, follow 43rd Avenue (also known as Hwy 520) west 15.5 km. (Beware: This road takes an abrupt and poorly marked curve at 7.2 km. Don't make the same mistake Ennis's parents did!) Turn left at Range Road 283 and go south 1.3 km. Turn left again and follow the driveway 0.6 km.

Remarks:
Alma has a small army of loyalist fans who see her as the blameless victim of Ennis and Jack's tragedy. Others argue that she was hardly innocent, citing her manipulative behavior, both here and at the Laundry Apartment.

Innocent or otherwise, like her first husband Alma was perfectly capable of throwing a sucker punch: "I'd have 'em if you'd support 'em" and "Jack Twist? Jack Nasty!"

Important:
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Quotation:
"You don't want it to be so lonely, do you?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 50 24

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 50 24
Location: Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds
GPS: 51d 14m 9.36s -113d 8m 14.52s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Electra Rodeo

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on Hwy 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of Hwy 263 and Range Road 233. From Main Street, Rockyford (where you will find three important *Brokeback* buildings), walk approximately two blocks northeast on 1st Avenue E to the rodeo grounds. See:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/r05.htm

Remarks:
Jack almost starved rodeoin' in little towns such as Electra. The filmmakers used a wooden fence and different camera angles to disguise the fact that this is also the site of the Childress rodeo, where Jack's overtures were more warmly received.

Should you find yourself in Rockyford in late July, why not enjoy the rodeo yourself? For information, call (403) 533-3950. See also:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/

Quotation:
"Send in the clowns!"

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 50 45

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 50 45
Location: Calgary, AB, King Edward Hotel, 9th Avenue SW and Fourth Street SE
GPS: 51d 2m 39.90s -114d 3m 12.48s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Electra Bar (Jimbo's Bar)

Travel Directions:
On 9th Avenue SW, at Fourth Street SE, between Macleod Trail and Fort Calgary Historic Park.

Remarks:
In spite of his charms, Jack could not score here with Jimbo (played by Calgary local Tom Carey). Similarly, the King Edward (King Eddie) has been unable to lure enough of its SE Calgary neighbors to remain solvent. Run down and contaminated by "toxic mold," this century-old hotel and blues bar was boarded up two weeks after *Brokeback Mountain* filming was completed in August 2004. The area is now slated for redevelopment. See:

http://www.friendsofthekingeddy.com

http://www.canada.com/calgaryherald/news/story.html?id=4f351573-43f6-4e94-bbbc-43e73da94295

http://cantos.ca/sites/default/files/Final_Five_Announcement(May_21.09).pdf

If you walk three blocks along 9th Avenue to the east, you will find Fort Calgary (or a reconstruction thereof) and a museum / interpretive center. At this juncture of the Elbow and Bow rivers, Calgary had its humble beginnings as a North-West Mounted Police outpost in 1875. As did their predecessors, today's Mounties always seem to get their man. See:

http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20060521/rcmp_marriage_060521/20060521/

Important:
Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property.

Quotation:
"So save your money for your next entry fee, cowboy."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 52 29

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 52 29
Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Westwinds Baseball Area
GPS: 49d 42m 35.46s -113d 25m 0.66s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Fireworks Area

Travel Directions:
East on Chief Red Crow Blvd., turn right (south) on Archie Maclean (3rd) Avenue. Go 0.9 km on 3rd Avenue, crossing the rail tracks. Take the second right turn (west) at Alberta Hardware. Go 0.3 km and turn left (south) at Collar Tire. Go 0.8 km and turn right onto gravel driveway. See map of Fort Macleod.

Remarks:
Some 200 citizens of Fort Macleod were invited to watch the shooting of the fireworks scene. Caroline Boschman, a reporter for *The Lethbridge* [AB] *Herald*, wrote an interesting first person account of this long night; it can be read here. Later, a local minister learned the nature of the film and wrote an op-ed piece in the Fort Macleod newspaper, claiming that the town's citizens had been deceived; it can be read here.

Early plans called for this scene to follow a shot of a Fourth of July parade down Fort Macleod's Main Street, but it was not to be. We are informed that some of the town's merchants were unwilling to cooperate with the filmmakers. This is moviespeak for "they wanted big money."

Late summer visitors to this area will note a profusion of tumbleweeds (also known as Russian thistle and wind witch), some the size of a soccer ball, others much larger. Wheat farmers from the Ukraine and the Volga River Valley immigrated to western Canada during the early part of the 20th century, bringing along their prime wheat seeds which were often sewn inside the hems of clothing for protection. A few Russian thistle seeds got mixed in with the good stuff and, despite intensive efforts to eradicate the invasive plant, it is now very much at home throughout southern Alberta.

Even if you have never seen a tumbleweed, you probably recognize the song "Tumbling Tumbleweeds," a staple of cowboy music since the 1930s.

http://www.cowboylyrics.com/lyrics/sons-of-the-pioneers/tumbling-tumbleweeds-13413.html

Quotation:
"Shouldn't we move a little closer?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 53 02

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 53 02
Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Westwinds Baseball Area
GPS: 49d 42m 35.46s -113d 25m 0.66s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Fireworks Area

Travel Directions:
East on Chief Red Crow Blvd., turn right (south) on Archie Maclean (3rd) Avenue. Go 0.9 km on 3rd Avenue, crossing the rail tracks. Take the second right turn (west) at Alberta Hardware. Go 0.3 km and turn left (south) at Collar Tire. Go 0.8 km and turn right onto gravel driveway. See map of Fort Macleod.

Remarks:
It takes more than a bit of searching to find this community baseball diamond located near an old airstrip south of Fort Macleod, but those who were energized by Ennis's manly silhouette against a backdrop of patriotic fireworks, or moved by Alma's reaction to her husband's fury, will want to visit this place as part of their Fort Macleod pilgrimage. See:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/

Quotation:
"Wanna swallow 'bout half your fuckin' teeth?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 53 30

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 53 30
Location: Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds
GPS: 51d 14m 9.36s -113d 8m 14.52s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Childress Rodeo

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. From Main Street, Rockyford (where you will find three *Brokeback* buildings), walk approximately two blocks northeast on 1st Avenue E to the rodeo grounds. See:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/r05.htm

Remarks:
Though Jack had better luck at the Childress rodeo than the one at Electra, both were filmed here in Rockyford. You can see exactly where Jack retrieved that fateful red hat, and stand in the holding cage where he mounted Sleepy. (Watch out for the very real bull shit at your feet!) See also:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/

Quotation:
“Oh boy, look at her fly.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 53 36

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 53 36
Location: Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds
GPS: 51d 14m 9.36s -113d 8m 14.52s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Childress Rodeo

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. From Main Street, Rockyford (where you will find three *Brokeback* buildings), walk approximately two blocks northeast on 1st Avenue E to the rodeo grounds. See:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/r05.htm

Remarks:
Bruising from criticism by a Fort Macleod preacher over the fireworks scene, the producers decided to use a different public relations approach here in Rockyford. They told anyone who asked that the film contained "undertones which might be offensive to some." They then teamed up with the Rockyford Lions Club and turned the rodeo shoot into a fundraiser, which netted $6,000 CDN.

Most of Rockyford's 318 citizens were there for a very long day that spilled into the evening and then into the next day. Over and over, as the production crew established different camera angles and perspectives, the local extras rose to the challenges of their assignments, which included mime conversations among themselves, waving, and cheering at stunt doubles.

Quotation:
"It's Lureen Newsome, from right here in Childress, Texas."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 53 40

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 53 40
Location: Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds
GPS: 51d 14m 9.36s -113d 8m 14.52s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Childress Rodeo

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. From Main Street, Rockyford (where you will find three *Brokeback* buildings), walk approximately two blocks northeast on 1st Avenue E to the rodeo grounds. See:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/r05.htm

Remarks:
Barrel racing is a popular rodeo sport. Three barrels are set up in a triangular pattern. Riders then enter the arena at full speed, quickly rounding each barrel in a cloverleaf pattern before exiting where they entered. The fastest rider wins, so riders steer their horses as close as they can to the barrels, trying to shave precious seconds off their time. Knocking a barrel over results in a five second penalty. Leaving all the barrels upright and ripping through the course is the object of the sport.

Anne Hathaway said she learned a lot about barrel racing and that she enjoyed preparing for this portion of her diverse *Brokeback* role. But when it came time for the cameras to roll at Rockyford, it was veteran barrel racer Skyler Mantler in the saddle. The next contestant, “Chyanne Hodgson from Cody, Wyoming” is actually a native of Dorothy (the tiny hamlet where Ennis’s Flashback was filmed). Chyanne has now become something of a barrel racing poster girl and has continued to work in movies as a stunt performer and transportation captain.

Quotation:
“Let’s give her a big hand.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 53 47

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 53 47
Location: Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds
GPS: 51d 14m 9.36s -113d 8m 14.52s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Childress Rodeo

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. From Main Street, Rockyford (where you will find three *Brokeback* buildings), walk approximately two blocks northeast on 1st Avenue E to the rodeo grounds. See:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/r05.htm

Remarks:
Climb the very narrow set of metal stairs. Welcome to the rodeo announcer's box! This is a great spot to look over the barrel racing and bull riding venues, the spectator stands, and the dropped-hat site. Even Jack and Lureen's parking spot can be viewed from this elevated perch.

In case you did not know, there is quite an art to rodeo announcing. Some rodeo announcers are themselves celebrities. If you doubt it, take a look at http://www.rodeoannouncer.com

Brokeback's rodeo announcer was Duval Lang. Lang was already versed in Larry McMurtry's work, having played a small role in the television miniseries *Lonesome Dove*.

Quotation:
"And the time is 16 and 9."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 55 11

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 55 11
Location: Calgary, AB, Ranchman's, 9615 Macleod Trail South
GPS: 50d 58m 15.54s -114d 4m 19.62s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Childress Bar

Travel Directions:
Ranchman's is located at 9615 Macleod Trail on the west side of the road, south of downtown Calgary.

Remarks:
This is the authentic watering hole for Calgary's very real rodeo cowboys. Enjoy a meal or a drink in this temple of testosterone. As you nurse your beer, and perhaps a fantasy or two, don't forget to look above you to see an incomparable collection of well-worn prize rodeo saddles.

Jack did his financial research, and Lureen sounded her matin' call, in the left rear bar area of Ranchman's.

Special kudos to affable owner Harris Dvorkin, and marketing executive Wendy Daniel, who agreed to make Ranchman's available for a "gay cowboy movie." See:

http://www.ranchmans.com/

Our fellow site searcher and director of Calgary's noted GLTBQ theatre company Teatro Berdache, Steve Gin, worked as an extra in this scene and later in the Electra Bar scene at the King Eddie. Steve tells us that after lagging behind the others in wardrobe and, quite naturally, makeup, he had to rush to set for filming. Passing a "cute guy" he assumed to be a production assistant, Steve asked for directions. "Cute guy" kindly pointed the way. Minutes later on set, it became apparent to Steve that the helpful fellow had been none other than Jake Gyllenhaal. During a break in filming, Jake turned to Steve and started a conversation, saying "Glad to see you got here all right!"

Quotation:
"What are you waitin' for cowboy, a matin' call?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 56 57

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 56 57
Location: Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds
GPS: 51d 14m 6.72s -113d 8m 14.22s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack and Lureen's Parking Spot

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. From Main Street, Rockyford (where you will find three *Brokeback* buildings), walk approximately two blocks northeast on 1st Avenue E to the rodeo grounds. Pass the long beige metal building and turn right. The site is 150' ahead to the right. See:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/r05.htm

Remarks:
Hours after the Childress rodeo was over, Lureen did some impressive bull riding in L.D.'s T-Bird. Like Ennis's dad, she proved to be a fine roper.

Quotation:
"You don't think I'm too fast do you?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 58 07

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 58 07
Location: Crossfield, AB, Railway Street at Nanton Avenue
GPS: 51d 25m 38.22s -114d 1m 41.46s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Grocery (Exterior)

Travel Directions:
On Hwy 2, north from Calgary, take the Crossfield exit, which leads to Highway 2A. Turn left onto Laut Avenue at the Crossfield Country Inn and then right onto Railway Street. The site is at the corner of Nanton and Railway Streets. See:

http://www.crossfieldalberta.com/aboutus.php#tourism

Remarks:
Empty now, Monroe's Riverton Grocery Store still bears its authentic "Choice Meats / Fresh Produce" signage. Crossfield is an otherwise unremarkable setting for the contrasting images of masculinity offered by Ennis and Monroe.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 58 20

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 58 20
Location: Crossfield, AB, Railway Street at Nanton Avenue
GPS: 51d 25m 38.22s -114d 1m 41.46s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Grocery (Interior)

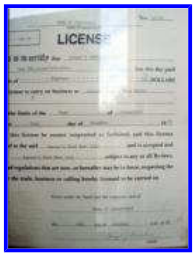
Travel Directions:
On Hwy 2, north from Calgary, take the Crossfield exit, which leads to Highway 2A. Turn left onto Laut Avenue at the Crossfield Country Inn and then right onto Railway Street. The site is at the corner of Nanton and Railway Streets. See:

http://www.crossfieldalberta.com/aboutus.php#tourism

Remarks:
The store is now empty, although the shelf footings and some fixtures remain. Interested in being Monroe's successor? Local real estate agent Don Jackett, (403) 946-5657, wants to talk with you. Beware. The place, like so many *Brokeback* shooting venues, needs lots of work!

Quotation:
"She's in the condiments aisle." "The what?" "Ketchup."

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 11 - Drop Me a Line - 01 00 23

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 00 23
Location: Fort Macleod, AB, 3rd Avenue at 25th Street
GPS: 49d 43m 34.9s -113d 24m 19.8s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: ELKS Lodge

Travel Directions:
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See also:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/images/uploads/visit_map.pdf

Remarks:
The building no longer has its distinctive brown cornice and the ELKS sign is gone, but it is unmistakable.

Fort Macleod's savvy Economic Development Commission, and its helpful chief executive Gordon MacIvor, went all out to make this town attractive to the BBM production team. Was it worth their trouble? Apparently so. On the morning we were there, a busload of tourists from Japan were busy snapping photos of the former Elks Lodge and the nearby stairs. See:

http://www.fortmacleod.com

Besides its connection to *Brokeback Mountain*, Fort Macleod is notable for being the birthplace of Joni Mitchell. See:

http://www.jonimitchell.com

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 11 - Drop Me a Line - 01 00 28

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 00 28
Location: Fort Macleod, AB, 3rd Avenue near 25th Street
GPS: 49d 43m 33.24s -113d 24m 20.82s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Laundry Apartment

Travel Directions:
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See also:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/images/uploads/visit_map.pdf

Remarks:
A *Brokeback* icon, the Laundry Apartment now proudly bears a "2004 *Brokeback* Filming Location" plaque. The "Entrance in Front" sign, which Ennis so routinely ignored, covers an inconvenient window.

Oh, the laundry? The steam vent, the steam, and the hot water heater were all props; the business downstairs is an electronics and photo store. Friendly Harley Brown, who, with his wife Cindy, owns the building and runs the business, enjoys recalling the summer of 2004 when his property was "*Brokeback* Central."

Important:
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Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 11 - Drop Me a Line - 01 01 00

DVD capture

Contributed photo *

DVD Time Code = 01 01 00
Location: Fort Macleod, AB, 3rd Avenue near 25th Street
GPS: 49d 43m 33.24s -113d 24m 20.82s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Laundry Apartment Kitchen

Travel Directions:
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See also:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/images/uploads/visit_map.pdf

Remarks:
Those who embrace Alma's symbolic connection to water are well versed in the "three sinks": The Lonesome Ranch (anticipation), the Laundry Apartment (deception), and Monroe's House (retribution).

Darryl Solly, the film's locations manager, tells us that they spotted the Laundry Apartment early on in their search for filming locations. Its tenant was skeptical of the entire proposal to make her austere apartment center stage for some of the most important scenes of a major motion picture.

"Everything she asked for, she got. She was taken care of," says Solly, artfully avoiding mention of dollar amounts.

Important:
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Quotation:
"You know somebody name a Jack?"

Picture of surrounding area:

Revised 17 November 2013

Chapter 11 - Drop Me a Line - 01 01 34

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 01 34
Location: Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue
GPS: 51d 14m 0.78s -113d 8m 28.32s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Post Office

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. The Riverton Post Office building is on Main Street at 1st Avenue. See:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/r05.htm

Remarks:
It was here, on simple postcards, that Ennis wrote “You bet” and later read the word “DECEASED.” Though the neighboring brick structure has been demolished, the Riverton Post Office stands and reminds us of the power small words have to change lives.

Look over your shoulder and see JT’s Bar, and to the left of it, the exterior of the Childress Dance Hall. And by all means, don’t leave town without seeing the site that was both the Electra and Childress Rodeo Grounds. It is two blocks away, near “Lureen and Jack’s Parking Spot.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 29 March 2015

Chapter 11 - Drop Me a Line - 01 01 52

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 01 52
Location: Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue
GPS: 51d 14m 0.48s -113d 8m 24.18s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: JT's Bar

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. JT's Bar, now "The Pub on Main" (previously Dun Rovens Pub) is on Main Street at 1st Avenue, opposite the Riverton Post Office building. See:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/r05.htm

Remarks:
It was once a mute witness to motion picture history in the making. Today, the owners of the edifice known around the world as "JT's Bar" sell prepared sandwiches, beer, and sodas under the far less recognizable name, "The Pub on Main." Its owners are plainly in need of customers who, like its former namesake did, "drink a lot."

Look next door and see the exterior of the Childress Dance Hall. The street to your left leads to the Electra and Childress Rodeo grounds, approximately two blocks away.

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Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 11 - Drop Me a Line - 01 02 07

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 02 07
Location: Fort Macleod, AB, 3rd Avenue near 25th Street
GPS: 49d 43m 33.24s -113d 24m 20.82s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Apartment View

Travel Directions:
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See also:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/images/uploads/visit_map.pdf

Remarks:
The empty lot in front of the Laundry Apartment looks even emptier without Jack's red truck. Residents of the building begrudgingly tolerate the hoards that march up their steps to see what Alma saw. Please be respectful of their privacy. A poster in the parking area incorporates some photos of the 2004 filming activity. A complete set of these great pictures can be found in **Albums;** look for Harley Brown Laundry Apartment Pre-Production Photos.

To the right is a reconstruction of the 1874 North-West Mounted Police fort that is the town's namesake. To the left is a well-maintained historic downtown, its crown jewel being one of western Canada's oldest vaudeville houses, The Empress Theatre. For more information, see:

http://www.empresstheatre.ab.ca

Still operational and lovingly restored, The Empress has recently hosted the likes of Buffy Sainte Marie and Judy Collins. In January 2006 it screened *Brokeback Mountain* in a premiere gala that had townspeople lined up around the block to get in (even with tickets a whopping $15). The enthusiastic turnout was all the more interesting considering that the area's provincial and federal politicians have consistently voted against all forms of gay and lesbian equality. See:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/

Finally, approximately 18 km northwest from Fort Macleod is the UN Heritage Site “Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump.” See:

http://www.head-smashed-in.com/

This is the remarkable location where, for more than 5,000 years (!), aboriginal peoples chased buffalo off of a cliff and developed sophisticated systems of harvesting their meat, hides, and bones.

Important:
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Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 29 March 2015

Chapter 11 - Drop Me a Line - 01 03 42

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 03 42
Location: Fort Macleod, AB, 3rd Avenue near 25th Street
GPS: 49d 43m 33.24s -113d 24m 20.82s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: The Stairwell

Travel Directions:
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See also:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/images/uploads/visit_map.pdf

Remarks:
The steps! There is a great deal of logistic confusion over the steps. Examine the photos of the laundry apartment here and you will see that the building has two sets of steps. The steps that lead to Apartment 1 are the ones that Ennis and Jack found so handy. They are not the same steps that lead to Apartments 2 and 3. (To make matters even more complicated, Apartment 3 became the film's Apartment 2. Of course, before they became the subject of worldwide *Brokeback* attention, the apartments had no numbers at all!)

Is there a tabloid editor alive who could refuse a candid shot of Jake Gyllenhaal and Heath Ledger kissing? One of the producers' biggest concerns surrounding the filming of the stairwell scene was privacy. Keep in mind that the details of the story were not widely known when this scene was shot and that the apartment is next to a busy public street.

We are told that Ledger, Gyllenhaal, and Williams arrived and departed the set in PT Cruisers equipped with tinted windows. Note in the photographs that the sloped "pony" wall next to the steps was modified to further shield the smooching area from public view.

Important:
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Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 29 March 2015

Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 05 17

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 05 17
Location: Hwys 9 and 72, just east of Beiseker, AB
GPS: 51d 22m 53.04s -113d 31m 34.38s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Motel (Exterior)

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 9 north to the intersection of Hwy 72. The motel is on the left next to the Esso station.

Remarks:
Friendly Joanne, (403) 947-2555, runs this simple but spotless refuge for frustrated husbands and their devoted fans. Though only the exterior was used in the making of the film, there is certainly no harm in bringing someone dear to you and reliving some of Jack and Ennis's happiest moments inside. See:

http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/beiseker/2000191.html

Quotation:
"Swear to God I didn't know we was gonna get into this again. Oh yes I did. I redlined it all the way ..."

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 29 March 2015

Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 05 29

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 05 29
Location: Calgary, AB, Springbank Park For All Seasons, 32224 Springbank Road
GPS: 51d 4m 3s -114d 20m 54s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Motel (Interior)

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 169 South. Proceed south on Range Road 33 (181 St.) 2.4 km to intersection of Springbank Road. The building is on the NE corner of the intersection, attached to Springbank Community High School.

Remarks:
The motel interior was filmed on the same sound stage that was used for the tent interior: a curling rink west of Calgary. Aside from obvious privacy advantages, a sound stage affords opportunities for lighting, camera placement, and audio recording which are not feasible, for instance, in an actual motel room.

A second, but decided, advantage of this filming location was that it did not stink “of semen and smoke and sweat and whiskey, of old carpet and sour hay, saddle leather, shit, and cheap soap.” **[1]**

See also DVD Chapter 5, 00 27 45, Tent Interior.

Quotation:
“Brokeback got us good.”

[1] *Brokeback Mountain - Story to Screenplay* by Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana (Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4, page 12.

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 11 June 2013

Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 09 16

DVD capture

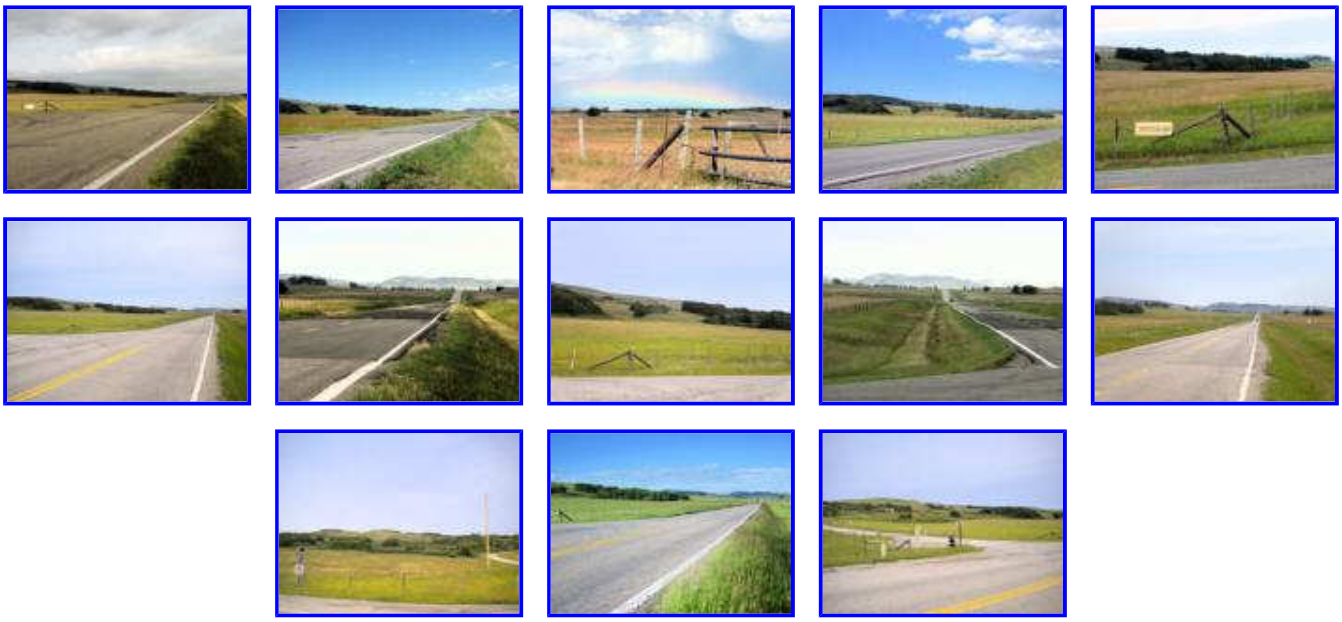
Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 09 16
Location: Hwy 1A, Morley area
GPS: 51d 12m 39.48s -114d 45m 43.68s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Flat Highway

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Morley Road, Exit 131, north 3.6 km to Hwy 1A, turn right (east) go 6.9 km to the site, which is at the corner of Hwy 1A and Jamieson Road.

Remarks:
Though Ennis and Jack were probably not concentrating on scenery as they drove down this road, you might find time to appreciate the rolling hills that typify the scenic foothills region of Alberta.

Pictures of surrounding area:



Revised 29 December 2013

Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 09 19

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 09 19
Location: Hwy 742, approaching Mount Foch, northbound
GPS: 50d 41m 57.96s -115d 8m 5.64s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Mountain Highway

Travel Directions:
The Mountain Highway (Mount Foch) is on Hwy 742, 59.5 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, or 11.0 km south of the Sawmill Day Use Area (Jack Ascending); it is also 0.2 km north of the Riding Lake (Spillway Lake).

[Alternately, this location is 2.6 km north of the intersection of Hwy 742 and Kananaskis Lakes Road.]

To reach Hwy 742 (also known as Spray Lakes Rd. / Smith-Dorrien Rd.): From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), use Exit 91 “Hwy 1A - Canmore.” Follow Bow Valley Trail 2.2 km, turn left (northwest) onto Railway Ave. Proceed 0.5 km and turn left (west) at Main St. (also known as 8th St.), go 0.6 km and turn left (south) onto Bridge Rd. (also known as 8th Ave. / Rundle Drive). At the “T” intersection, turn left (south) on Three Sisters Drive, proceed 0.6 km and turn right (west) at Spray Lakes Rd. (also known as Hwy 742). (Or simply follow the helpful “Kananaskis Country” signs throughout Canmore.) See map of Canmore.

Remarks:
Named for the Supreme Commander of Allied Forces during the later stages of World War I, Mount Foch rises 3,180 m (10,434') to welcome travelers on Hwy 742. See:

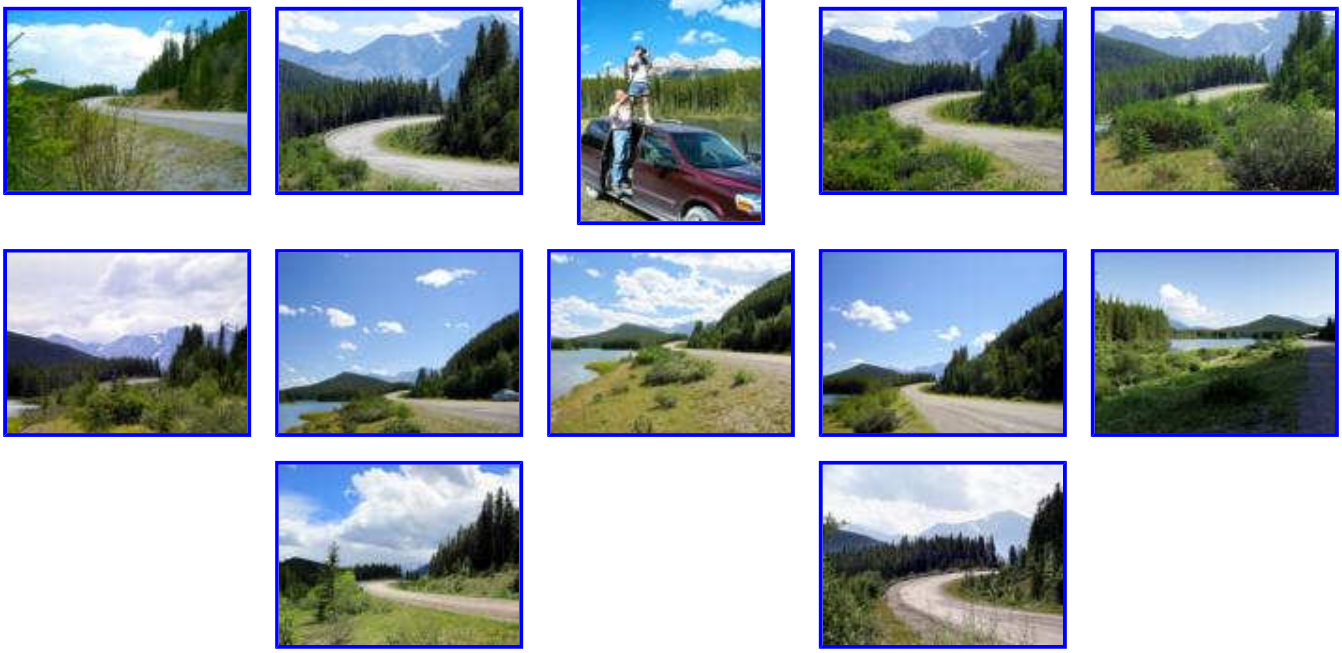
http://www.peakfinder.com/peakfinder.ASP?PeakName=Mount+Foch

http://tpr.alberta.ca/parks/kananaskis/parks_lougheed.asp

The contributed photo shows Hwy 742 while driving north after passing the Lower Kananaskis Lakes to the south. Perfectionists will want to park on the west side of the road and possibly stand on something to get the elevated perspective used in the film.

Just 0.2 km to the south you will find the Riding Lake site (see Chapter 15, 01 29 55).

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 09 28

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 09 28
Location: Hwy 1X, Seebe
GPS: 51d 6m 27.78s -115d 2m 48.18s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Diving Cliff

Travel Directions:
Access to this site is no longer possible due to road closure. To reach the general area: From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Seebe Exit 114A, pass the “Leaving Bow Valley Provincial Park” sign, cross the bridge, and take an immediate right (hairpin) turn, cross the one-lane bridge and go as far as the security gate.

[Alternately, from Buffalo Paddock, turn left (west) onto 1A, proceed 8.8 km, turn left (south) onto 1X, go 2.1 km, turn left at the “Seebe” sign, cross the one-lane bridge, and proceed as above.]

Remarks:
You did not expect a place where Jake Gyllenhaal (a double) and Heath Ledger (the real thing) frolicked in the nude to be readily accessible did you? Be certain to obtain appropriate permission before visiting this site.

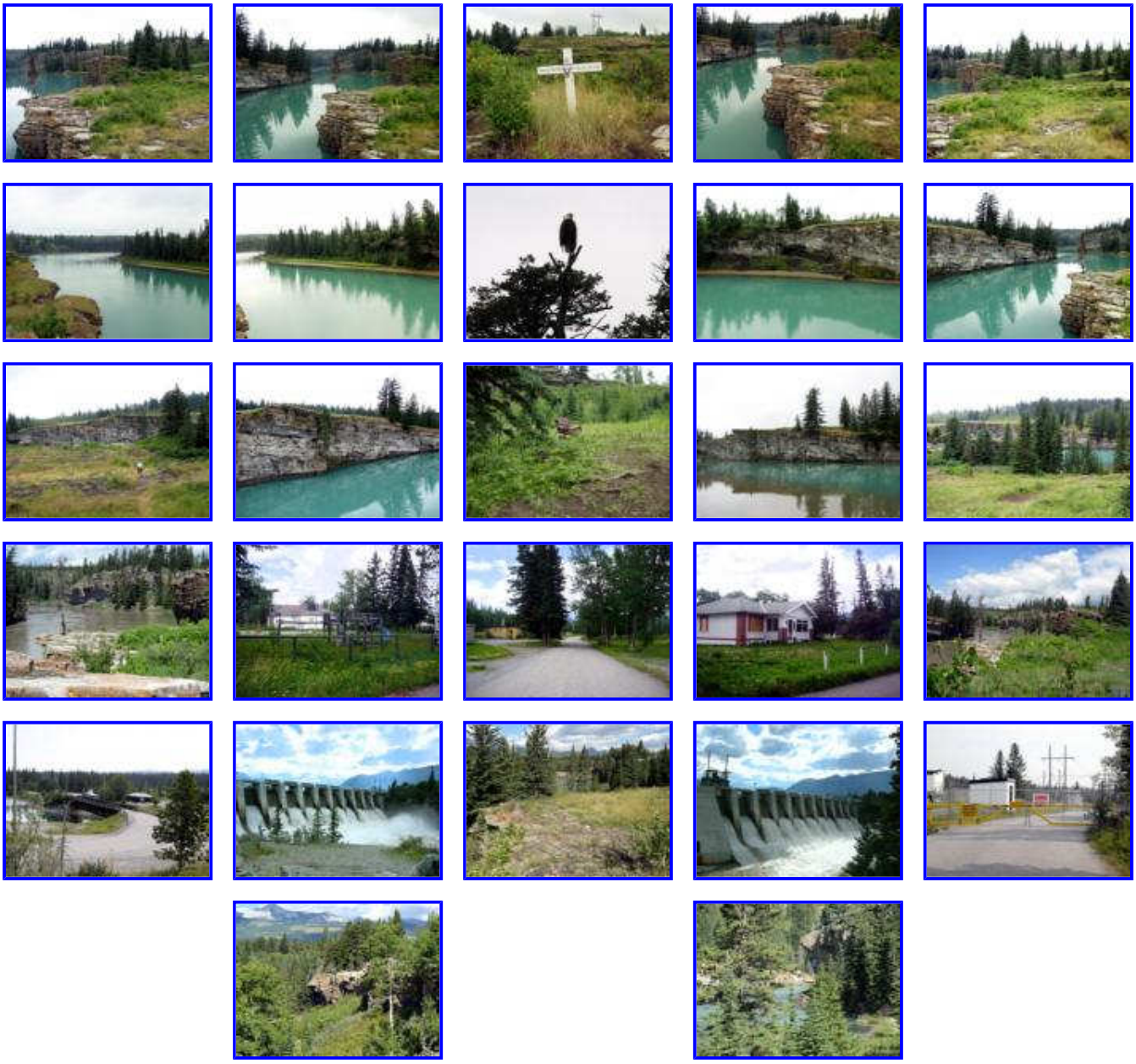
If you crave the diving / whitewater experience, one established local rafting and cliff diving guide is Chinook River Sports, (866) 330-7238. See:

http://www.chinookraft.com

This site is guarded, though not on a full-time basis. The guard generally stays at Gate 1. If a guard is helpful to you, a gratuity may be in order. The (very real) memorial cross at this site reminds visitors that this is an extremely hazardous place. The danger of a concussion when diving varies with the level of the water, which is controlled by the operation of the adjacent hydro power plant. Equally dangerous is the fierce undertow created by the hydro turbines which can start and stop without notice. Let it be!

Important:
Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property. **Under no circumstances should one attempt to dive from the cliff or swim at this site.**

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 09 38

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 09 38
Location: Hwy 1X, Seebe
GPS: 51d 6m 31.2s -115d 2m 48.42s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Diving Cliff

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
The tiny town of Seebe was located on land owned by Canadian hydroelectric giant Trans Alta Utilities since 1909. In 2004 Trans Alta decided to exit the real estate business and it sold the town, houses, a church, a schoolhouse, and a store to Moondance Land Company, displacing about 100 Seebe residents.

What are Moondance's plans? Through a business partnership with The Stoney Nation, which owns land on the opposite side of the river, a mixed use development including condominiums, a golf course, and retail venues has been proposed. Various regulatory and environmental reviews are underway. See:

http://www.horseshoelands.ca/index.html

Important:
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Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 24 September 2009

Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 09 57

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 09 57
Location: Hwy 66, Elbow Falls Day Use Area
GPS: 50d 52m 1.80s -114d 47m 1.98s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "Sweet Life" Riverside

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 161A "Bragg Creek Rd / Hwy 22." Go south on Hwy 22 approximately 17.4 km to the 4-way stop in Bragg Creek. (Do not follow the "Bragg Creek West" sign.) Turn left at the 4-way stop (continue on Hwy 22) and go 3.4 km to the "T" intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 66. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 66 and go approximately 18.4 km to the Elbow Falls Day Use Area in Bragg Creek Provincial Park. As you enter the parking area, the site is to the immediate right in the most upstream portion of the Area. Take the paved path on the right just after the guard rail, pass the gate, and turn right onto the narrower path. Stay to the right and walk to the river past the small picnic areas. The site is almost directly in front of the memorial bench. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see "Hike to 'Sweet Life' Riverside" in **Albums**. See also:

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/elbowriver.htm

Remarks:
This location served two scenes. Ennis and Jack returned here as older men in the "Maybe Texas" scene. The same proposal was made then; the response was no different. See:

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/outdoor.htm

The rock beside which Ennis rested his head in thankful prayer is a great spot to relax and ponder the beauty of this place, or the details of any cow and calf operations you may be contemplating. While you are here, don't miss the lovely Elbow Falls which is downstream approximately 250 yds.

The movie was filmed here in late June. Bear in mind that the Elbow is a dynamically changing river, one that is constantly re-sculpting its gravel shoals and banks throughout the year. The visibility of specific features (rocks, gravel bars, etc.) may depend greatly on the time of year that you are here. Trees and rock ledges may be your best indicators of the specific movie locations in this area.

Quotation:

“You know it could be like this, just like this, always.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 29 March 2015

Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 11 39

DVD Capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 11 39
Location: Dorothy, AB, Hwy 848
GPS: 51d 16m 33.90s -112d 20m 18.96s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Ennis's Flashback

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 9 north to Drumheller and then Hwy 10 / Hwy 56 southeast from Drumheller towards Dorothy. Continue southeast on Hwy 10 to Hwy 570 East in Dorothy. Turn right (south) on Hwy 848, and cross the yellow bridge. The site is 0.5 km southwest of the bridge on the west side of the road.

[Alternately, take Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy) to Hwy 21. Go north to Hwy 564 and turn right (east). (Or, go south from Rockyford to Hwy 564 and turn left.) The pavement ends at approximately 57.3 km (Township Road 260, Range Road 182) but Hwy 564 turns left and becomes a gravel road. At the stop sign (6.3 km) turn right onto Hwy 848 North (or follow the sign to Dorothy).

Park and climb the hill on the curve at 8.3 km for an overview of Dorothy and the valley of the Red Deer River. (Beware of cactus growing on the hill!) Continue driving 0.7 km to Earl's ditch (at 9 km), on the left side of the broken wood fence rails.

Note: Although this is a very direct way to Dorothy, some of these roads are little traveled and farm houses may be several kilometers apart. If your vehicle can't stand it, the highways through Drumheller may be a better choice.]

Remarks:
If you want to trace nine-year-old Ennis's steps, make a side trip to Alberta's exotic "Badlands" region. Dorothy is a tiny picturesque hamlet with inspiring, decaying western prairie buildings of every description. Nearby Drumheller (say "drum Heller") boasts the world's largest collection of dinosaur fossils at its celebrated Royal Tyrrell Museum (which, quite naturally, is surrounded by the world's tackiest collection of commercialized dinosaur kitsch). See:

http://www.tyrrellmuseum.com/

After tirelessly searching BBM shooting locations for a week, Canadian philanthropist and *Brokeback* truck owner Rob Freeman (see: www.thebrokebacktruck.ca for information) noted that Earl's life ended in "Dorothy," while Jack met his fate on "Rainbow Road." Coincidence, Judy?

Important:
Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property. The road is unpaved, so use caution.

Quotation:
“They took a tire iron to him ...”

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 29 December 2013

Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 12 07

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 12 07
Location: Dorothy, AB, Hwy 848
GPS: 51d 16m 33.90s -112d 20m 18.96s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Ennis's Flashback

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 9 north to Drumheller and then Hwy 10 / Hwy 56 southeast from Drumheller towards Dorothy. Continue southeast on Hwy 10 to Hwy 570 East in Dorothy. Turn right (south) on Hwy 848, and cross the yellow bridge. The site is 0.5 km southwest of the bridge on the west side of the road.

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Remarks:
Brokeback locations manager Darryl Solly remembers asking Ang Lee what setting he envisioned for Ennis's flashback. "I would like it to be very dusty," Lee replied with characteristic brevity. Solly immediately thought of Dorothy, a tiny picturesque hamlet with lots of worn, decaying, and somewhat romantic buildings.

Dorothy violated one of executive producer Michael Hausman's location rules. It was too far from other locations to be filmed efficiently. But this unforgiving, lifeless gulch in Alberta's Badlands region was the irresistibly perfect place in which to depict the childhood experience that would dictate Ennis's fate.

Given that the town's population is approximately 12 people, it is an interesting coincidence that

Dorothy is also home to star barrel racer Chyanne Hodgson, who served as Anne Hathaway's competition in the Childress Rodeo scene.

Important:
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Quotation:
"My daddy, he made sure me and my brother seen it."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 12 09

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 12 09
Location: Dorothy, AB, Hwy 848
GPS: 51d 16m 33.90s -112d 20m 18.96s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Ennis's Flashback

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
Annie Proulx begged Lee to leave Ennis's flashback where she had placed it in her story, in the motel room. In her essay "Getting Movied," she writes, "During their few hours in the Motel Siesta, Jack's and Ennis's paths were irrevocably laid out. In the film that Ang Lee had already shaped in his mind, the emotional surge contained in that scene [was] shifted to a later point ..." **[1]** Upon seeing the film in 2005, she acknowledged the wisdom of Lee's decision.

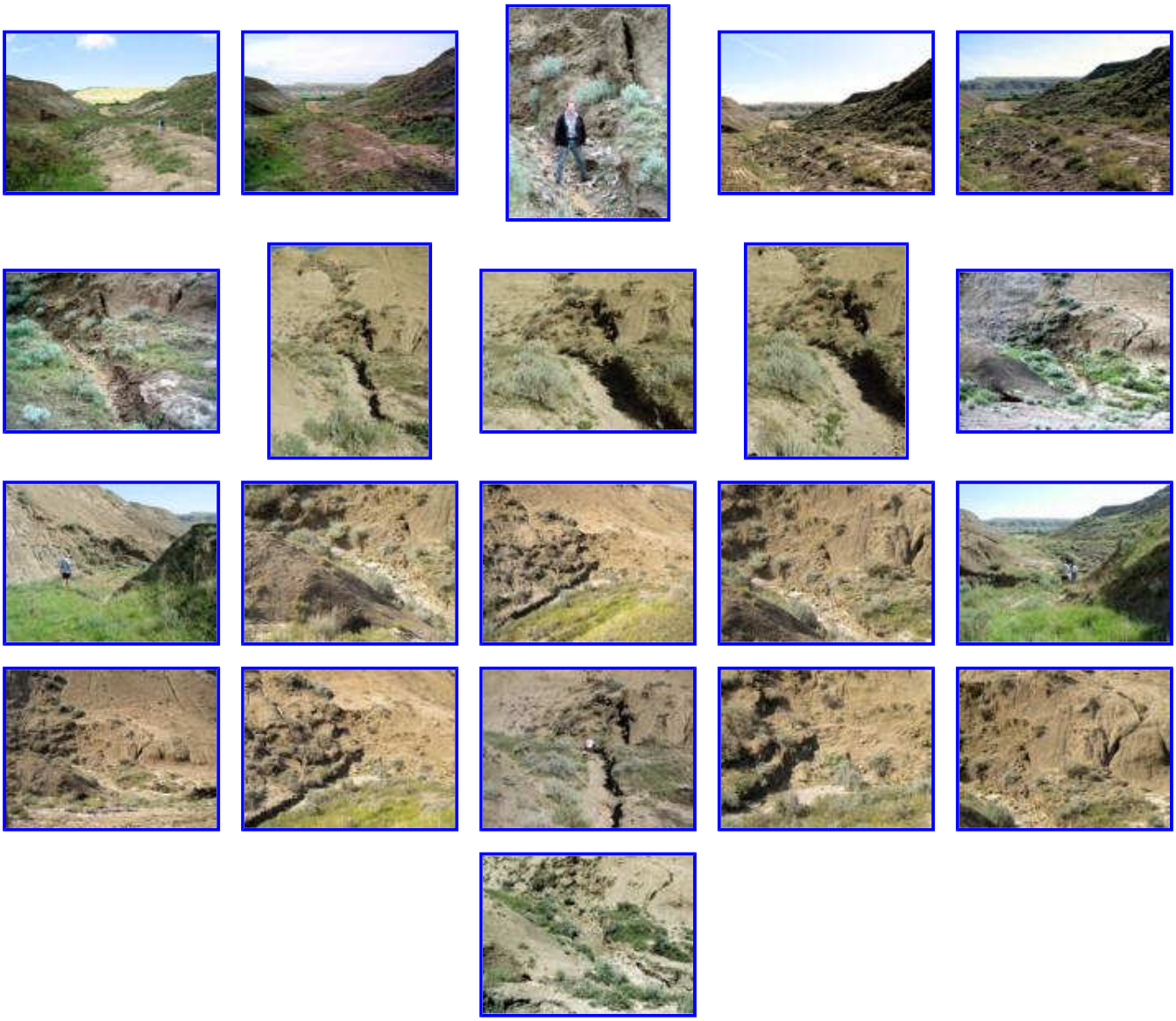
Important:
Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property. The road is unpaved, so use caution.

Quotation:

“Hell, for all I know, he done the job.”

[1] *Brokeback Mountain - Story to Screenplay* by Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana (Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4, page 136.

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 13 - Divorce Granted - 01 14 13

DVD capture

Photo courtesy “MarkC.”

DVD Time Code = 01 14 13
Location: Calgary, AB, Now-demolished building, 52nd Street SE
GPS: 50d 58m 27.72s -113d 57m 31.62s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Newsome Farm Equipment

Travel Directions:
Glenmore Trail east to 52nd St. SE. Turn right (south) on 52nd St. SE to intersection of 52nd St. SE and 86th Ave. SE. Site is just ahead to the right at 8815 52nd St. SE.

Remarks:
Jack searched for his parka here and eventually he found it. Similarly, FindingBrokeback.com volunteers spent days looking for this spot. There were precious few clues to go on. Then in July 2006, after tracking down many false leads, we were relieved to find it in an industrial area not far from the Calgary Airport. Sadly, in September 2006, the building was torn down.

A jet airplane can be seen taking off behind Jack (DVD time code 01 14 03). Nitpickers have observed that no such aircraft frequent the dinky Childress, Texas, airport.

Important:
Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property.

Quotation:
“Didn’t that pissant used to ride the bulls?” “He used to try.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 28 January 2014

Chapter 13 - Divorce Granted - 01 14 52

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 14 52
Location: Calgary, AB, Now-demolished building, 52nd Street SE
GPS: 50d 58m 27.72s -113d 57m 31.62s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Newsome Farm Equipment

Travel Directions:
Glenmore Trail east to 52nd St. SE. Turn right (south) on 52nd St. SE to intersection of 52nd St. SE and 86th Ave. SE. Site is just ahead to the right at 8815 52nd St. SE.

Remarks:
If you are able to pry your eyes from Lureen's ever-expanding hairdo, note the wall decorations which incorporate mounted rodeo buckles. Undoubtedly, these are intended to memorialize a simpler and happier time in Jack's life. They seem to be very much out of place on the wall of mirrored foil wallpaper, just as Jack must have felt himself a stranger in that town, that job, that family, and that bed.

Quotation:
"Why can't your buddy come down here to Texas and fish?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 28 January 2014

Chapter 13 - Divorce Granted - 01 17 32

DVD capture

DVD Time Code = 01 17 32
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 38s -115d 25m 52s (estimate)
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Mosses

Travel Directions:
The Mosses (Campsite #2) is at the northern end of Spray Valley Provincial Park, off Hwy 742, 7.3 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 2.1 km north of the Riding Ridge. The easiest way to access the site is to follow Hwy 742 and park at the Goat Creek Picnic Area. Walk south along Hwy 742 for approximately 200 meters. At the point where the utility lines cross Hwy 742 you will see a gravel road to your right (west). Turn right and follow the gravel road approximately 0.7 km downhill until you reach a clearing. Turn right and continue across the clearing, passing the "Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside (Fight Hill) and the Dozy Embrace site. If you encounter temporary fencing in this area, go around it to the right. As you approach Goat Creek, you will see the familiar pole bridge and campsite. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see "Hike to Campsite #2" in **Albums**.

To reach Hwy 742 (also known as Spray Lakes Rd. / Smith-Dorrien Rd.): From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), use Exit 91 "Hwy 1A - Canmore." Follow Bow Valley Trail 2.2 km, turn left (northwest) onto Railway Ave. Proceed 0.5 km and turn left (west) at Main St. (also known as 8th St.), go 0.6 km and turn left (south) onto Bridge Rd. (also known as 8th Ave. / Rundle Drive). At the "T" intersection, turn left (south) on Three Sisters Drive, proceed 0.6 km and turn right (west) at Spray Lakes Rd. (also known as Hwy 742). (Or simply follow the helpful "Kananaskis Country" signs throughout Canmore.) See map of Canmore.

Remarks:
While filming at Campsite #2, Ang Lee became entranced by the images of horse hoofs sinking into the verdant, spongy ground. He told a colleague that this was a "magical place."

You won't find these mosses in Wyoming; indeed after some searching we are still trying to find them in Alberta! But we know they were photographed in the dense wooded bogs just north of the tent site at Campsite #2. We hope your luck will be better than ours. If you find this spot, please send us a picture! (Water-resistant boots are very helpful for this adventure.) See:

http://www.albertaparks.ca/spray-valley/information-facilities/day-use/goat-creek.aspx?id=st-day:8158

Pictures of surrounding area:

None available.

Revised 03 April 2013

Chapter 13 - Divorce Granted - 01 19 33

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 19 33
Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Town Hall building, 236 23rd Street (Hwy 3 east)
GPS: 49d 43m 28.44s -113d 24m 26.34s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Courtroom

Travel Directions:
Navigation in Fort Macleod is made interesting by the fact that most streets have at least two names. Nonetheless, the town is small enough so that you are never lost. The Town Hall building, which is the site of the Town Council chambers used in the film, is on 23rd Street (also known as “Chief Red Crow Boulevard”) near the corner of 3rd Avenue (also known as “Archie Maclean Avenue”). See map of Fort Macleod.

See also:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/images/uploads/visit_map.pdf

Remarks:
After you have visited the bus station café location, take a short walk to the Town Hall building and ask helpful clerk Brenda for a peek at the Council chambers upstairs.

See:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/

Quotation:
“del Mar divorce granted ...”

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 29 March 2015

Chapter 14 - Don't Fool Me - 01 19 35

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 19 35
Location: Hwy 570, east of Dorothy, AB
GPS: 51d 16m 14.64s -112d 12m 55.92s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "Entering Wyoming" Highway

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 9 north to Drumheller and then Hwy 10 / Hwy 56 southeast from Drumheller towards Dorothy. Continue southeast on Hwy 10 to Hwy 570 East, and proceed to the yellow bridge in Dorothy. Continue past the yellow bridge 8.4 km to the turnout on the left side of Hwy 570. Look west to view the "Entering Wyoming" Highway.

[Alternately, take Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy) to Hwy 21. Go north to Hwy 564 and turn right (east). (Or, go south from Rockyford to Hwy 564 and turn left.) The pavement ends at approximately 57.3 km (Township Road 260, Range Road 182) but Hwy 564 turns left and becomes a gravel road. At the stop sign (6.3 km) turn right onto Hwy 848 North (or follow the sign to Dorothy).

Park and climb the hill on the curve at 8.3 km for an overview of Dorothy and the valley of the Red Deer River. (Beware of cactus growing on the hill!) Continue driving 0.7 km to Earl's ditch (at 9 km), on the left side of the broken wood fence rails. Continue approximately 0.5 km and cross the yellow bridge.

At the intersection of Hwy 848 and Hwy 570, turn right (east) on Hwy 570 and go 8.4 km to the turnout on the left side of the road. Look west to view the "Entering Wyoming" Highway.

Note: Although this is a very direct way to Dorothy, some of these roads are little traveled and farm houses may be several kilometers apart. If your vehicle can't stand it, the highways through Drumheller may be a better choice.]

Remarks:
Behold, you are looking at the most elusive of *Brokeback Mountain*'s alluring sites!

Year after year, again and again, love-struck Jack drove some 14 hours toward this place. We expended even more time and gasoline trying to find it. From very early in our search, people associated with the film assured us that this scene was filmed near the Divorce Cabin on Hwy 520, west of Claresholm. Two people who actually live in that area told us that the coulee and road were, indeed, very close by. Over the course of five trips to Alberta, beginning in 2006, we became

intimately acquainted with many of the back roads “north of Hwy 3, west of 2, and east of 22.” But try as we might, we could never find this enchanting and suggestive place where the road magically undulates before a dark and distant chasm.

In 2009, after almost “four [you-know] years” of searching, we finally found it while looking to see what was around a curve in the road east of the tiny hamlet of Dorothy, a three-hour drive northeast of Claresholm! And, as was often the case while scouting these filming locations, we also found another one that had eluded us—the “Texas Highway”—by turning around and looking in the opposite direction!

The filmmakers may have forgotten this enchanting place, but thanks to the epic efforts of our volunteers, we never will.

See also DVD Chapter 14, 01 22 17, Texas Highway.

Note: To view or photograph this scene in the same light as when it was filmed for *Brokeback*, visit this location in mid- to late afternoon. While Hwy 570 has little traffic, if you are patient you may see a few pickup trucks pass through this location, as we did.

Quotation:
“King of the road!”

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 14 - Don't Fool Me - 01 19 57

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 19 57
Location: Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB
GPS: 49d 59m 18.54s -113d 44m 10.38s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Divorce Cabin

Travel Directions:
John and Kerry Hart farm, Hwy 520 and Range Road 283, 14.2 km west of Claresholm, AB. From Claresholm, follow 43rd Avenue (Hwy 520) west 14.2 km. (Beware: This road takes an abrupt and poorly marked curve at 7.2 km. Don't make the same mistake Ennis's parents did!) Park at the gate. The cabin, on the left (south) side of Hwy 520, is a short walk from the roadway.

Remarks:
Oscar Wilde had it right, "Life imitates art far more than art imitates life." The large tract of land upon which both the Divorce Cabin and the Lonesome Ranch sit has been in the same Alberta farming family for generations. The cabin was built in 1927 for a "bachelor" uncle who, much like his *Brokeback* successor, appreciated the solitude of this simple shelter. Somewhat short on amenities, the place features a rustic Windcharger (electric generation) tower, outhouse, and root cellar.

Important:
Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property.

Quotation:
"So here I am."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 14 - Don't Fool Me - 01 22 17

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 22 17
Location: Hwy 570, east of Dorothy, AB
GPS: 51d 16m 14.04s -112d 12m 52.74s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Texas Highway

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 9 north to Drumheller and then Hwy 10 / Hwy 56 southeast from Drumheller towards Dorothy. Continue southeast on Hwy 10 to Hwy 570 East, and proceed to the yellow bridge in Dorothy. Continue past the yellow bridge 8.4 km to the turnout on the right side of Hwy 570. Look northeast, across the road, to view the Texas Highway.

[Alternately, take Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy) to Hwy 21. Go north to Hwy 564 and turn right (east). (Or, go south from Rockyford to Hwy 564 and turn left.) The pavement ends at approximately 57.3 km (Township Road 260, Range Road 182) but Hwy 564 turns left and becomes a gravel road. At the stop sign (6.3 km) turn right onto Hwy 848 North (or follow the sign to Dorothy).

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At the intersection of Hwy 848 and Hwy 570, turn right (east) on Hwy 570 and go 8.4 km to the turnout on the right side of Hwy 570. Look northeast, across the road, to view the Texas Highway.

Note: Although this is a very direct way to Dorothy, some of these roads are little traveled and farm houses may be several kilometers apart. If your vehicle can't stand it, the highways through Drumheller may be a better choice.]

Remarks:
The "Entering Wyoming" and "Texas Highway" scenes were filmed from opposite directions on the same road. And opposites they truly are.

The "Entering Wyoming" landscape is one of activity and anticipation. The road sign helps; it marks an entrance, and the lively Wyoming Cowboy motif underscores the theme of action. Consider, too, this extremely wavy section of highway, one in which motion occurs not only from near to far, but up and down, as well. The truck is, quite naturally, "red-lining" it. And, in case you have not yet

grown anxious enough, Jake Gyllenhaal's gleefully pregnant "King of the Road" completes the effect. Energy and expectation are everywhere: the words, the bucking horse, the rippling road, the speeding truck, and in Jack's song and smile.

Aptly, the "Texas Highway" scene is quite different. It consists of a terribly bland, straight road. The road goes uphill. A hillside to the rear of the shot is covered with mature grasses. The road sign conveys neither immediacy nor action, but distance. Laden as it is with contrasting imagery, it is an appropriate venue for one of Jake Gyllenhaal's most convincing performances, one of pure grueling emotion—not a word was needed.

See also DVD Chapter 14, 01 19 35, "Entering Wyoming" Highway.

Note: To view or photograph this scene in the same light as when it was filmed for *Brokeback*, visit this location in mid- to late afternoon. While Hwy 570 has little traffic, if you are patient you may see a few pickup trucks pass through this location, as we did.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 14 - Don't Fool Me - 01 22 24

DVD capture

Photo courtesy Jan Geyer.

DVD Time Code = 01 22 24
Location: La Mesilla, New Mexico, U.S.A.
GPS: 32d 16m 28.90s -106d 47m 38.05s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Juarez Skyline

Travel Directions:
Near Las Cruces, New Mexico, U.S.A. South of US Hwy 180 and I-25, W of I-10. The building in the foreground is located at the corner of Calle de Parian and NM Rt 28.

Remarks:
If you are looking for the Juarez skyline in Alberta, you need to go back to the airport! This shot was made in La Mesilla, near Las Cruces, New Mexico.

La Mesilla ("Little Tableland") is a lovely historical community near Las Cruces. Since its beginning, around 1848, Mesilla has had a major influence on the southern part of what is now New Mexico. Once home to Billy the Kid and later a lively social center, the town has a prominent part in the rich history of the southwestern U.S.A.

Pictures of surrounding area:

Chapter 14 - Don't Fool Me - 01 22 31

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 22 31
Location: Calgary, AB, 805 24th Avenue SE
GPS: 51d 1m 54.30s -114d 2m 36.54s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack's Alley

Travel Directions:
East of Stampede Park, behind the Ramsay Design Center.
Go east on 9th Avenue SE, cross the bridge, turn right on 8th Street SE (also known as "Spiller Road SE"), then turn left on 24th Avenue SE to 805. Note: The red building opposite the alley has been demolished.

Remarks:
Never has a one-word scene conveyed as much pain as *Brokeback Mountain*'s Juarez alley scene. This alley, located behind a former Calgary fitness center, seems an unlikely place for rejected cowboys and Mexican hustlers, but it served both well in the film. The opposite wall, upon which the set designers struggled to crowd in as many Spanish words as possible, is a prop.

There is no truth to the unfortunate local rumors that the *Brokeback* production crew re-named "Ramsay," "Ram-Me."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 14 - Don't Fool Me - 01 22 45

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 22 45
Location: Calgary, AB, 805 24th Avenue SE
GPS: 51d 1m 54.30s -114d 2m 36.54s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack's Alley

Travel Directions:
East of Stampede Park, behind the Ramsay Design Center.
Go east on 9th Avenue SE, cross the bridge, turn right on 8th Street SE (also known as "Spiller Road SE"), then turn left on 24th Avenue SE to 805. Note: The red building opposite the alley has been demolished.

Remarks:
"Mexico was THE place - Ennis has heard." Some of us take issue with the entire "Mexico" thing. If Mexico is, or ever was, known for its bevy of male hustlers, it is news to us. There are plenty of places in the U.S.A. where such accommodations are much more readily available. Besides, if Mexico was indeed "the place," where would fear-driven, travel-challenged Ennis have obtained such information? Oh, yes. Childress is over 965 km (600 miles) from Juarez.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 14 - Don't Fool Me - 01 22 53

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 22 53
Location: Calgary, AB, 805 24th Avenue SE
GPS: 51d 1m 54.30s -114d 2m 36.54s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack's Alley

Travel Directions:
East of Stampede Park, behind the Ramsay Design Center.
Go east on 9th Avenue SE, cross the bridge, turn right on 8th Street SE (also known as "Spiller Road SE"), then turn left on 24th Avenue SE to 805. Note: The red building opposite the alley has been demolished.

Remarks:
Just how did esteemed director of photography Rodrigo Prieto end up playing Jack's Mexican hustler? "I was starting to light the scene and Ang said he wanted to ask a big favor," recalls the cinematographer. (Lee, who explains that the actor originally cast turned out to be too short, notes, "Rodrigo will do anything for a director, including putting himself in a dark alley!") Prieto continues, "They whisked me off to hair and makeup and wardrobe, and God, it was horrible." **[1]**

Quotation:
"Señor?"

[1] American Cinematographer, January 2006, page 66.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 14 - Don't Fool Me - 01 23 30

DVD capture

Photo courtesy Paul Carson.

DVD Time Code = 01 23 30
Location: Calgary, AB, Now-demolished house near Elbow and Glenmore
GPS: 50d 59m 41s -114d 5m 20s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack's Thanksgiving

Travel Directions:
From downtown Calgary, south on Macleod Trail, west (right) on Elbow to Glenmore.

Remarks:
A Calgary road widening project gave the filmmakers a "candy store" of 15 empty condemned houses from which to pick the Twist Thanksgiving scene location. This one, with its adjoining dining and living rooms, worked beautifully. Sadly, it was claimed by the wrecking ball soon after production was completed.

Quotation:
"Sit down, you old son of a bitch!"

Pictures of surrounding area:

Chapter 14 - Don't Fool Me - 01 26 01

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 26 01
Location: Calgary, AB, 315 Sharon Avenue SW
GPS: 51d 2m 30s -114d 6m 11s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Monroe's House (Interior)

Travel Directions:
In Calgary, from 17th St. SW turn left onto 11th Ave. SW, proceed 0.2 km and turn left on 18th St. SW, go 0.2 km to a "Y" intersection, turning left onto Sharon Ave. Site is 0.1 km on the right.

Remarks:
The Schwab / Moriarity home in the Scarboro neighborhood of Calgary provided a great "retro" setting that contrasted perfectly with the post-modern decor of Lureen and Jack's home.

Important:
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Quotation:
"Daddy, tell about when you rode broncs in the rodeo."

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 03 February 2008

Chapter 14 - Don't Fool Me - 01 26 33

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 26 33
Location: Calgary, AB, 315 Sharon Avenue SW
GPS: 51d 2m 30s -114d 6m 11s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Monroe's House (Interior)

Travel Directions:
In Calgary, from 17th St. SW turn left onto 11th Ave. SW, proceed 0.2 km and turn left on 18th St. SW, go 0.2 km to a "Y" intersection, turning left onto Sharon Ave. Site is 0.1 km on the right.

Remarks:
Here we come to the last of Alma's three sinks. This kitchen features far nicer appliances and fixtures than she found at the Lonesome Ranch and the Laundry Apartment, but she was in no mood to celebrate.

Having learned from the best, it was Alma's turn to deliver her own sucker punch.

Important:
Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property.

Quotation:
"Jack Twist? Jack Nasty! You didn't go up there to fish."

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 03 February 2008

Chapter 14 - Don't Fool Me - 01 28 42

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 28 42
Location: Calgary, AB, 913 18th Avenue NW
GPS: 51d 4m 7.44s -114d 4m 55.74s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Monroe's House (Exterior)

Travel Directions:
Near the corner of 9th Street NW and 18th Avenue NW, just northwest of the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary's Mount Pleasant neighborhood.

Remarks:
Ennis stormed out of this wood-frame Mount Pleasant house that snowy Thanksgiving night and years later returned to pick up insightful Alma, Jr. Do not bother knocking; this is not the building used for the chilling interior scenes, which were filmed in a Scarboro home south of here.

Why were different houses used for the exterior and interior shots of Monroe and Alma's home? We do not know. Some buildings in the film (the Signal Bar and Newsome Farm Equipment, for instance) were used for both interior and exterior scenes. Other scenes, such as this one and the Childress Dance Hall, use entirely different interior and exterior locations.

One possible explanation is that unlike the house used for the interior shots, this building has a covered front porch which gave Alma Jr. a place to wait outside for her father later in the film. It seems that Ennis was reluctant to go back inside after his Thanksgiving quarrel with Alma.

Important:
Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property.

Quotation:
"'Bye, Daddy."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 14 - Don't Fool Me - 01 28 47

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 28 47
Location: Blackie, AB, Railway Avenue
GPS: 50d 36m 23.16s -113d 37m 22.50s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Riverton Thanksgiving (Fight) Bar

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 23, take Hwy 799 north to Township Road 192. Site is near the corner of Railway Avenue and Aberdeen Street.

Remarks:
Though some viewers of the film are offended by the initial "FNIT" (First Night In Tent) scene, the movie's real obscenity lies in its carefully crafted bookend, set on the snowy streets of Riverton. Here, in lieu of passion, it is self-loathing and fear that propel the intense man-on-man action. The consequence is both unnatural and unbearable.

The bar building is a former hardware store. Though the neon signs of the film are gone (at least one was post period, anyway), it stands as a powerful reminder of the rage and pain Ennis suffered off the mountain. See:

http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/blackie/2003434.html

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 29 April 2015

Chapter 14 - Don't Fool Me - 01 28 58

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 28 58
Location: Blackie, AB, Railway Avenue
GPS: 50d 36m 23.16s -113d 37m 22.50s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Riverton Thanksgiving (Fight) Bar

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 23, take Hwy 799 north to Township Road 192. Site is near the corner of Railway Avenue and Aberdeen Street.

Remarks:
It is widely reported that when making this scene, Heath Ledger insisted on actually being hit by veteran stunt actor Ken Zilka. (Similarly, he pushed doubles aside to film the Diving Cliff scene and parts of the Twist Ranch scene.) But few are aware that Ledger accidentally broke Zilka's nose in the melee.

In a gesture reflecting the profound commitment that the cast and crew felt toward this project, Zilka told no one of his injury until the filming of the scene was completed, thereby allowing the production to proceed on schedule.

Quotation:
"Hey, asshole, watch where you're goin'!"

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 15 - Suspicious Minds - 01 29 35

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 29 35
Location: Hwy 742, Mount Smuts and The Fist
GPS: 50d 48m 42.18s -115d 19m 37.26s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Three Mountains / The Fist

Travel Directions:
Three Mountains / The Fist is on Hwy 742, 39.5 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 3.0 km north of "Gonna Snow" Lake. The formations are to the right (west) behind the Smuts Creek (Jump Creek) crossing.

To reach Hwy 742 (also known as Spray Lakes Rd. / Smith-Dorrien Rd.): From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), use Exit 91 "Hwy 1A - Canmore." Follow Bow Valley Trail 2.2 km, turn left (northwest) onto Railway Ave. Proceed 0.5 km and turn left (west) at Main St. (also known as 8th St.), go 0.6 km and turn left (south) onto Bridge Rd. (also known as 8th Ave. / Rundle Drive). At the "T" intersection, turn left (south) on Three Sisters Drive, proceed 0.6 km and turn right (west) at Spray Lakes Rd. (also known as Hwy 742). (Or simply follow the helpful "Kananaskis Country" signs throughout Canmore.) See map of Canmore.

Remarks:
The Fist forms the centerpiece of this breathtaking mountain group. Its neighbor to the left is Mount Smuts. These are among the most familiar formations in the Spray Range, which straddles the Alberta / British Columbia border. Mount Smuts is among the region's most notoriously difficult climbs. Note the lovely creek (Smuts Creek) that flows under Hwy 742. See:

http://www.peakfinder.com/peakfinder.ASP?PeakName=Mount+Smuts

http://www.albertaparks.ca/peter-lougheed.aspx

A much-celebrated statesman, lawyer, soldier, politician, philosopher, and scientist, Jan Smuts was a general in the Boer War, prime minister of South Africa, founder of the League of Nations, author of the Preamble of the United Nations charter, and president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. The following is extracted from a speech Smuts delivered on Table Mountain, Cape Town, South Africa, in 1923:

> THE SPIRIT OF THE MOUNTAIN

The Mountain is not merely something externally sublime. It has a great historical and spiritual meaning for us. It stands for us as the ladder of life. Nay, more, it is the great ladder of the soul, and in a curious way the source of religion. From it came the Law, from it came the Gospel in the Sermon on the Mount. We may truly say that the highest religion is the Religion of the Mountain.

What is that religion? When we reach the mountain summits we leave behind us all the things that weigh heavily down below on our body and our spirit. We leave behind a feeling of weakness and depression; we feel a new freedom, a great exhilaration, an exaltation of the body no less than of the spirit. We feel a great joy.

The Religion of the Mountain is in reality the religion of joy, of the release of the soul from the things that weigh it down and fill it with a sense of weariness, sorrow and defeat. The religion of joy realizes the freedom of the soul, the soul's kinship to the great creative spirit, and its dominance over all the things of sense. As the body has escaped from the over-weight and depression of the sea, so the soul must be released from all sense of weariness, weakness and depression arising from the fret, worry and friction of our daily lives. We must feel that we are above it all, that the soul is essentially free, and in freedom realizes the joy of living.

We must fill our daily lives with the spirit of joy and delight. We must carry this spirit into our daily lives and tasks. We must perform our work not grudgingly and as a burden imposed upon, but in a spirit of cheerfulness, goodwill and delight in it. Not only on the mountain summits of life, not only on the heights of success and achievement, but down in the deep valleys of drudgery, of anxiety and defeat, we must cultivate the great spirit of joyous freedom and upliftment of the soul.

We must practice the Religion of the Mountain down in the valleys also.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 29 44
Location: Hwy 742, Smuts Creek
GPS: 50d 48m 42.18s -115d 19m 37.26s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jump Creek

Travel Directions:
Jump Creek (Smuts Creek) is on the west side of Hwy 742, 39.5 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 3.0 km north of "Gonna Snow" Lake, in front of Mount Smuts and The Fist.

To reach Hwy 742 (also known as Spray Lakes Rd. / Smith-Dorrien Rd.): From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), use Exit 91 "Hwy 1A - Canmore." Follow Bow Valley Trail 2.2 km, turn left (northwest) onto Railway Ave. Proceed 0.5 km and turn left (west) at Main St. (also known as 8th St.), go 0.6 km and turn left (south) onto Bridge Rd. (also known as 8th Ave. / Rundle Drive). At the "T" intersection, turn left (south) on Three Sisters Drive, proceed 0.6 km and turn right (west) at Spray Lakes Rd. (also known as Hwy 742). (Or simply follow the helpful "Kananaskis Country" signs throughout Canmore.) See map of Canmore.

Remarks:
This is one of the most artful pans of the film and its subject is entirely worthy. Lee fans our flaming emotions ruthlessly, positioning this welcome moment of serenity immediately after the tumultuous Thanksgiving scenes. Santaolalla's "Riding Horses" completes our emotional transformation which, like everything up on Brokeback, is short lived. See:

http://www.albertaparks.ca/peter-lougheed.aspx

Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 29 47
Location: Hwy 742, 2.1 km south of Goat Creek Picnic Area
GPS: 51d 2m 39s -115d 24m 57s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Riding Ridge #2

Travel Directions:
The Riding Ridge is near the northern end of Spray Valley Provincial Park, off Hwy 742, 9.4 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 26.1 km north of Mule Hill (Rummel Creek). The site is to the west.

To reach Hwy 742 (also known as Spray Lakes Rd. / Smith-Dorrien Rd.): From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), use Exit 91 "Hwy 1A - Canmore." Follow Bow Valley Trail 2.2 km, turn left (northwest) onto Railway Ave. Proceed 0.5 km and turn left (west) at Main St. (also known as 8th St.), go 0.6 km and turn left (south) onto Bridge Rd. (also known as 8th Ave. / Rundle Drive). At the "T" intersection, turn left (south) on Three Sisters Drive, proceed 0.6 km and turn right (west) at Spray Lakes Rd. (also known as Hwy 742). (Or simply follow the helpful "Kananaskis Country" signs throughout Canmore.) See map of Canmore.

Remarks:
Annie Proulx was quite specific in her story; Ennis and Jack never returned to *Brokeback*. **[1]** That experience, that memory, far more precious than any other, was too special for them to risk disturbing.

Perhaps by accident, or possibly by design, the filmmakers brought the men back some 12 years later to the *Brokeback* location where young Ennis had gone to meet the Basque and order soup. Their lives now, far more complicated, far less blissful.

[1] *Brokeback Mountain - Story to Screenplay* by Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana (Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4, page 17.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 29 55
Location: Hwy 742, Spillway Lake
GPS: 50d 41m 54.78s -115d 8m 5.82s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Riding Lake

Travel Directions:
The Riding Lake (Spillway Lake) is at the southern end of Peter Lougheed Provincial Park. It is on the west side of Hwy 742, 59.7 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 2.4 km north of the Kananaskis Lakes Road intersection.

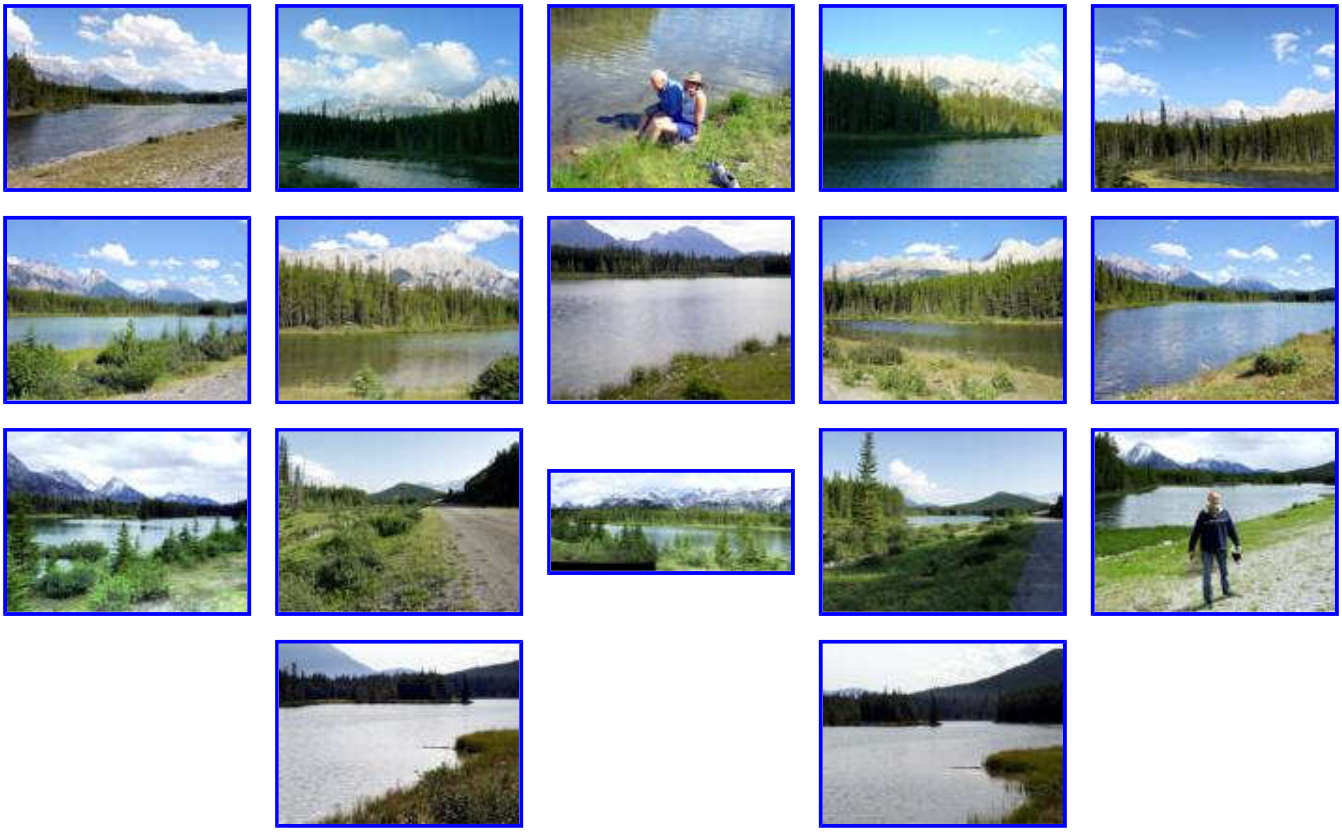
To reach Hwy 742 (also known as Spray Lakes Rd. / Smith-Dorrien Rd.): From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), use Exit 91 “Hwy 1A - Canmore.” Follow Bow Valley Trail 2.2 km, turn left (northwest) onto Railway Ave. Proceed 0.5 km and turn left (west) at Main St. (also known as 8th St.), go 0.6 km and turn left (south) onto Bridge Rd. (also known as 8th Ave. / Rundle Drive). At the “T” intersection, turn left (south) on Three Sisters Drive, proceed 0.6 km and turn right (west) at Spray Lakes Rd. (also known as Hwy 742). (Or simply follow the helpful “Kananaskis Country” signs throughout Canmore.) See map of Canmore.

Remarks:
A serene setting for Ennis and Jack’s peaceful horseback ride, this small lake is one of the Lower Kananaskis Lakes. See:

http://www.albertaparks.ca/peter-lougheed.aspx

Just 0.2 km to the north you will find the Mountain Highway site (see Chapter 12, 01 09 19).

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 15 - Suspicious Minds - 01 30 01

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 30 01
Location: Hwy 66, Elbow Falls Day Use Area
GPS: 50d 52m 1s -114d 47m 2s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Riding in the River

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 161A "Bragg Creek Rd / Hwy 22." Go south on Hwy 22 approximately 17.4 km to the 4-way stop in Bragg Creek. (Do not follow the "Bragg Creek West" sign.) Turn left at the 4-way stop (continue on Hwy 22) and go 3.4 km to the "T" intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 66. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 66 and go approximately 18.4 km to the Elbow Falls Day Use Area in Bragg Creek Provincial Park. As you enter the parking area, the site is to the immediate right in the most upstream portion of the Area. Take the paved path on the right just after the guard rail, pass the gate, and turn right onto the narrower path. Stay to the right and walk to the river past the small picnic areas. The site is on the opposite side of the river, across from the location where the "Sweet Life" scene was filmed, and just a little downstream. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see "Hike to 'Sweet Life' Riverside" in **Albums**. See also:

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/elbowriver.htm

Remarks:
Serene and at perfect peace with nature, the men ride in the deep, rapidly flowing water of Alberta's Elbow River. Unlike the other shots in the idyllic "post-Thanksgiving montage," this one features the real things; doubles were not used in this scene.

The movie was filmed here in late June. Bear in mind that the Elbow is a dynamically changing river, one that is constantly re-sculpting its gravel shoals and banks throughout the year. The visibility of specific features (rocks, gravel bars, etc.) may depend greatly on the time of year that you are here. Trees and rock ledges may be your best indicators of the specific movie locations in this area.

Important:
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Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 30 12
Location: Hwy 66, Elbow Falls Day Use Area
GPS: 50d 52m 1.80s -114d 47m 1.98s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "Maybe Texas" Riverside

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 161A "Bragg Creek Rd / Hwy 22." Go south on Hwy 22 approximately 17.4 km to the 4-way stop in Bragg Creek. (Do not follow the "Bragg Creek West" sign.) Turn left at the 4-way stop (continue on Hwy 22) and go 3.4 km to the "T" intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 66. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 66 and go approximately 18.4 km to the Elbow Falls Day Use Area in Bragg Creek Provincial Park. As you enter, the site is to the immediate right in the most upstream portion of the Area. Take the paved path on the right just after the guard rail, pass the gate, and turn right onto the narrower path. Stay to the right and walk to the river past the small picnic areas. The site is on the opposite side of the river, across from the location where the "Sweet Life" scene was filmed. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see "Hike to 'Sweet Life' Riverside" in **Albums**. See also:

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/elbowriver.htm

Remarks:
Jack had been rebuffed many times before they returned to this scenic spot (it is very close to the location of the "Sweet Life" scene). Nevertheless, when the opportunity presented itself, he gently suggested "Maybe Texas," but the answer was the same as it always was, and always would be.

While you are here, follow the path downriver to gorgeous Elbow Falls, one of Alberta's most scenic spots. It is a testament to the filmmakers' passion for the *Brokeback* story that for the dialog scenes they consistently resisted some of the most stunning scenery imaginable to keep the focus on the actors and their words.

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Important:

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Quotation:
"You ever get the feelin', I don't know, uh, when you're in town and someone looks at you, suspicious, like he knows?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture *

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 30 26
Location: Hwy 66, Elbow Falls Day Use Area
GPS: 50d 52m 1s -114d 47m 4s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "Maybe Texas" Riverside

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 161A "Bragg Creek Rd / Hwy 22." Go south on Hwy 22 approximately 17.4 km to the 4-way stop in Bragg Creek. (Do not follow the "Bragg Creek West" sign.) Turn left at the 4-way stop (continue on Hwy 22) and go 3.4 km to the "T" intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 66. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 66 and go approximately 18.4 km to the Elbow Falls Day Use Area in Bragg Creek Provincial Park. As you enter, the site is to the immediate right in the most upstream portion of the Area. Take the paved path on the right just after the guard rail, pass the gate, and turn right onto the narrower path. Stay to the right and walk to the river past the small picnic areas. The site is on the gravel bar in the middle of the river, just upstream from the location where the "Sweet Life" scene was filmed. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see "Hike to 'Sweet Life' Riverside" in **Albums**. See also:

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/elbowriver.htm

Remarks:
This uppermost (western) end of the Elbow Creek Day Use Area has been subject to violent, disfiguring flooding, making it a particularly suitable place for Ennis to reveal a bit of his paranoia.

Despite the fact that 14 years have passed since their *Brokeback* summer, neither man has learned to communicate honestly, intimately with the other. Though, as Alma had figured, they "didn't go up there to fish," they do sound much more like fishin' buddies than lovers.

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Important:
Consult with wardens and take suitable precautions in Off-Highway Vehicle areas. Depending upon river conditions it may not be possible to safely reach the gravel bar. If you wish to try, go upstream

toward the bend in the river and look for a safe, shallow place to cross over. Always consult with wardens before attempting to cross the river. Wear protective footgear and use walking sticks.

Quotation:
“Well, maybe you oughta get out of there, you know? Find yourself someplace different. Maybe Texas.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 31 59
Location: Hwy 66, Elbow Falls Day Use Area
GPS: 50d 52m 2s -114d 47m 3s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "Maybe Texas" Riverside

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 161A "Bragg Creek Rd / Hwy 22." Go south on Hwy 22 approximately 17.4 km to the 4-way stop in Bragg Creek. (Do not follow the "Bragg Creek West" sign.) Turn left at the 4-way stop (continue on Hwy 22) and go 3.4 km to the "T" intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 66. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 66 and go approximately 18.4 km to the Elbow Falls Day Use Area in Bragg Creek Provincial Park. As you enter, the site is to the immediate right in the most upstream portion of the Area. Take the paved path on the right just after the guard rail, pass the gate, and turn right onto the narrower path. Stay to the right and walk to the river past the small picnic areas. The site is on the gravel bar in the middle of the river, just upstream from the location where the "Sweet Life" scene was filmed. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see "Hike to 'Sweet Life' Riverside" in **Albums**. See also:

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/elbowriver.htm

Remarks:
Some of the shots in this scene were taken from the opposite side of the Elbow River in the McLean Creek Off-Highway Vehicle Zone. This area was so mired in deep, viscous mud that we dared not attempt it, even in our 4WD vehicle, but those who know off-road vehicles and do not mind getting very, very dirty might enjoy this vantage point. See:

http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/outdoor.htm

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Quotation:
“Aw, go to hell, Ennis del Mar. You want to live your miserable fuckin’ life, go right ahead.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 32 15
Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Queen's Hotel, 207 24th Street
GPS: 49d 43m 32.46s -113d 24m 29.70s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Cassie's Bar

Travel Directions:
Navigation in Fort Macleod is made interesting by the fact that most streets have at least two names. Nonetheless, the town is small enough so that you are never lost. The Queen's Hotel is on the northeast corner of Haultain Street (2nd Avenue) and Col. Macleod Boulevard (24th Street). See map of Fort Macleod.

See also:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/images/uploads/visit_map.pdf

Remarks:
Of course Cassie found Ennis at the Queen's Hotel! This 1903 sandstone gem witnessed Fort Macleod's "glory years" in which the town briefly served as the commercial hub of SW Canada. Though time has taken its toll on the building, it remains one of Fort Macleod's preeminent historical structures.

Most of the Queen's action is in the first-floor bar. Locals will happily recall (or fabricate) *Brokeback* production stories here, especially if you are buying. More than one bar patron joked that he doubled for Heath Ledger in the sex scenes, though none appeared to be qualified for the job. See:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/

http://www.fortmacleod.com/visiting/attractions/Main%20Street%20History.cfm

Quotation:
"Well, earlier today I was castratin' calves."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 15 - Suspicious Minds - 01 32 28

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 32 28
Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Queen's Hotel, 207 24th Street
GPS: 49d 43m 32.46s -113d 24m 29.70s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Cassie's Bar

Travel Directions:
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See also:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/images/uploads/visit_map.pdf

Remarks:
Cassie Cartwright is the creation of Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana. Some would go so far as to say she is a distraction. Others have suggested that a shift in the character of the writing, the subtlety of the plot, and the level of character development is noticeable here.

How well do you know your *Brokeback* screenplay trivia? What is the name of Cassie's bar? Want another one? True or false: The directions call for Cassie to "shake the funk out of her ass"?

Quotation:
"Drunks like you demandin' beer after beer, smokin'. Gets tiresome."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 15 - Suspicious Minds - 01 32 49

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 32 49
Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Queen's Hotel, 207 24th Street
GPS: 49d 43m 32.46s -113d 24m 29.70s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Cassie's Bar

Travel Directions:
Navigation in Fort Macleod is made interesting by the fact that most streets have at least two names. Nonetheless, the town is small enough so that you are never lost. The Queen's Hotel is on the northeast corner of Haultain Street (2nd Avenue) and Col. Macleod Boulevard (24th Street). See map of Fort Macleod.

See also:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/images/uploads/visit_map.pdf

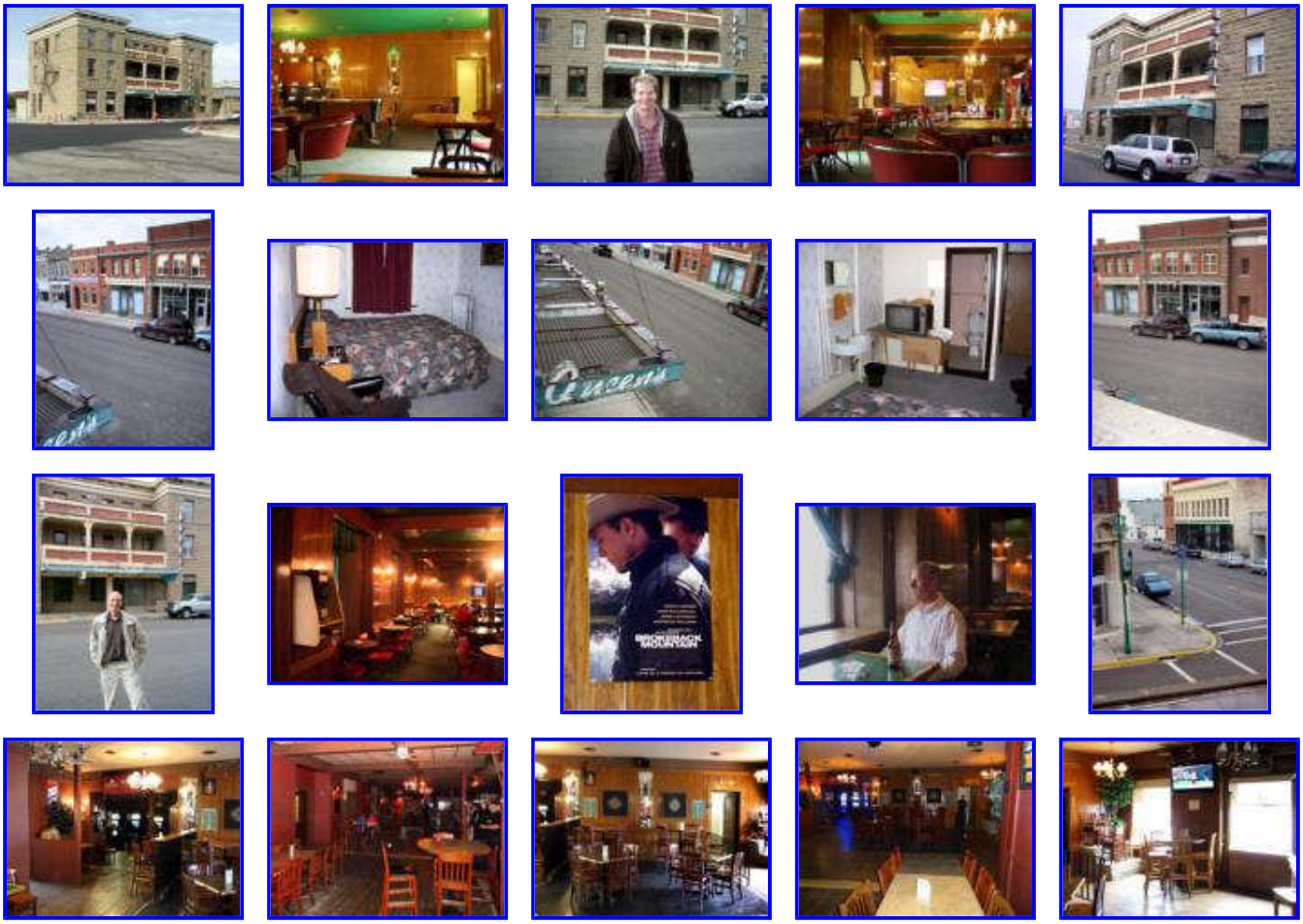
Remarks:
Why can Fort Macleod fairly claim to be "home" to *Brokeback Mountain*? Part of the answer lies in the town's history.

Fort Macleod, like many railroad towns in the western U.S., had a stormy relationship with the railroad. In 1912, following protracted disputes over rights-of-way and freight rates, the railroad moved operations, and approximately 200 jobs, to neighboring Lethbridge. Consequently, with the outbreak of World War I and extending into the 1920s, Fort Macleod experienced a severe depression. By 1924, the town was bankrupt. A bail-out loan by the Provincial government required that the town could not incur debt for any new capital expenditure for 50 years.

As a result of this effective prohibition on growth, virtually no new construction occurred in the town's Main Street district until the early 1970s. Downtown Fort Macleod retains its vintage flavor, a quality that appealed to the producers of *Brokeback*.

Quotation:
"Tryin' to get a foot rub, dummy!"

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 15 - Suspicious Minds - 01 34 11

DVD capture

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DVD Time Code = 01 34 11
Location: Calgary, AB, Royal Canadian Legion #1, 116 7th Ave SE
GPS: 51d 2m 48.06s -114d 3m 42.18s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Dance Hall (Interior)

Travel Directions:
Royal Canadian Legion #1, 116 7th Avenue SE, is between Centre St. and 1st Street SE. Pay parking is available in the alley behind the Legion building.

Remarks:
Though a long way from Childress, Texas, this Canadian military-veterans auditorium and dining hall made a stunning setting for Jack and Randall's high-voltage cruising. Bring your copy of the screenplay and have fun counting the entendre in this delicious confection of a scene.

The dining area is open for lunch (check for specials posted outside), but most of the door attendants will admit friendly visitors at other times.

Though recently threatened by the construction of yet another steel and glass office tower for Alberta's booming oil companies, this historically significant building appears to have fended off the wrecking ball, for now. See:

http://www.abnwtlegion.com/

If you are in need of an Alberta map for your *Brokeback* trip, nearby Mapworld at 102 6th Avenue SW (403) 294-0393 is sure to have it. As you face the Legion Building, walk left (west) to Centre St., turn right (north) on Centre and walk to 6th Avenue. Mapworld is on the SW corner.

Calgary's Glenbow Museum (130 9th Avenue SE) falls far short of its potential to tell the story of western Canada's unique history but, for history buffs, is certainly worth a visit. See:

http://www.glenbow.org/

Important:
Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property.

Quotation:

“It’s funny isn’t it? Husbands don’t never seem to want to dance with their wives.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

Chapter 15 - Suspicious Minds - 01 35 37

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 35 37
Location: Rockyford, AB, CIBC Bank, 201 Main Street
GPS: 51d 14m 1.86s -113d 8m 28.08s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Dance Hall (Exterior)

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. The CIBC Bank stands at the corner of 1st Avenue and Main Street, diagonally across from the Riverton Post Office. See:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/r05.htm

Remarks:
What Randall and Jack started inside the dance hall (actually some 65 km away in downtown Calgary, AB) continued on the bench outside the CIBC Bank in Rockyford. Awnings, a red carpet, and a bench upgrade magnificently transformed this prairie farmers' bank into Childress' swankiest dance hall.

Of course, you are surrounded by *Brokeback* here. When you have finished admiring the "dance hall," check out the nearby rodeo grounds, JT's Bar, and the Riverton Post Office. See:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/

Quotation:
"I mean, why powder your nose just to go home and go to bed?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 15 - Suspicious Minds - 01 35 48

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 35 48
Location: Rockyford, AB, CIBC Bank, 201 Main Street
GPS: 51d 14m 1.86s -113d 8m 28.08s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Dance Hall (Exterior)

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. The CIBC Bank stands at the corner of 1st Avenue and Main Street, diagonally across from the Riverton Post Office. See:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/r05.htm

Remarks:
The Childress Dance Hall exterior scene was filmed in tiny Rockyford at 3 AM. We are told that the CIBC Bank doors needed to be replaced as part of the Dance Hall makeover. Difficulties with the stubborn door hardware made this an all-night process.

The real problems, though, are in the scene itself, which is steeped in *Brokeback* ambiguity. Jack asks why women powder their noses “just to go home and go to bed.” Is this Texas rancher small talk or is it a test? If it is a test, Jack’s approach has grown considerably more subtle since 1963, and Randall flunks. A moment later, a far less artful Randall says “fish some. Get away, you know?” and all hearts race. Is Jack open to his suggestion? Is he feeling intense pain? Or perhaps both?

Quotation:
“Drink a little whiskey, fish some. Get away, you know?”

Pictures of surrounding area:

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DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 40 37
Location: Hwy 742, Burstall Pass Parking Area
GPS: 50d 47m 29.82s -115d 18m 17.76s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "Gonna Snow" Lake

Travel Directions:
"Gonna Snow" Lake is on Hwy 742, 42.5 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 6.0 km north of Jack Ascending. Use the Burstall Pass Parking Area and walk northwest along Mud Lake to the protrusion.

To reach Hwy 742 (also known as Spray Lakes Rd. / Smith-Dorrien Rd.): From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), use Exit 91 "Hwy 1A - Canmore." Follow Bow Valley Trail 2.2 km, turn left (northwest) onto Railway Ave. Proceed 0.5 km and turn left (west) at Main St. (also known as 8th St.), go 0.6 km and turn left (south) onto Bridge Rd. (also known as 8th Ave. / Rundle Drive). At the "T" intersection, turn left (south) on Three Sisters Drive, proceed 0.6 km and turn right (west) at Spray Lakes Rd. (also known as Hwy 742). (Or simply follow the helpful "Kananaskis Country" signs throughout Canmore.) See map of Canmore.

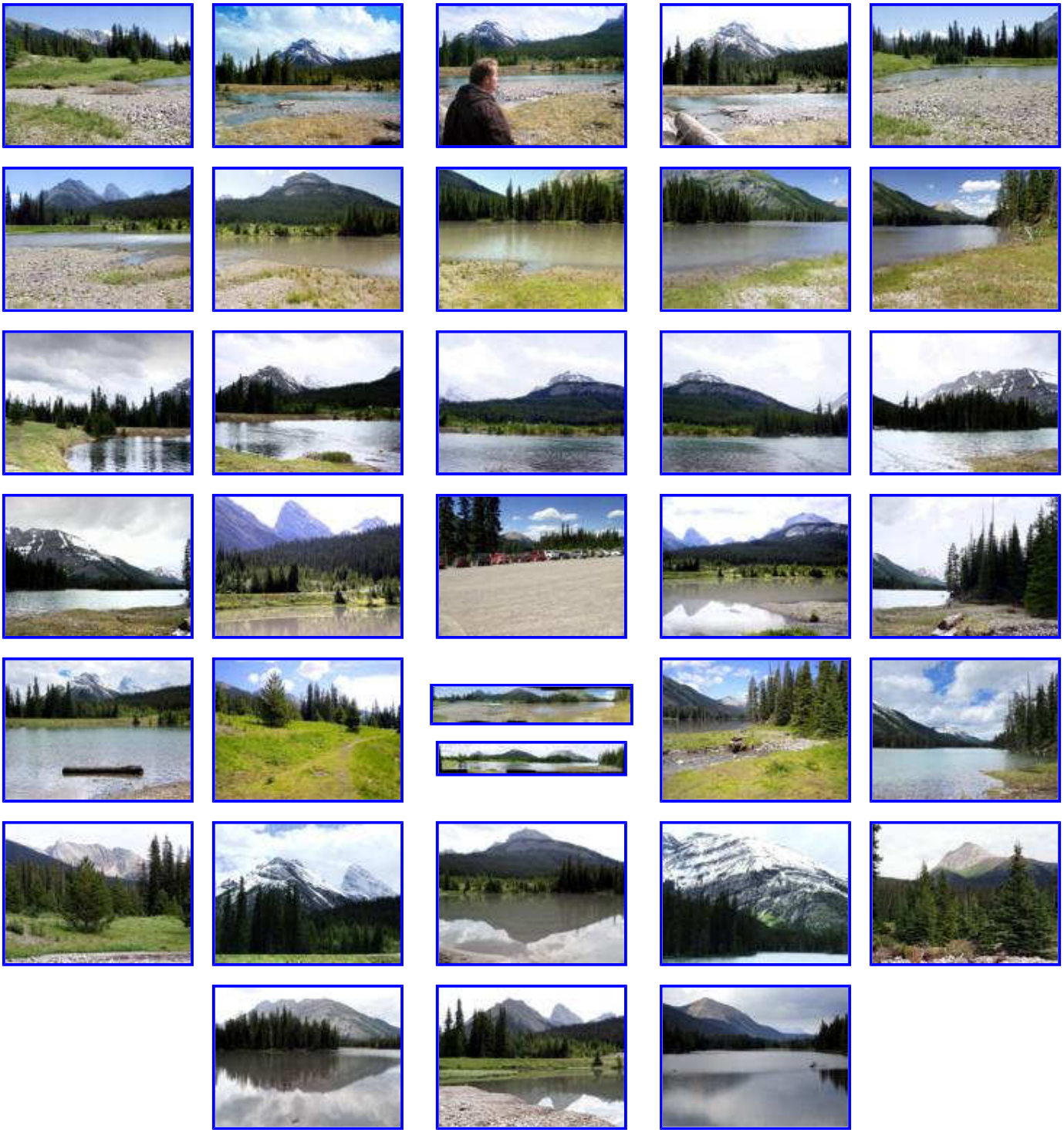
Remarks:
Mount Murray looms behind Ennis in this memorable scene as he swigs Old Rose whiskey and trades lies with Jack. The truth is much easier to find in the short sleeping-in-the-tent shot that follows. See:

http://www.peakfinder.com/peakfinder.ASP?PeakName=Mount+Murray

http://www.albertaparks.ca/peter-lougheed.aspx

Quotation:
"Tell you what, the truth is sometimes I miss you so much I can hardly stand it."

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 16 - Let Me Be - 01 42 27

DVD capture

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DVD Time Code = 01 42 27
Location: Kananaskis Lakes Road, Upper Kananaskis Lake
GPS: 50d 36m 36.48s -115d 7m 7.32s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "I Did Once" Lake

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 40 south 49.9 km (or 0.1 km south of King Creek) to the intersection of Hwy 40 and Kananaskis Lakes Road. Turn right on Kananaskis Lakes Road and proceed southwest 12.5 km. Turn left (south) at "Upper Lake" sign and left again at the "T" intersection to the parking area. (The parking area was paved sometime after June 2008.)

[Alternately, travel to the south end of Hwy 742 / Smith-Dorrien Road where it joins Kananaskis Lakes Road. Turn right and proceed southwest on Kananaskis Lakes Road 10.3 km. Turn left (south) at "Upper Lake" sign and left again at the "T" intersection to the parking area.]

Remarks:
Judging from our mail, this is the most popular of all *Brokeback* locations. How fortunate that Upper Kananaskis Lake is easy to visit and breathtakingly beautiful in its own right. If your travel plans permit, avoid coming here on summer weekends when the area tends to be busy with vacationers, picnickers, and boaters who seem oblivious to this site's *Brokeback* credentials. Weekdays are fine. Sunrise is a particularly lovely, serene time to visit and photograph this special place.

Most *Brokeback* fans are surprised that the area where Ennis and Jack stand is some 25' above the lake level. A steep grassy bank, not visible in the film, separates the spot where Jack stood from the water's edge. Of course, the added elevation affords a much more expansive shot of the mountains and lake, which all agree is the crown jewel of the Kananaskis Lake Group.

Quotation:
"I did once."

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 29 April 2014

Chapter 16 - Let Me Be - 01 44 42

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 44 42
Location: Kananaskis Lakes Road, Upper Kananaskis Lake
GPS: 50d 36m 36.48s -115d 7m 7.32s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "I Did Once" Lake

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 40 south 49.9 km (or 0.1 km south of King Creek) to the intersection of Hwy 40 and Kananaskis Lakes Road. Turn right on Kananaskis Lakes Road and proceed southwest 12.5 km. Turn left (south) at "Upper Lake" sign and left again at the "T" intersection to the parking area. (The parking area was paved sometime after June 2008.)

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Remarks:
"So what we got now is Brokeback Mountain. Everything's built on that," Jack proclaims as he points to Mount Lyautey, one of at least five different "Brokeback Mountains" used in the film. No visit to this site is complete without rereading (or if you are really in deep, reciting) the remarkable dialog from Ennis and Jack's last scene together. When you are finished, drive off via that same sad, curving road that Ennis used. See:

http://www.peakfinder.com/peakfinder.ASP?Peakname=Mount+Lyautey

http://www.albertaparks.ca/peter-lougheed.aspx

Quotation:
"Hell yes, I been to Mexico. Is that a fuckin' problem?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 15 March 2015

Chapter 16 - Let Me Be - 01 48 15

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 48 15
Location: Kananaskis Lakes Road, Upper Kananaskis Lake
GPS: 50d 36m 36.48s -115d 7m 7.32s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "I Did Once" Lake

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
What began as a warm handshake outside of Joe Aguirre's ugly trailer 17 years earlier ends as a tearful embrace at one of the most beautiful spots imaginable. Here is the place where an innocent young love finally relented to the twin poisons of fear and hate.

As you gaze upon this spot, consider the poisons in your own life and your own relationships. How did they get there? Why are they still there?

Quotation:
"It's all right. It's all right ... damn you, Ennis."

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 28 May 2015

Chapter 16 - Let Me Be - 01 48 49

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 48 49
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 35.52s -115d 25m 50.70s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack's Flashback

Travel Directions:
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See also:

http://www.albertaparks.ca/spray-valley/information-facilities/day-use/goat-creek.aspx?id=st-day:8158

Remarks:
Bring your sweetie and, by all means, stand where they stood and feel the serenity and liberation of this place. Remember the moment, always, and treasure your own dozy embrace, just as Jack did his.

Quotation:
"Nothing marred it, even the knowledge that Ennis would not then embrace him face to face because

he did not want to see nor feel that it was Jack he held." **[1]**

[1] *Brokeback Mountain - Story to Screenplay* by Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana (Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4, page 22.

Pictures of surrounding area:

For more pictures taken at this location see
DVD Chapter 5, 00 23 28, 00 23 39, 00 24 09, 00 24 14, 00 24 16, 00 24 22;
Chapter 6, 00 29 43, 00 29 55, 00 29 58, 00 31 11; Chapter 7, 00 34 34, 00 34 53.

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Chapter 16 - Let Me Be - 01 48 51

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 48 51
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 35.52s -115d 25m 50.70s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack's Flashback

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
This is a secluded spot, surrounded by mountains. The "Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside (Fight Hill), the tent area, and the pole bridge are all right here. But it is, of course, what happened here that draws us to it.

A "cairn" is a man-made pile of rocks that marks a site or trail. A cairn marks the spot of the Dozy

Embrace. Add to it if you care to. Another cairn, located atop Moose Mountain 50 km to the southeast, marks the site of the “I Ain’t Queer” scene (see Chapter 6, 00 31 33 and 00 31 41).

Quotation:
“Well now, you’re sleepin’ on your feet like a horse.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

For more pictures taken at this location see
DVD Chapter 5, 00 23 28, 00 23 39, 00 24 09, 00 24 14, 00 24 16, 00 24 22;
Chapter 6, 00 29 43, 00 29 55, 00 29 58, 00 31 11; Chapter 7, 00 34 34, 00 34 53.

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Chapter 16 - Let Me Be - 01 49 23

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 49 23
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 35.52s -115d 25m 50.70s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack's Flashback

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
It is finished. We saw this image an hour-and-a-half earlier in the film, just after the "FNIT" (First Night In Tent) scene (see Chapter 6, 00 29 58). Now, two excruciatingly painful lifetimes later, it forms a fitting benediction to a love that finally succumbed to the forces of fear and hate.

One easily looses track of the number of arrivals and departures in the film. *Brokeback Mountain*

can be viewed as a more or less endless parade of entrances and exits. Its characters drive up, drive off, walk in, walk out, mount, and dismount almost constantly. This departure is different. The blissful Dozy Embrace exit is almost lovely enough to steel us for the crushing exit that follows it.

Quotation:
"I gotta go. See you in the mornin'."

Pictures of surrounding area:

For more pictures taken at this location see
DVD Chapter 5, 00 23 28, 00 23 39, 00 24 09, 00 24 14, 00 24 16, 00 24 22;
Chapter 6, 00 29 43, 00 29 55, 00 29 58, 00 31 11; Chapter 7, 00 34 34, 00 34 53.

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Chapter 16 - Let Me Be - 01 49 24

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 49 24
Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek
GPS: 51d 3m 35.52s -115d 25m 50.70s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack's Flashback

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
Many (of us) believe that Jake Gyllenhaal's very best acting is done through sublime facial expressions, often citing the shot where Ennis is bathing, "or I might be back," the Jimbo cruise, the reaction to Randall's come-on, and the Dozy Embrace, among others. Each of these gestures is reductionism at its finest. If the story and script are beautifully tight, and they are, Gyllenhaal's powerfully sparse facial gestures more than do justice to them.

Quotation:
“Later, that dozy embrace solidified in his memory as the single moment of artless, charmed happiness in their separate and difficult lives.” **[1]**

[1] *Brokeback Mountain - Story to Screenplay* by Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana (Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4, page 22.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 6, 00 29 43, 00 29 55, 00 29 58, 00 31 11; Chapter 7, 00 34 34, 00 34 53.

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Chapter 16 - Let Me Be - 01 49 34

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 49 34
Location: Kananaskis Lakes Road, Upper Kananaskis Lake
GPS: 50d 36m 36.48s -115d 7m 7.32s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "I Did Once" Lake

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
Is there a gravel road on the planet that has broken as many hearts as this one? We doubt it.

The filmmakers had a problem here. A distracting public restroom stood to the right where the road curves. Sharp-eyed viewers of the film can spot the roof of the restroom through the cluster of staked trees installed by the location crew.

Staked trees were useful in many scenes in the film. They hid an entire road at Mud Lake ("It's gonna snow tonight for sure.") and a path at Goat Creek (Campsite #2). A few discarded staked trees can be found in the woods near Campsites #1 and #2.

Quotation:
"I just can't stand this anymore, Jack."

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 28 May 2015

Chapter 16 - Let Me Be - 01 49 37

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 49 37
Location: Kananaskis Lakes Road, Upper Kananaskis Lake
GPS: 50d 36m 36.48s -115d 7m 7.32s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: "I Did Once" Lake

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
Jake Gyllenhaal, once asked about Jack Twist's fate, replied famously, "Jack died when Ennis left."

As we leave Jack, it is hard to focus upon anything other than his youthful energy and forceful spirit. He showed Ennis the tireless patience and sensitivity of a man deeply in love. Jack consistently sought the best in life, refusing society's unrelenting urge to accept "beans." Derided, humiliated as a dreamer, a "fuck up," a "pissant," Jack remained proud, hopeful, and strong. Until now.

Quotation:
"I wish I knew how to quit you."

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 19 February 2010

Chapter 17 - Return to Sender - 01 49 47

DVD capture

Conributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 49 47
Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Java Shop / Greyhound Station, 2302 2nd Avenue
GPS: 49d 43m 29.64s -113d 24m 30.66s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Bus Café

Travel Directions:
Navigation in Fort Macleod is made interesting by the fact that most streets have at least two names. Nonetheless, the town is small enough so that you are never lost. The Java Shop / Greyhound Bus Station is located at 2302 2nd Avenue (Haulton Ave.) near the intersection of 23rd Street (Chief Red Crow Boulevard). See map of Fort Macleod.

See also:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/images/uploads/visit_map.pdf

Remarks:
Sadly, the days when Brokeback pilgrims could enjoy coffee and apple pie at the Java Shop are now gone. This restaurant, located in the town's Greyhound bus station, served locals and weary travelers for decades before economic pressures finally forced its closure.

Judy Thomas, a Java Shop waitress for more than 20 years and something of a classic in her own right, often told customers, "Every week we get another one in here, 'Is this the same pie Heath Ledger ate?' they always ask. And I go right ahead and tell them, 'It sure is. We been keepin' it for years just waitin' for you to come in and finish it.'" See:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/

Quotation:
"Hey, Ennis del Mar. Where you been?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 28 May 2015

Chapter 17 - Return to Sender - 01 49 58

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 49 58
Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Java Shop / Greyhound Station, 2302 2nd Avenue
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Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
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Remarks:
“Enjoy life, eat out more often,” was the motto of Fort Macleod’s iconic Java Shop. Although Cassie and Ennis did not find much enjoyment here, the Brokeback prop team did get a break at this place. Very little needed to change to turn it back 25 years. The counter candy rack, tables, and chairs used in this scene were all authentic.

Darryl Solly, locations manager for the film, recalls Ang Lee’s initial reaction to the Java Shop. “When we [first] walked in ... we knew this was going to be our diner. Where we’d encounter potential problems, Ang’s reaction was, “Don’t worry about it, this is going to be it; it’s perfect.” He walked around, loved the whole thing - the cafeteria line, everything is stainless steel, you know - fantastic.” Sadly, economic pressures forced the Java Shop to close in February 2008. See:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/

Quotation:
“Yeah, Carl’s nice. He even talks.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 05 March 2010

Chapter 17 - Return to Sender - 01 51 50

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 51 50
Location: Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue
GPS: 51d 14m 0.78s -113d 8m 28.32s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Post Office

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. The Riverton Post Office building is on Main Street at 1st Avenue. See:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/r05.htm

Remarks:
It was here, on simple postcards, that Ennis wrote “You bet” and later read the word “DECEASED.” Though the neighboring brick structure has been demolished, the Riverton Post Office stands and reminds us of the power small words have to change lives.

Look over your shoulder and see JT’s Bar, and to the left of it the exterior of the Childress Dance Hall. And by all means don’t leave town without seeing the Electra and Childress Rodeo Grounds. They are two blocks away.

Pictures of surrounding area:

For more pictures taken at this location see
DVD Chapter 11, 01 01 34, 01 01 52, Chapter 15, 01 35 37, 01 35 48.

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Chapter 17 - Return to Sender - 01 51 55

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 51 55
Location: Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue
GPS: 51d 14m 0.78s -113d 8m 28.32s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Phone Booth

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. The Phone Booth site is adjacent to "JT's Bar," now "The Pub on Main" (previously Dun Rovens Pub), on Main Street at 1st Avenue, opposite the Riverton Post Office building. See:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/r05.htm

Remarks:
Ecce Homo. Within a mere half hour of film time, Ennis del Mar suffers Alma's "Jack Nasty" blow, reads the fateful word "DECEASED," and learns about "some ranch neighbor a his from down in Texas." Pain, pain, and more pain.

Quotation:
"Deceased."

Pictures of surrounding area:

For more pictures taken at this location see
DVD Chapter 11, 01 01 34, 01 01 52, Chapter 15, 01 35 37, 01 35 48.

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Chapter 17 - Return to Sender - 01 52 06

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 52 06
Location: Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue
GPS: 51d 14m 0.78s -113d 8m 28.32s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Phone Booth

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
The prop phone booth has a story. On the eve of the final Rockyford shooting day, the set crew began looking for the phone booth. It was nowhere to be found. Realizing that they had forgotten to BRING the phone booth, location manager Darryl Solly drove through the night to Calgary, found the phone booth in a warehouse there, strapped it in a truck and sped back to Rockyford, praying that it would not fall out. The phone booth made it, along with an exhausted Solly, in time for the morning's shoot.

From the phone booth spot one can see the Riverton Post Office where Ennis was to first experience joy, and later grief, as well as the exterior of the Childress Dance Hall. See:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/

Jack and Lureen's parking spot, as well as the Childress and Electra Rodeo Grounds, are two blocks away.

Quotation:
"No ma'am, we was herdin' sheep on Brokeback one summer, back in '63."

Pictures of surrounding area:

For more pictures taken at this location see
DVD Chapter 11, 01 01 34, 01 01 52, Chapter 15, 01 35 37, 01 35 48.

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Chapter 17 - Return to Sender - 01 53 13

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 53 13
Location: Range Road 283, near Conrich, AB
GPS: 51d 6m 20.46s -113d 50m 31.98s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack's Murder

Travel Directions:
Calgary's McKnight Boulevard NE, eastbound, becomes 48th Avenue NE and, finally, Township Road 250. The suburb of Conrich is at the intersection of Township Road 250 and Range Road 284. (There is a Gas Plus station at this corner.) Continue east on Township Road 250 1.6 km to Range Road 283 (also known as "Rainbow Road"), turn left on Range Road 283, go 1 km toward the rail tracks but do not cross them. The site is to the left.

Remarks:
Just as there is a great amount of confusion as to how Jack died, there is more than a little bit of misinformation out there about where he died. We chased many false leads before finding this site. Ponder the awful power of fear and hatred as you contemplate this very sad spot.

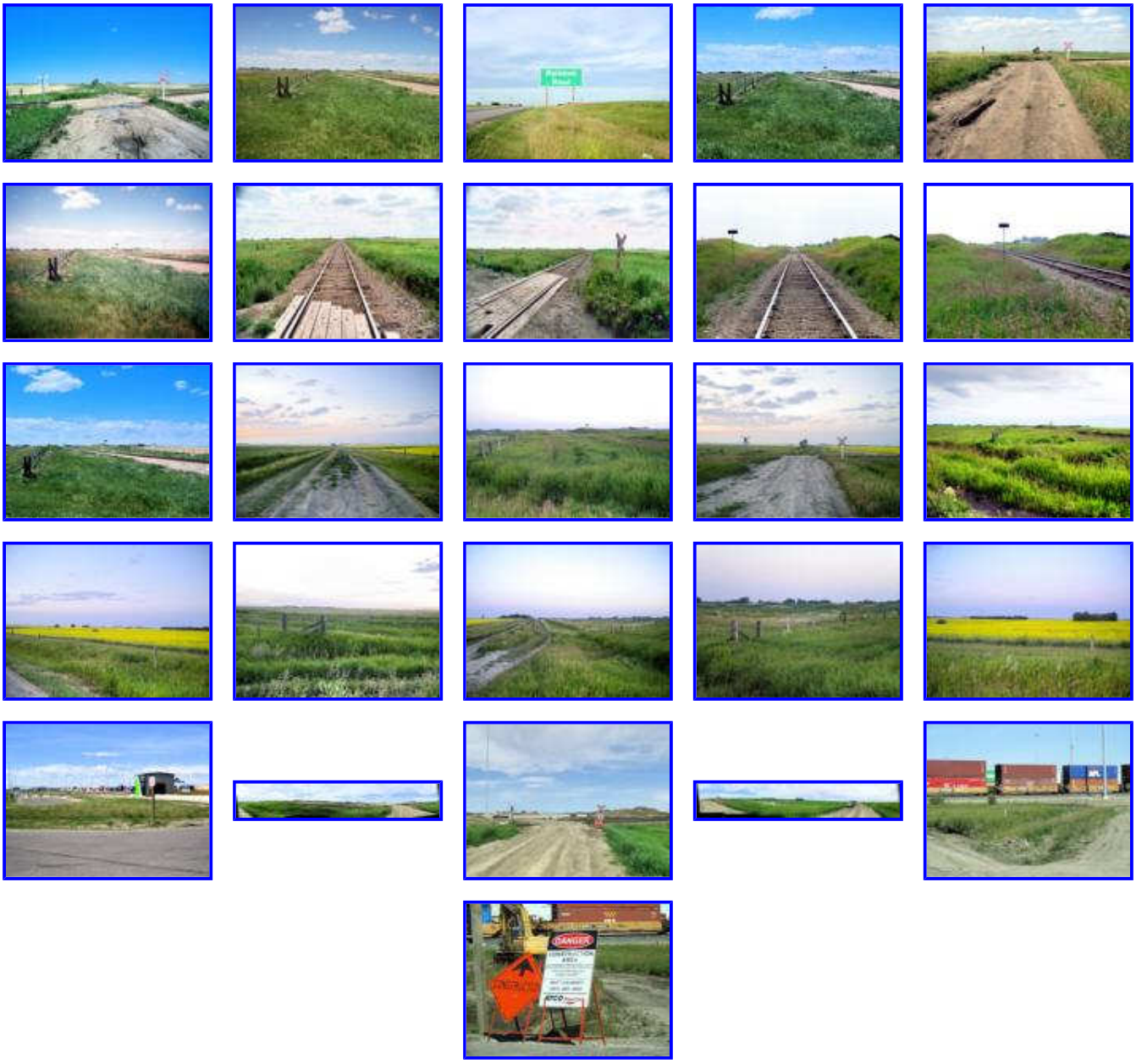
After tirelessly searching BBM shooting locations for a week, Canadian philanthropist and *Brokeback* truck owner Rob Freeman (see: www.thebrokebacktruck.ca for information) noted that Earl's life ended in "Dorothy," while Jack met his fate on "Rainbow Road." Coincidence, Judy?

One visitor to this solemn location writes, "May the hatred, intolerance and ignorance represented here be banished from the heart and consciousness of humankind, overcome by the higher experiences of love, compassion and understanding."

Important:
Range Road 283 is in very poor condition. Depending upon your vehicle, it may be best to park and walk the short distance (about 300 m or 1,000') to the tracks.

Quotation:
"Terrible thing, he was only 39 years old."

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 18 - Crazy Notions - 01 55 24

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 55 24
Location: Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB
GPS: 51d 22m 18.24s -113d 25m 31.08s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Twist Ranch (Exterior)

Travel Directions:
Follow Hwy 9 (also known as Township Road 282) 6.5 km east of Beiseker to Range Road 252 (watch for the brown "Grande Ole West Villa Ranch" sign). Turn right (south) onto Range Road 252, go 1.6 km. The ranch is behind the overgrown thicket on the east (left) side of the road.

Remarks:
Welcome to the Twist Ranch. No other *Brokeback* location received the investment of time and money that the production team lavished upon this desolate farmhouse some 80 km NE of Calgary.

This is a well-hidden landmark; indeed the front is completely obscured by a dense thicket of Albertan caragana. Just as Ennis generally did, you will find it most convenient to approach from the rear. The structure, which has faded considerably since the film was made, is boarded up, albeit imperfectly.

The ranch is located on rural farmland in an area once occupied by Native Blackfoot peoples. They called the region "Clear Running Water." A deep lake, said to be filled with old Blackfoot arrowheads, is 9 km away. The Canadian Railway established a rail line here in 1883. By 1909, the completion of irrigation canals permitted large scale cultivation of wheat and the area was homesteaded, largely by German families emigrating from Nebraska and Kansas.

The current owner of the house grew up on an adjacent farm. His family acquired the property in the late 1960s.

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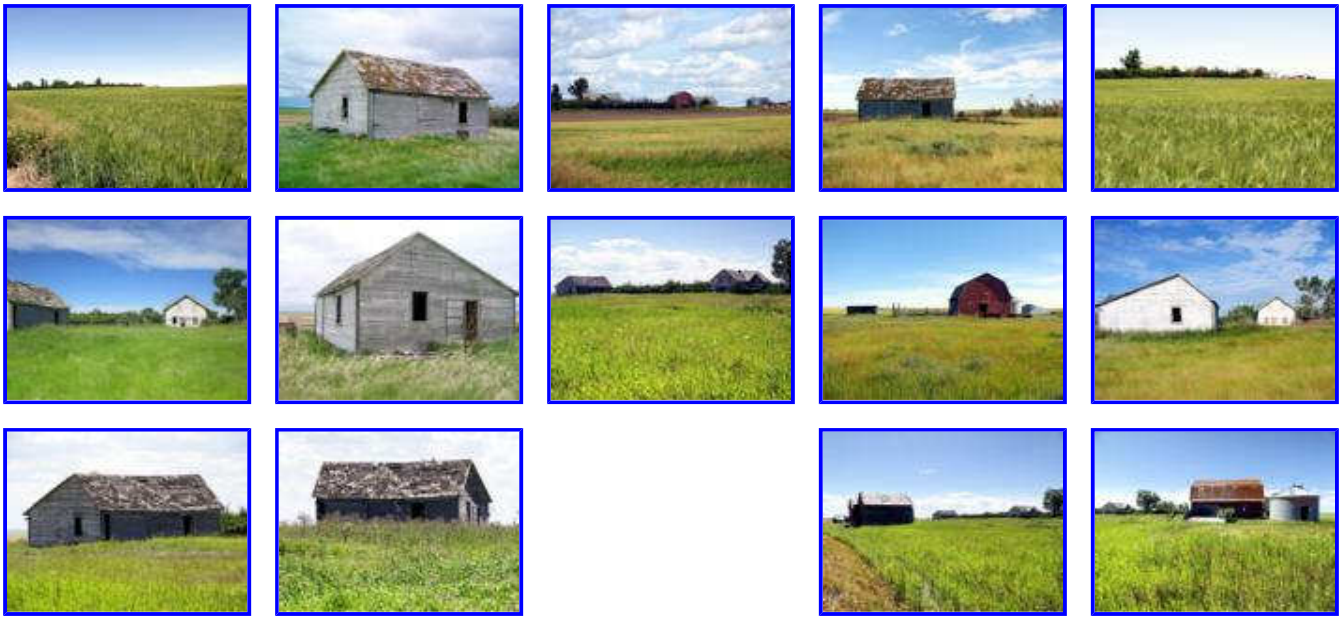

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Chapter 18 - Crazy Notions - 01 55 27

DVD capture

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Location: Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB
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Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Twist Ranch (Exterior)

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
The owner of the Twist Ranch vividly recalls the commencement of shooting activity at this otherwise desolate and inherently lonely place.

"It was July 20, 2004, when the circus arrived (*circus* is the industry term for the caravan of production vehicles and crew). Twenty or so tractor trailers, barbeques, power generators, cranes, everything you can imagine. More than 100 people, easy. Security was tight; they had to block the highway," he said, referring to a nearby two lane road.

Before shooting, crews spent months restoring the house which had literally fallen down on itself. Extensive roof and carpentry work was required, the exterior façade and the rooms used in the film were plastered and painted. The green grasses and trees were treated with a desiccant in order to give them a brown / yellow hue. A small cemetery (which can be seen in some promotional footage, but not in the film) was erected to the left (south) side of the house.

"They must have driven that truck up to the house 20 times to get the shot they wanted," he recalls.

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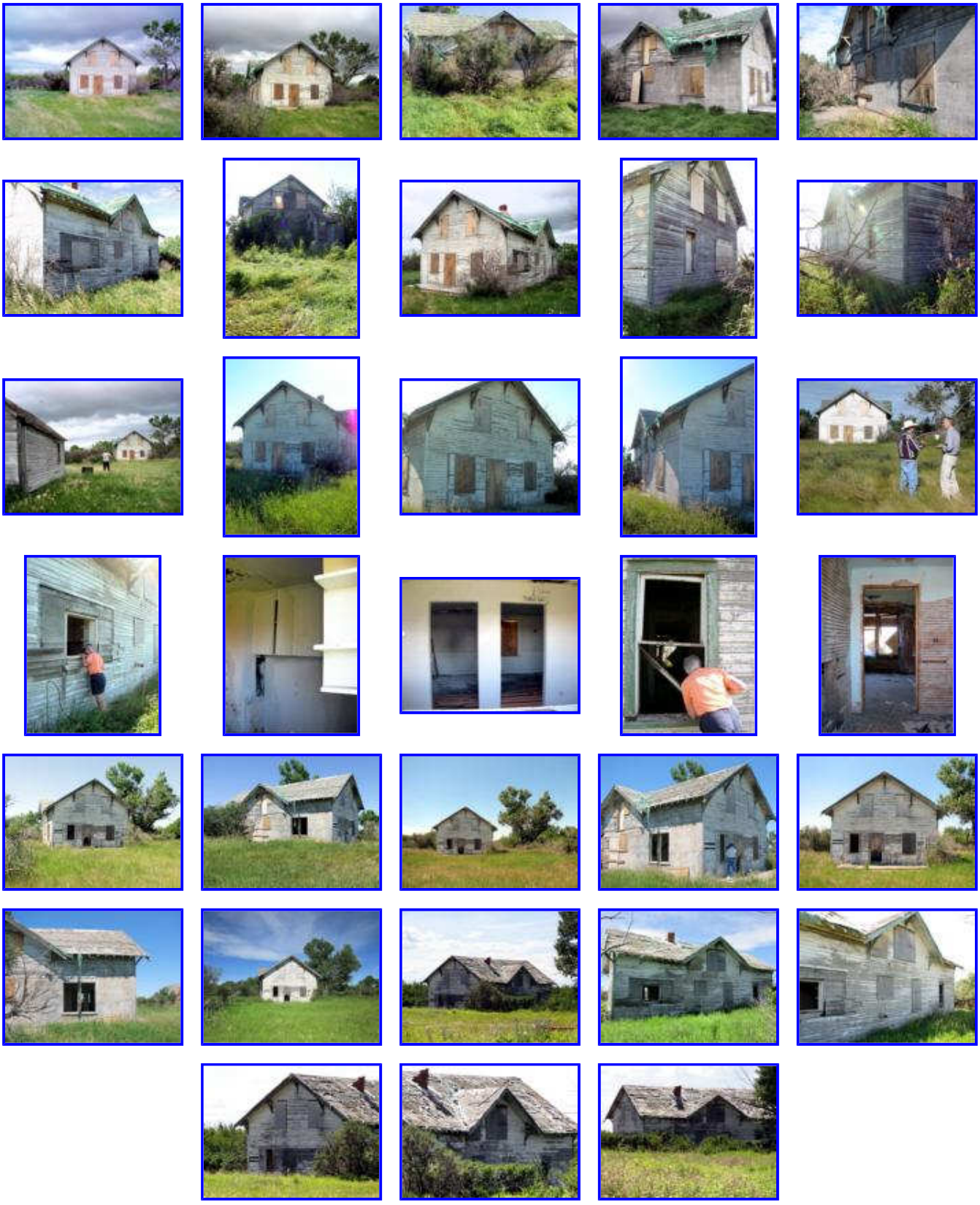

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Chapter 18 - Crazy Notions - 01 55 33

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GPS: 51d 22m 18.24s -113d 25m 31.08s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Twist Ranch (Exterior)

Travel Directions:
Follow Hwy 9 (also known as Township Road 282) 6.5 km east of Beiseker to Range Road 252 (watch for the brown "Grande Ole West Villa Ranch" sign). Turn right (south) onto Range Road 252, go 1.6 km. The ranch is behind the overgrown thicket on the east (left) side of the road.

Remarks:
The Twist Ranch house was probably constructed in the 1930s or '40s. It was occupied by the Elmer C. Esslinger family until it was sold in the late 1960s to a nearby farming family.

The house was furnished in fine oak pieces and had the feel of a "prairie mansion." In addition to the first floor dining room and kitchen featured in the film, there is a large front parlor, a study, and a sewing room. There are four bedrooms upstairs, all similar in size. The house has an unfinished basement, as well.

A neighbor recalls a grandmother Esslinger and two "bachelor" sons, Bill and John. Mrs. Esslinger went to church with neighbors every Sunday. The sons rolled their own cigarettes. There was also a niece, who had a small child.

After the Esslingers sold the house it had a succession of tenants, mostly farm workers. The house fell into ruin during the 1970s.

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Quotation:
"A rather thin woman—probably sixty to sixty-five—comes out the door and on to the front porch that stretches across the front of a tiny windbeaten house ..." **[1]**

[1] *Brokeback Mountain - Story to Screenplay* by Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana (Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4, page 89.

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 18 - Crazy Notions - 01 55 55

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DVD Time Code = 01 55 55
Location: Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB
GPS: 51d 22m 18.24s -113d 25m 31.08s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Twist Kitchen

Travel Directions:
Follow Hwy 9 (also known as Township Road 282) 6.5 km east of Beiseker to Range Road 252 (watch for the brown “Grande Ole West Villa Ranch” sign). Turn right (south) onto Range Road 252, go 1.6 km. The ranch is behind the overgrown thicket on the east (left) side of the road.

Remarks:
The cupboards and counters are there, but sadly, Roberta Maxwell is gone. It was here that Jack’s mother became Ennis’s mother. Moms!

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Quotation:
“Want a cup of coffee, don’t you? Piece of cherry cake?”

Pictures of surrounding area:

First Floor Plan

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Chapter 18 - Crazy Notions - 01 59 05

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 59 05
Location: Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB
GPS: 51d 22m 18.24s -113d 25m 31.08s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack's Room

Travel Directions:
Follow Hwy 9 (also known as Township Road 282) 6.5 km east of Beiseker to Range Road 252 (watch for the brown "Grande Ole West Villa Ranch" sign). Turn right (south) onto Range Road 252, go 1.6 km. The ranch is behind the overgrown thicket on the east (left) side of the road.

Remarks:
Yes, the sloping ceiling over the bed area, the window, and the radiator are all there. The closet and its secret compartment are mostly intact (the back wall has been removed but is stored nearby). Ennis wept mightily in this room and you will too.

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Pictures of surrounding area:

Second Floor Plan

Chapter 18 - Crazy Notions - 02 00 20

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 02 00 20
Location: Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB
GPS: 51d 22m 18.24s -113d 25m 31.08s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Jack's Room

Travel Directions:
Follow Hwy 9 (also known as Township Road 282) 6.5 km east of Beiseker to Range Road 252 (watch for the brown "Grande Ole West Villa Ranch" sign). Turn right (south) onto Range Road 252, go 1.6 km. The ranch is behind the overgrown thicket on the east (left) side of the road.

Remarks:
Although there was an original closet in the same general location, Jack's closet was reconfigured for the film including, of course, the side compartment. The closet door is now gone; perhaps it is someone's large souvenir. We normally discourage this kind of thing but in this case it seems metaphorically appropriate. So, too, the brown chest of drawers, original to the house, appears to be missing. The rear closet wall has been removed but is stored in the adjacent hallway.

The owner of the house retained the horse and rider figurine from Jack's room. It was originally his and he lent it to the producers, among many other western decor items. The owner's son has the wooden cross from the dining room wall.

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Quotation:
"I kept his room like it was when he was a boy. I think he appreciated that. You are welcome to go up to his room, if you want."

Pictures of surrounding area:

Chapter 18 - Crazy Notions - 02 02 16

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 02 02 16
Location: Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB
GPS: 51d 22m 18.24s -113d 25m 31.08s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Twist Ranch (Exterior)

Travel Directions:
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Remarks:
The filming of a major motion picture here, "way the hell out in the middle of nowhere," was understandably a big event. Those on the scene during the shooting process recall many interesting details: the actors arrived in PT Cruisers; great effort was made to avoid including power lines in the shots; every scene was shot and re-shot many times. "They must have folded the shirts in that bag a hundred times," said someone who was there to watch.

At one point (Actors Guild?) work rules required an end to shooting for the day, but Heath Ledger waived these and shooting continued into the night. Committed to authenticity, Ledger also voluntarily participated in the shooting of Roberta Maxwell's lines, though a double had been assigned this task.

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Quotation:
"Thank you for this."

Pictures of surrounding area:

Chapter 18 - Crazy Notions - 02 02 30

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 02 02 30
Location: Hwy 22, south of Longview, AB
GPS: 50d 20m 36s -114d 12m 10s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Return from Twist Ranch

Travel Directions:
From Longview, take Hwy 22 south 13 km to the Bar U Ranch. Continue south 9.1 km to 786 Ave. Turn east (left) on 786 Ave., and go approximately 2 km to the curve in the road at the hill. Park and look behind you (south and west). You will see two telephone poles south of an intersection and the access road running north and south behind them.

Remarks:
Yet another “bookend,” this image is virtually identical to the film’s memorable opening shot. Alone, paper bag in hand, an older and much sadder Ennis makes his way back down that mountain road.

Important:
The fence is electrified. Do not touch it.

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 23 March 2009

Chapter 19 - The Power of Love - 02 02 50

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 02 02 50
Location: Beiseker, AB, Town Dump
GPS: 51d 22m 55.26s -113d 32m 40.14s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Ennis's Trailer

Travel Directions:
At 1st Avenue and 6th Street, face the Beiseker Village Office (a former Canadian Pacific Railway station), turn south (left) on 1st Avenue and go 0.8 km. Turn right at the "Dump Gate" sign and go 0.3 km. The site is on the right, enclosed by a white wooden fence.

Remarks:
The *Brokeback Mountain* story begins and ends in, of all places, trailers. What remains of Ennis's trailer site is limited to a grassy clearing, the roadway, and the field we see at the movie's powerful conclusion. A white fence surrounds the trailer location to protect this special ground. See:

http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/beiseker/2000191.html

Locals were not allowed on site during the filming of the movie's conclusion, but they certainly knew something was going on "out by the dump." One group of barn roofers working nearby was told to "quit hammering" whenever the cameras were rolling. That request has a familiar ring to it, doesn't it?

Quotation:
"Troy? Daddy, that was two years ago."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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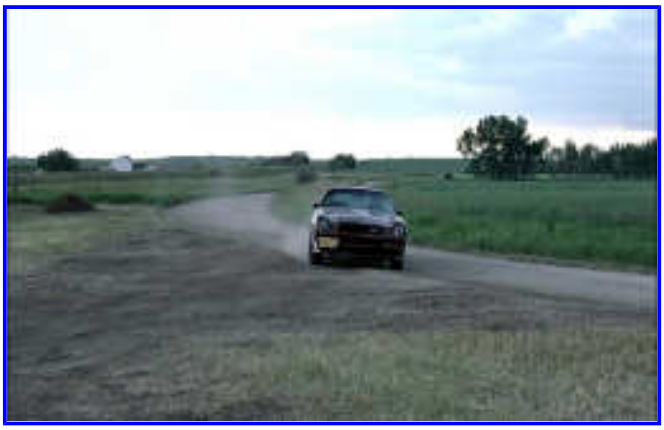
Chapter 19 - The Power of Love - 02 03 01



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Location: Beiseker, AB, Town Dump
GPS: 51d 22m 55.26s -113d 32m 40.14s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Ennis's Trailer

Travel Directions:
At 1st Avenue and 6th Street, face the Beiseker Village Office (a former Canadian Pacific Railway station), turn south (left) on 1st Avenue and go 0.8 km. Turn right at the "Dump Gate" sign and go 0.3 km. The site is on the right, enclosed by a white wooden fence.

Remarks:
Why did the producers clear vacant land and create a trailer park for this scene when there were plenty of trailer parks in the area? (We found at least four during the course of our search for this location.)

For one thing, it was necessary to destroy Ennis's trailer in order to obtain all of the camera positions required. Additionally, their made-to-order trailer park had no traffic, no nosy neighbors, no other sources of possible interference that could mar the shooting of this critical scene.

Quotation:
"I reckon they can find themselves a new cowboy."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 19 - The Power of Love - 02 03 15

DVD capture

Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 02 03 15
Location: Beiseker, AB, Town Dump
GPS: 51d 22m 55.26s -113d 32m 40.14s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Ennis's Trailer

Travel Directions:
At 1st Avenue and 6th Street, face the Beiseker Village Office (a former Canadian Pacific Railway station), turn south (left) on 1st Avenue and go 0.8 km. Turn right at the "Dump Gate" sign and go 0.3 km. The site is on the right, enclosed by a white wooden fence.

Remarks:
Alma, Jr., the quiet and insightful daughter who understands her father in a way that other women never did, provides Ennis with something very precious: the chance to step back and reflect upon what it means to be 19 years old and in love.

Quotation:
"To Alma and Kurt."

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Chapter 19 - The Power of Love - 02 07 45

DVD capture

Photo courtesy Steffi Schaefer.

DVD Time Code = 02 07 45
Location: Hwy 1, Exit 98, Mount Lougheed and Windtower
GPS: 51d 1m 38.5s -115d 14m 52.8s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Postcard Mountains

Travel Directions:
Banff Gate Mountain Resort. Follow Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy) west from Calgary to Dead Man's Flats, Exit 98. Proceed 2.0 km south to the parking area.

Remarks:
From here you have a postcard-perfect view of Mount Lougheed and nearby Windtower. Of course, no one could possibly herd sheep on these icy stone megaliths, but as the music builds and the tears flow, it makes little difference, does it? See:

http://www.peakfinder.com/peakfinder.ASP?PeakName=Mount+Lougheed

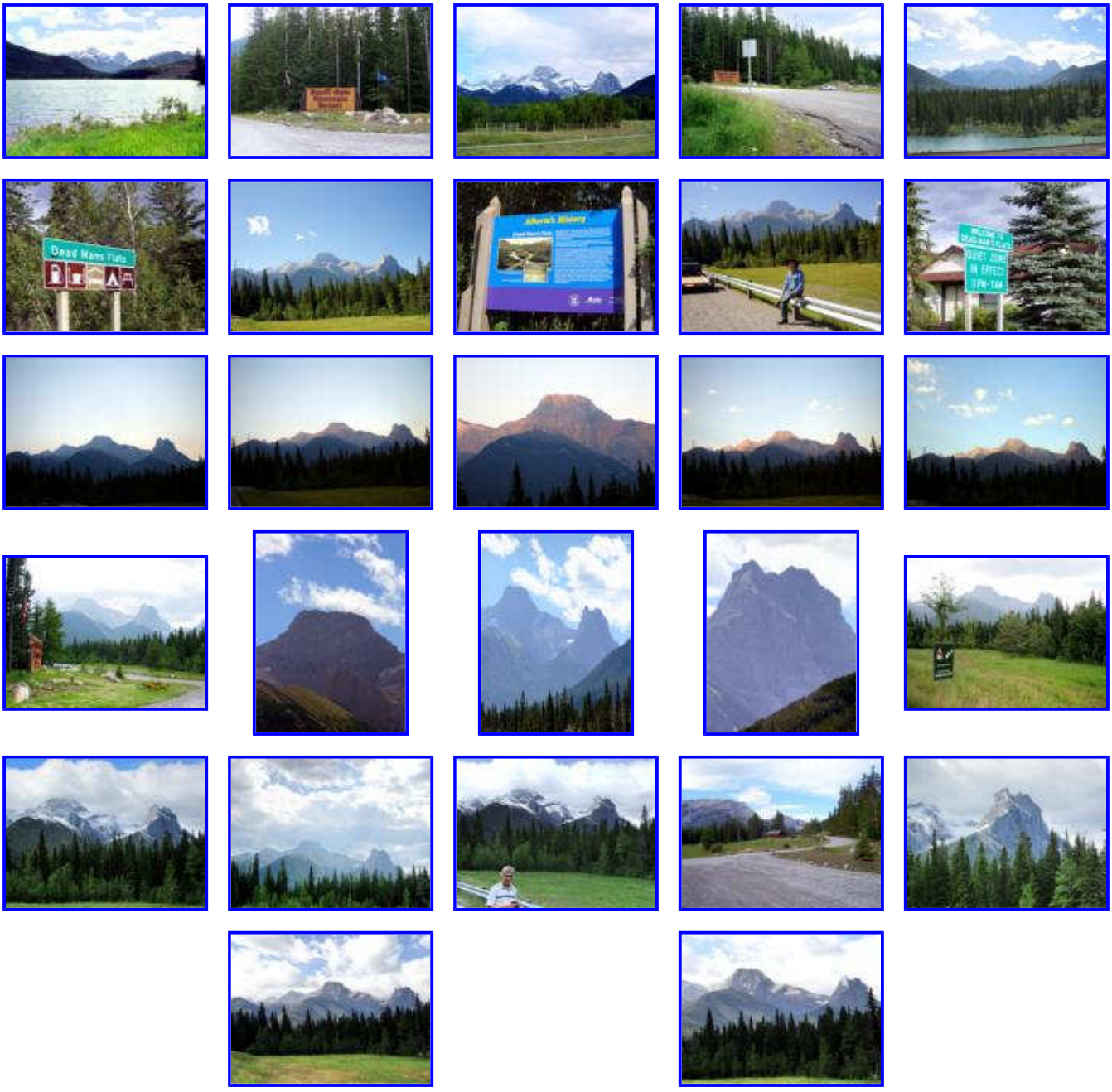
http://www.peakfinder.com/MorePhotos.ASP?MtnId=558

http://www.peakfinder.com/peakfinder.ASP?PeakName=Windtower+Mountain

"I know where Brokeback Mountain is," declares possessive John Twist, who seems capable of sharing nothing more than his miserable life with others. But for the inspired people who have told the story in word and on film, Brokeback Mountain is a beacon of community, where respect, openness, and sharing are free to grow and blossom. It is that spirit that we seek to honor here.

Quotation:
"Jack, I swear."

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 19 - The Power of Love - 02 07 47

DVD capture

Photo courtesy Paul Peterson.

DVD Time Code = 02 07 47
Location: Beiseker, AB, Town Dump
GPS: 51d 22m 55.26s -113d 32m 40.14s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Site Name: Ennis's Trailer Window

Travel Directions:
At 1st Avenue and 6th Street, face the Beiseker Village Office (a former Canadian Pacific Railway station), turn south (left) on 1st Avenue and go 0.8 km. Turn right at the "Dump Gate" sign and go 0.3 km. The site is on the right, enclosed by a white wooden fence.

Remarks:
Viewing the image framed by the trailer window (often through tears), one wonders if the field and sky, with their assuring hues of green, yellow (a field of canola), and blue, are the real thing. Standing at the actual location, they seem to be. Never mind that it is next to a dump. It is the serene image that forms a fitting apostrophe to Jack and Ennis's love, which will endure for as long as the *Brokeback* story is told. See:

http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/beiseker/2000191.html

Pictures of surrounding area:

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Deleted Scenes

In the motion picture industry, directors commonly shoot much more footage than they anticipate using and edit from there. The unused footage is sometimes released on a commercial basis as part of premium DVD editions. None of *Brokeback*'s deleted scenes has been released. Both Ang Lee and James Shamus have stated that they will not be. What is known about *Brokeback*'s deleted scenes comes from three principal sources: Focus Features publicity shots, interviews, and various scripts.

For reasons which are unclear, the media promotional materials for *Brokeback Mountain* included many images which were not in the film. It is possible that these materials were prepared before the film's final edits were made or perhaps those responsible for the media materials simply did not concern themselves with the deleted scenes. One unusual and very useful resource in this regard is the Czech-based movie website http://www.bioscop.cz/_web/film/zkrocena-hora#fotogalerie. (To see all their *Brokeback* photos, click the "Zobrazit všechny fotografie" link near the bottom of the page.)

Of the scripts that we have been able to study, they were categorized as either not "official," "possibly official but very early," or "official and locked" by a person closely associated with the movie. All the script excerpts in our Deleted Scenes pages are from scripts that have been singled out as being authentic *Brokeback Mountain* scripts.

Most of the deleted scenes were "optional" from the start, inasmuch as they did not add crucial plot elements to the story. In some cases, the deletions served to further a specific directorial objective, such as to add ambiguity or to clarify a story point. In other instances, the reasons appear to be based upon the quality of the scene as it was shot.

Revised 18 November 2010

Deleted Scenes - Ennis as Vet

Photo by Kimberley French.

Contributed photo

Location: Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB
GPS: 49d 58m 38s -113d 44m 42s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Scene Name: Ennis as Vet

Travel Directions:
John and Kerry Hart farm, Hwy 520 and Range Road 283, 15.5 km west of Claresholm. From Claresholm, follow 43rd Avenue (also known as Hwy 520) west 15.5 km. (Beware: This road takes an abrupt and poorly marked curve at 7.2 km. Don't make the same mistake Ennis's parents did!) Turn left at Range Road 283 and go south 1.3 km. Turn left again and follow the driveway 0.6 km. The barn is ahead to your right.

Remarks:
This brief shot of Ennis tending a sick calf was probably intended to emphasize both his abilities as a cowboy and the difficult, lonely nature of ranch life. It was originally positioned to follow the curious scene in which Alma Jr. suggests that she move in with her father.

> 138 EXT: RIVERTON, WYOMING: RANCH: DAY: 1981: 138
>
> On the far side of a meadow, Ennis leans down: a sick, tiny calf.
>
> ENNIS
>
> Hey.
>
> He sits down, lifts the animal to himself, tends to it.
>
> [Script excerpt]

This fleeting scene was not shot in a meadow, but inside a barn at the Lonesome Ranch. Indeed, the outside of the barn is plainly visible in the film from Alma's kitchen (see Chapter 9, 00 46 54).

Although this small scene was eventually deleted, it was made with great care. Not just any calf

would do. Even *Brokeback*'s animal cast had to meet high standards of attractiveness and authenticity. Local Angus calves were passed over for this stunning Hereford, obtained from a ranch in nearby Longview.

Important:
Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property. Exercise special caution in areas where livestock may be present. Driveway may require four-wheel-drive / high-profile vehicle.

Pictures of surrounding area:

For more pictures taken at this location see
DVD Chapter 9, 00 46 38, 00 46 47, 00 46 54.

Revised 17 September 2008

Deleted Scenes - Hippie Discovery

Photo by Kimberley French.

Contributed photo

Location: Jumping Pound Creek, AB, Nicoll Ranch
GPS: 51d 4m 31s -114d 33m 22s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Scene Name: Hippie Discovery

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 156, "Jumping Pound Road." Go south on Jumping Pound Road to a "T" intersection. Turn right (west) on Township Road 244, go 1.9 km, crossing a bridge. Turn right at the intersection marked by the "501 31 No Exit" sign and proceed 0.6 km to a rustic barbed wire gate on the right side of the road. (Do not go as far as the cattle guard.) Do not open the gate. Instead, park nearby and climb the fence to the right side of the gate. Follow vehicle tracks 0.3 km downhill to the clearing. The site is atop the hill to your left on the north side of the creek.

Remarks:
Of the deleted scenes, the Hippie Scene is by far the most imaginative. It is the creative contribution of producer James Shamus, who is also co-president of Focus Features. We have been told that its principal purpose was to show that the adult Ennis and Jack were "competent cowboys."

109 EXT: BIGHORN MOUNTAINS, WYOMING DAY: CONTINUOUS: 1973: 109

ENNIS and JACK see a brightly painted VW bus going along a narrow little mountain road.

ENNIS

If it's a hippie, we ought to scalp him.

Up ahead of the bus, they see a creek, swollen from runoff. But the bud [sic] doesn't slow ...

JACK

Can't that fool see the creeks in flood?

ENNIS

Probably high on drugs. May not have even noticed the creek, music's too loud.

[Script excerpt]

This is a scene of contrasts. The 1960s are long gone and, in their place, Jack and Ennis now find themselves in the era of loud music, drugs, and flower power. No longer a timid 19-year-old, Ennis has assumed a conservative redneck persona. The Bighorns, once the province of rugged ranchers and cowboys, have been discovered by very different, very gentle, visitors. Most interestingly, the scene contrasts a generation which boldly espoused free heterosexual love, and liberal sexual mores, with the secret, confined world of two deeply closeted *Brokeback* cowboys.

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Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 08 December 2007

Deleted Scenes - Hippie Rescue

Photo by Kimberley French.

Contributed photo

Location: Jumping Pound Creek, AB, Nicoll Ranch
GPS: 51d 4m 30s -114d 33m 18s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Scene Name: Hippie Rescue

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 156, “Jumping Pound Road.” Go south on Jumping Pound Road to a “T” intersection. Turn right (west) on Township Road 244, go 1.9 km, crossing a bridge. Turn right at the intersection marked by the “501 31 No Exit” sign and proceed 0.6 km to a rustic barbed wire gate on the right side of the road. (Do not go as far as the cattle guard.) Do not open the gate. Instead, park nearby and climb the fence to the right side of the gate. Follow vehicle tracks 0.3 km downhill to the clearing. The camera was on the south side of the creek.

Remarks:
The full Hippie Scene was one of the most technically demanding scenes in the film. The coordination of the vehicle, the horses, and the rescue logistics, as well as five actors in the water, consumed a tremendous amount of time. Originally scheduled for two days, the ill-fated Hippie Scene took almost a week to shoot. As a consequence, the shooting schedule (and budgets) ran over.

109 107 CONTINUED: 109 107

... and the bus, music blaring, heads right into the water. Makes it half way across ... stops, water at window-height. Yells are heard.

JACK
(drawing rein)

Hell, better go down and see what’s what.

ENNIS

See if you can get a rope on the bumper.
I’ll offload who I can.

The horses are none too keen to go into the water ... but ENNIS and JACK insist, spur them in.

JACK gets to the rear of the buss--when he bends over to hook his rope through his bumper, his hat falls off and floats away.

ENNIS expertly gets his horse alongside the bus, looks inside to see a bearded, beaded Dead-head at the wheel, and two beautiful hippie coeds giggling, crowded together in the front seat.

HIPPIE

Guess I overestimated the power of the bug, man!

ENNIS holds out his arms.

ENNIS

Come on now, through the window, girls first ... I can take the two of you together.

The girls giggle at ENNIS'S unintended double-entendre.

GIRL 1

Thanks, man!

As she pushes her way out through the window, we see her braless profile fall into ENNIS'S arms.

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109 107 CONTINUED: 109 107

ENNIS ferries the girls back to shore, heads back to the van.

JACK, frustrated, rides back to the shore, takes off his boots and wades back in with the rope, manages to get it over the bumper.

ENNIS goes over to help JACK, who is wading out.

JACK
(annoyed)

My hat's probably to Laramie by now.

ENNIS
(smile)

Top hands ain't supposed to love their hats.

JACK ignores this.

ENNIS rides around to the driver's side of the VW bus.

ENNIS

You might want to make sure you're in reverse, mister.

The MAN gives ENNIS the peace sign.

HIPPIE
(sense of humor)

Sure, partner.

110 EXT: BIG HORN MAOUNTAINS [sic], WYOMING: CREEK: DAY: A FEW MINUTES LATER: 1973 110

The man and women are unpacking a picnic.

HIPPIE

Hey, break bread with us, western heroes.

ENNIS

Thanks, but we gotta make camp by sundown.

(CONTINUED)

110 107 CONTINUED: 110

GIRL 1

You sure? (seductive) We love to share.

HIPPIE

They do man. I'm cool with it.

GIRL 1

Whaddya think?

ENNIS

I suppose not. We'd best be goin'.

GIRL 2

You don't have to be hung up around us.

JACK

Thanks, but Ennis here, he's just pretty well hung up.

ENNIS shoots JACK a glance.

JACK

But you all take care now.

[Script excerpt]

Subtlety be damned. Beads, beards, a VW bus, the American flag in the rear window, the "peace" sign, no bras; this is really the 70s! To many, the superficial puns ("taking both girls," "well hung," and "love to share") seem very much out of place here in a film where sex is never taken lightly. This incongruity was undoubtedly a consideration in deleting this scene.

Heath Ledger said publicly that he hoped the Hippie Scene "never sees the light of day." Ang Lee has reportedly said, "If I'd wanted people to see it, I would have put it in my film." Others who were involved in its production have shared similar reservations.

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Pictures of surrounding area:

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Deleted Scenes - Hippie Departure

Photo by Kimberley French.

Contributed photo

Location: Jumping Pound Creek, AB, Nicoll Ranch
GPS: 51d 4m 30s -114d 33m 19s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Scene Name: Hippie Departure

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 156, “Jumping Pound Road.” Go south on Jumping Pound Road to a “T” intersection. Turn right (west) on Township Road 244, go 1.9 km, crossing a bridge. Turn right at the intersection marked by the “501 31 No Exit” sign and proceed 0.6 km to a rustic barbed wire gate on the right side of the road. (Do not go as far as the cattle guard.) Do not open the gate. Instead, park nearby and climb the fence to the right side of the gate. Follow vehicle tracks 0.3 km downhill to the clearing.

Remarks:
The rescue complete, Jack and Ennis leave the hippies and their offer of casual sex.

Later: JACK and ENNIS ride off, the hippies in the background.

JACK

Hell, I guess I could a been a hippie. If I’d had more education.

ENNIS

I don’t like damn hippies. Un-American if you ask me.

JACK

Yeah, you’re pretty square, aren’t you? If they only knew just how square you are!

They both laugh.

[Script excerpt]

The notion of Ennis as a redneck is repeated here, not only as fodder for Jack's "square" joke, but quite possibly with the intent of reminding us that Ennis was particularly vulnerable to adopting society's prejudices.

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Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 08 December 2007

Deleted Scenes - Signal Gas Station

Photo by Kimberley French.

Contributed photo

Location: Carseland, AB, Hwy 24 and Range Road 260 (NE of RR track)
GPS: 50d 51m 0s -113d 27m 51s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Scene Name: Signal Gas Station

Travel Directions:
Take Hwy 24 to Carseland and turn north onto Range Road 260, crossing the railroad track. The site is ahead to your right (east).

Remarks:
The Signal Gas Station scene was initially deemed a critical one. We are told that the decision to break the opening scene into a Cowley component (moving train, Aguirre's Trailer) and a Carseland component (Drop Off, Signal Gas Station, and Signal Bar) was largely motivated by the visual appeal of the Quonset building gas station in Carseland. Indeed, another gas station candidate in Rockyford was passed over to capture the "perfect" Carseland gas station.

Though it was subsequently cut, the Signal Gas Station scene was intended to establish the story's place, and tell us important things about both Ennis and Joe Aguirre.

> 3 3 EXT: SIGNAL, WYOMING: MAIN STREET: DAY (later): 1963: 3
>
> Lighter still.
>
> The truck stops with a screech of air brakes in front of a service station just opening for the day. An OLD MAN is rolling a tractor tire as big as he is into the garage.
>
> Ennis steps out of the truck, no suitcase, just a grocery sack stuffed with his only shirt and pair of Levi's.
>
> The truck moves again, almost before he hits the ground, spraying him with dust.
>
> Tall, raw-boned, lanky, possessed of a muscular, supple body made for the horse and for fighting. He stretches. Looks at the OLD MAN, who looks back at him sourly. One of ENNIS'S boot heels is worn, has to adjust for the

turn of the heel as he walks.

No one is in sight on the streets of Signal. After a moment, carrying his sack, ENNIS walks (off) ... over to the OLD MAN, who is balancing the tractor tire against a pillar.

ENNIS

'Scuse me. Mightin' you tell me where the Farm and Ranch Employment Office is at?

OLD MAN
(not as sour as he looks, points)

In that trailer house. Three blocks down. You'll see it.

Ennis nods, tips his hat, starts off.

OLD MAN

Don't let that goddamn Joe Aguirre send you up to Brokeback without no thirty-ought. There's coyote's up there, they'll eat your damn sheep and your damn jackass, too. With a thirty-ought, you might hold your own.

ENNIS, surprised by this torrent of words, clears his throat.

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ENNIS

Sir?

The OLD MAN kicks at the tractor tire a time or two, as if irritated it exists. Looks at ENNIS.

OLD MAN

Where was you raised, bud?

ENNIS

Uh, Sage.

OLD MAN

Why, that ain't hardly in Wyoming, that's nearly to Utah. You ain't a damn Mormon, are you?

ENNIS

No, sir. I just never heard a no place called Brokeback.

OLD MAN

Don't you let that damn Joe Aguirre send you up there with no twenty-two. Coyotes don't mind a twenty-two. Make sure he gives you a thirty-ought.

Too much talk for ENNIS, who nods his thanks.

Looks up at the mountain as he walks off.

[Script excerpt]

The scene establishes the location as the mountain country of Wyoming and tells us what Ennis is doing there. It emphasizes Ennis's youth and vulnerability, and explains Joe Aguirre's role. The image of the huge tire, which appears twice in the scene, is an example of the type of rich, sophisticated foreshadowing that makes the film deeply coherent and meaningful.

The Signal Gas Station, the old man, and the tractor tire are featured again in two separate places later in the script, in the brief scenes in which the Basque drives Jack and Ennis to, and from, the staging area. (These were also deleted.) David Trimble, who played the Basque, remembers that the most difficult part of shooting these scenes was driving the old truck, which had an archaic manual transmission.

What happened to the Signal Gas Station scene? The most compelling reason for omitting it is that it postpones some of the film's most artful imagery. The captivating encounter between Jack and Ennis outside Joe Aguirre's trailer is one of the film's jewels and, as such, deserved prominent placement. Additionally, the film, like the story upon which it is based, is masterfully tight. By removing this scene, Lee gave *Brokeback Mountain* added directness and impact.

Pictures of surrounding area:

For more pictures taken near this location see
DVD Chapter 1, 00 01 21; Chapter 2, 00 06 58, 00 08 17.

Revised 20 March 2009

Deleted Scenes - Sneering Mechanics

Movie trailer

Contributed photo

Location: Calgary, AB, Isaiah Diesel, 2422 9th Ave. SE
GPS: 51d 1m 49s -114d 0m 30s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Scene Name: Sneering Mechanics

Travel Directions:
From the corner of 17th Ave. SE and 9th Ave. SE, proceed SE on 9th Ave. SE approximately 1.4 km. The site is on the north side of 9th Ave SE, opposite Inglewood Wildlands Park.

Remarks:
The Sneering Mechanics scene was placed between Ennis's meeting with Cassie and Carl in the bus station café and his second post office visit.

153 EXT: GAS STATION: ROAD OUTSIDE CHILDRESS, TEXAS: DAY: 1982: 153

JACK'S truck pulls up to the dirt lot next to the gas station. A MECHANIC, tire jack in hand, fiddling with a car, takes a beer from his BUDDY, who sits on a tire nearby. They both watch as RANDALL gets out of the truck and walks to his own truck parked in the lot, waving back at JACK. The MECHANIC trades knowing glances with his friend.

Their POV:

RANDALL'S truck pulls out of the lot, goes in one direction.

JACK'S pulls out after him, going in the opposite direction.

WIDE:

We hold on JACK'S truck, as it drives off into the distance.

[Script excerpt]

"It was removed to add ambiguity; Lee believes that the harder the audience must work, the better the result," says a reliable source. There are at least three other excellent arguments for deletion of the Sneering Mechanics scene.

1. It elevates “I wish I knew how to quit you,” and the Dozy Embrace, to their rightful place as Jack’s valediction. Absent the Sneering Mechanics scene, we remember Jack as a man deeply in love, who spent his unhappy life struggling to overcome the consequences of hatred and fear. Could there be a higher honor?

2. It has given rise to literally thousands of hours of vigorous discussion and debate about Jack’s fidelity, and the issue of monogamy in general. Fan websites are awash in lengthy arguments over Jack and his “ranch neighbor friend.” Ennis never knew the truth with certainty, and neither will we.

3. Jack’s fate becomes the film’s much-celebrated mystery. Is Lureen telling the truth? When we witness the murder are we seeing what actually happened or is it Ennis’s imagination at work? Perhaps most intriguing of all, why does it matter to us so?

Pictures of surrounding area:

Revised 10 April 2010

Deleted Scenes - Steer Wrestling

Photo by Kimberley French.

Contributed photo

Location: Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds
GPS: 51d 14m 10s -113d 8m 17s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Scene Name: Steer Wrestling

Travel Directions:
From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. From Main Street in Rockyford (where you will find three *Brokeback* buildings), walk approximately two blocks northeast on 1st Avenue E to the rodeo grounds.

Remarks:
The Canadian production team, which was assembled to make the film, was pleased to learn that it would include rodeo footage. Alberta takes pride in its vibrant rodeo scene and has no shortage of highly qualified rodeo riders. Rockyford was one of many possible venues where suitable rodeo grounds, and plenty of rodeo cowboy talent, were available. See:

http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/r08.htm

First assistant director Pierre Tremblay was asked to coordinate a number of rodeo scenes for possible use in the film. Many of them failed to make it there, such as this scene which features steer wrestling. Also known as bulldogging, this is an event in which the horse runs alongside the steer and continues on as the wrestler grips the steer's right horn and hits the ground, bringing the steer to a stop. He then throws the steer off balance and wrestles it to the ground. See:

http://rodeo.about.com/cs/steerwrestling/a/steerbasics.htm

Pictures of surrounding area:

For more pictures taken at this location see
DVD Chapter 9, 00 50 24; Chapter 10, 00 53 30, 00 53 36, 00 53 40, 00 53 47, 00 56 57.

Revised 08 December 2007

Deleted Scenes - The Rifle

Photo by Kimberley French.

Contributed photo

Location: Hwy 1X, Seebe
GPS: 51d 6m 31.2s -115d 2m 48.42s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Scene Name: The Rifle

Travel Directions:
Access to this site is no longer possible due to road closure. To reach the general area: From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Seebe Exit 114A, pass the “Leaving Bow Valley Provincial Park” sign, cross the bridge, and take an immediate right (hairpin) turn, cross the one-lane bridge and go as far as the security gate.

[Alternately, from Buffalo Paddock, turn left (west) onto 1A, proceed 8.8 km, turn left (south) onto 1X, go 2.1 km, turn left at the “Seebe” sign, cross the one-lane bridge, and proceed as above.]

Remarks:
The Rifle Scene is set at the picturesque Seebe Cliffs, the same place where Ennis and Jack made their memorable reunion plunge in 1967. Only a short bit of it (the best part) made it into the film.

107 EXT: BIGHORN MOUNTAINS, WYOMING: CAMPSITE: NIGHT: 1973: 107

ENNIS

Look what I brought.

He offers a small brown paper bag.

JACK weighs it in his hands, opens it: a couple cans of

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beans.

JACK

Beans.

ENNIS

And I'm gonna fix 'em just the way you like 'em, spoon 'em cold straight from the can.

JACK smiles.

JACK

I'll eat 'em from your hand, if you're willin' to breath the consequences after that tent gets zippered up tonight.

A beat.

JACK

I got somethin' for you too. I was gonna wait till our last morning.

He gets up, opens a duffle bag, finds a package, a long box.

JACK

C'mon.

ENNIS looks tentative. Then opens the box. It's a spectacular, custom finished hunting rifle.

JACK

That's gold plate on the back there. See the engraving. Limited edition. [etc. -- he points out all the features]

ENNIS is stunned.

JACK

I knew you'd like it!

ENNIS

Jack. I can't take this.

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JACK

What do you mean? Of course you can.

ENNIS

I can’t take this. I can’t take this home. This is two, three month’s wages.

JACK

It’s a gift, don’t worry about it.

ENNIS
(anger rising)

You don’t get it. Alma sees this ... You just don’t get it. Alma, me and my shit jobs, then struttin’ home with this in my hands, with her goin’ on about this an’ that we can’t afford for the girls.

JACK

Hey, you need some help ...

ENNIS

I don’t need your help! ... You got that?

A long pause.

JACK

I got it.

He puts the gun back in its case. Looks up at ENNIS’S face.

JACK

I got it, partner. I do.

ENNIS

OK.

JACK

OK. Now go fetch a can opener and let’s have our dinner.

[Script excerpt]

The Rifle Scene was originally scripted to address the issues of money and infidelity. Jack’s gift of an expensive firearm illustrates his newfound prosperity and persistence. In rejecting the gift, Ennis underscores the intense financial burdens and family pressures he feels. His rationale, which is rooted in concern over Alma’s reaction, sounds much more like the calculation of a cheating

husband than that of a troubled man struggling with “a force of nature.” It is possible that the Rifle Scene was abbreviated because of this emphasis.

Like so many scenes in the film, the Rifle Scene captures much more than it pretends to. True to character, Jack brought a flashy rifle and Ennis brought beans, reviving one of the film’s most memorable symbols. In a meeting of the extraordinary and the plain, confidence encounters fear. Jack suggests, Ennis rejects.

Important:
Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property. **Under no circumstances should one attempt to dive from the cliff or swim at this site.**

Quotation:
“I don’t need your help! You got that?”

Pictures of surrounding area:

For more pictures taken at this location see
DVD Chapter 12, 01 09 28, 01 09 38.

Revised 24 September 2009

Deleted Scenes - Truck Scene

Movie trailer

Contributed photo

Location: Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue and Osler Street
GPS: 49d 34m 10.02s -114d 4m 20.16s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Scene Name: Truck Scene

Travel Directions:
42 km west of Fort Macleod on Hwy 3 (Crowsnest Hwy). Right (north) onto Hwy 510 / Range Road 1-3, left (west) onto Railway Avenue. Osler is the second street. Note: Call sheets also place this scene as possibly in Carseland, AB; see **Deleted Scenes**, Signal Gas Station.

Remarks:
The Truck Scene probably shows the boys as they ride with the Basque to the sheep staging area.

> 12 INT: SIGNAL, WYOMING: PICKUP TRUCK: MORNING: 1963: 12
>
> We see them pull out of Signal in an Agency pickup driven by a short, silent BASQUE. ENNIS looks hangover [sic], holds his head. JACK, though, is sharp and alert.
>
> They pass the gas station. ENNIS glimpses the same sour old man, sitting on the tractor tire.
>
> BASQUE
>
> You boys need to stick close to them sheep. Don't let 'em stray. Joe'll have your ass, if you do.
>
> JACK
>
> Friend, you worry 'bout the drivin'. We'll worry 'bout the sheep.
>
> They drive on in silence.
>
> [Script excerpt]

David Trimble, who played the Basque, recalls that a companion "return" Truck Scene was filmed in which he drove the boys back to Signal, in silence, at the end of their *Brokeback* summer. To date, we have been unable to find any script references to the "return" scene. (If you are aware of one,

please let us know!)

Trimble also remembers that there was heavy rain on the day this scene was filmed, and that the sound of the rain was very loud. Perhaps technical considerations made it necessary to omit this scene from the film. Alternately, like the Signal Gas Station scene which it alludes to, the Truck Scene may have been cut in order to propel the action to the critical mountain scenes which follow it.

Quotation:
“We’ll worry ’bout the sheep.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

For more pictures taken near this location see
DVD Chapter 1, 00 01 38, 00 01 51, 00 02 07, 00 02 20;
Chapter 8, 00 42 27, 00 42 45; Chapter 9, 00 45 05.

Revised 18 April 2010

Deleted Scenes - Twist Cemetery

Photo by Kimberley French.

Contributed photo

Location: Range Road 252, east of Beiseker, AB
GPS: 51d 22m 18.24s -113d 25m 31.08s
Map / Satellite Image: Google Link
Scene Name: Twist Cemetery

Travel Directions:
Follow Hwy 9 (also known as Township Road 282) 6.5 km east from Beiseker to Range Road 252 (watch for the brown "Grande Ole West Villa Ranch" sign). Turn right (south) onto Range Road 252, go 1.6 km. The ranch is behind the overgrown thicket on the east (left) side of the road. The red disc tiller, which is visible in the photo, is still in place in the rear yard of the ranch house.

Remarks:
The Twist Cemetery shot was intended to augment the climactic Twist Ranch scene.

> 171 153 EXT: OUTSIDE LIGHTNING FLAT, WYOMING: TWIST HOMESTEAD: DIRT DRIVEWAY: DAY: 1982: 171 153
>
> ENNIS in his pickup, bumping down the washboard road.
>
> Passes the TWIST family plot surrounded by sagging sheep wire, a tiny fenced square on the welling prairie, a few graves and a few tilted gravestones, bright with plastic flowers.
>
> The look on his face makes it clear he doesn't want to know that JACK is going in there, to be buried forever on the grieving plain.
>
> [Script excerpt]

Why did it never make its way into the film? Some would argue that "less is more." John Twist's plainspoken words tell us that there is a family plot and that Jack is going in it; showing us the actual cemetery adds nothing. Another argument for deleting the shot of the plot is that by doing so Lee placed the emphasis of the scene where it should be, the revelation of the shirts, not the disposition of Jack's ashes.

Lee's actual reason for omitting the image of the Twist family plot may be even more straightforward. In a film of inspired set design and meticulous set dressing, the cemetery prop is an

exception. Indeed, it looks almost as fake as Lureen's hair and Jack's moustache. So much work went into the restoration and preparation of the Twist Ranch house that it is easy to understand why the cemetery didn't receive priority treatment. Lee may well have decided that no cemetery at all was better than a phony cemetery.

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Pictures of surrounding area:

For more pictures taken at this location see
DVD Chapter 18, 01 55 24, 01 55 27, 01 55 33, 02 02 16.

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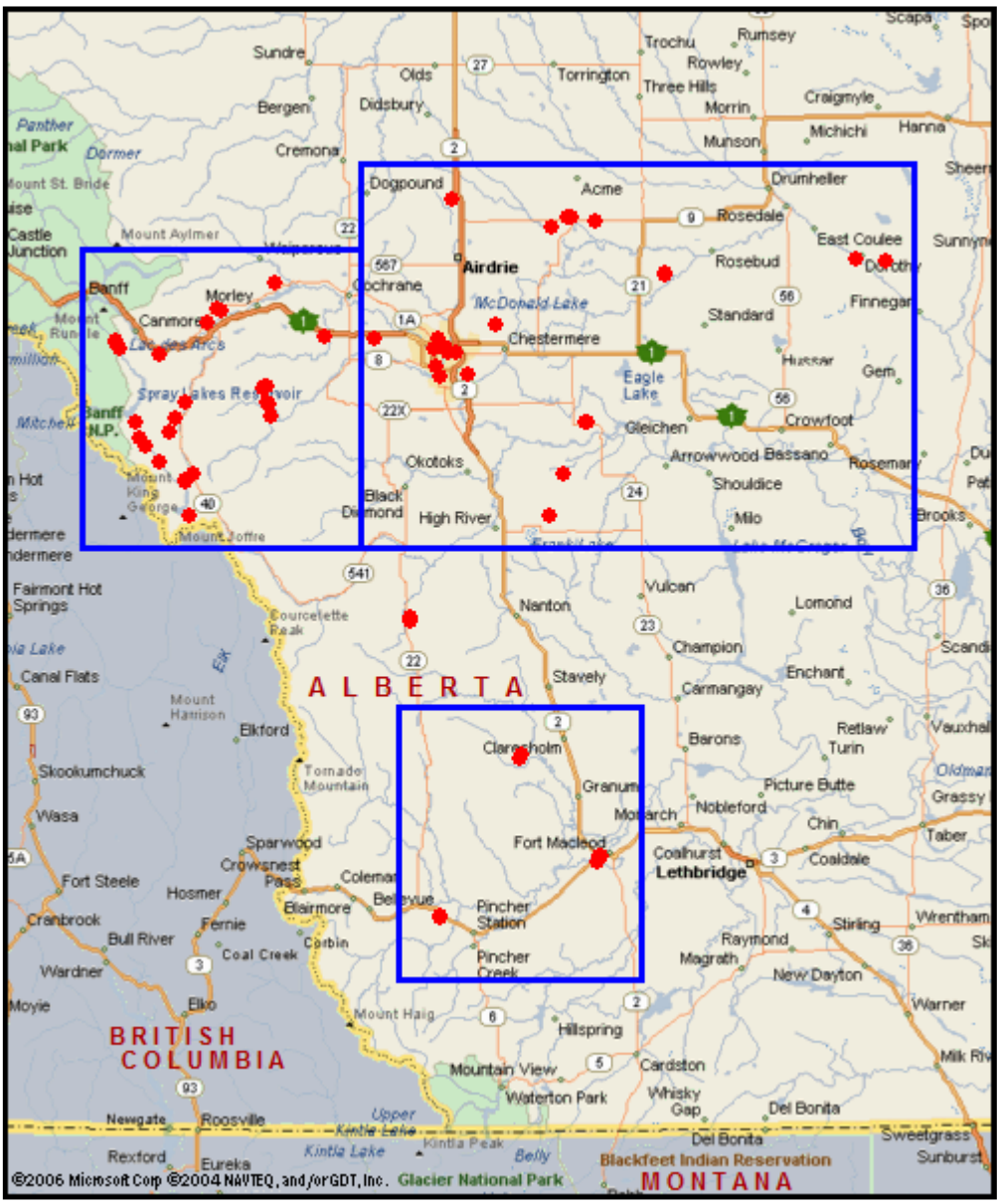
Map of *Brokeback Mountain* Movie Locations in Alberta, Canada



The region shown is approximately 345 x 295 km (214 x 183 miles).

Map courtesy: http://mappoint.msn.com

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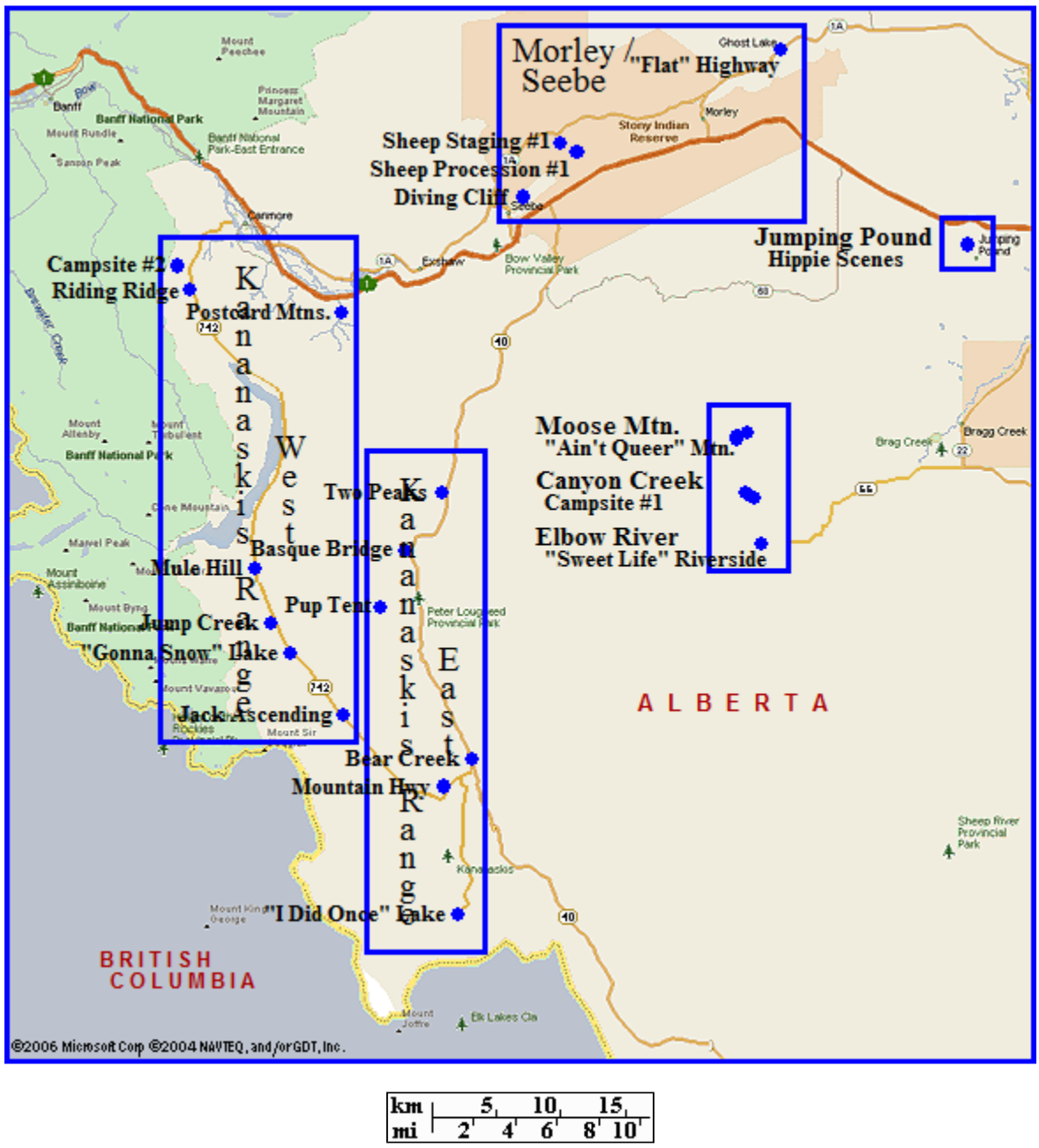
Map of *Brokeback Mountain* Movie Locations in Region 1



The region shown is approximately 82 x 80 km (51 x 50 miles).

Map courtesy: http://mappoint.msn.com

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List of *Brokeback Mountain* Movie Locations in Region 1

Canyon Creek / Elbow River / Moose Mountain

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Campsite #1	50.901000	-114.795417	2	00 10 45
Campsite #1	50.900850	-114.795417	3	00 12 59
Campsite #1	50.900850	-114.795417	4	00 20 38
Campsite #1	50.900850	-114.795417	4	00 20 50
Creek Crossing	50.902367	-114.800783	2	00 10 10
Sheep Procession #1	50.899450	-114.792133	2	00 09 55
“Maybe Texas” Riverside	50.867167	-114.783883	15	01 30 12
“Maybe Texas” Riverside	50.866944	-114.784444	15	01 30 26
“Maybe Texas” Riverside	50.867222	-114.784167	15	01 31 59
Riding in the River	50.867167	-114.783889	15	01 30 01
“Sweet Life” Riverside	50.867167	-114.783883	12	01 09 57
“Ain’t Queer” Mountainside	50.942167	-114.809817	6	00 31 20
“Ain’t Queer” Mountainside	50.942517	-114.808733	6	00 31 22
“Ain’t Queer” Mountainside	50.942167	-114.809817	6	00 31 33
“Ain’t Queer” Mountainside	50.942167	-114.809817	6	00 31 41
High Ridge #1	50.940555	-114.810278	6	00 30 09
High Ridge #2	50.941983	-114.810233	6	00 30 25
High Ridge #2	50.941983	-114.810233	6	00 30 30
Jack and His Dog	50.942067	-114.809333	3	00 12 44
Jack’s Dark Camp	50.940278	-114.810556	2	00 11 17
Sheep Procession #1	50.944283	-114.799933	2	00 10 24
Sheep Procession #2	50.939900	-114.810350	5	00 23 10
Sheep Procession #2	50.940433	-114.811367	5	00 23 15
Sheep Procession #2	50.939900	-114.810350	5	00 23 22

Jumping Pound Creek

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Hippie Discovery	51.075278	-114.556111	Deleted Scene	
Hippie Rescue	51.075000	-114.555000	Deleted Scene	
Hippie Departure	51.075000	-114.555278	Deleted Scene	

Kananaskis Range (East)

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Basque Bridge	50.863083	-115.177733	3	00 13 45
Bear Creek	50.717967	-115.104367	3	00 14 37
“I Did Once” Lake	50.610133	-115.118700	16	01 42 27
“I Did Once” Lake	50.610133	-115.118700	16	01 44 42
“I Did Once” Lake	50.610133	-115.118700	16	01 48 15
“I Did Once” Lake	50.610133	-115.118700	16	01 49 34
“I Did Once” Lake	50.610133	-115.118700	16	01 49 37
Mountain Highway	50.699433	-115.134900	12	01 09 19

Pup Tent	50.823611	-115.204722	7	00 37 13
Riding Lake	50.698550	-115.134950	15	01 29 55
Runaway Mules	50.717778	-115.104722	3	00 14 53
Two Peaks	50.903056	-115.136667	3	00 11 33

Kananaskis Range (West)

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Aguirre's Visit	51.059933	-115.430833	7	00 34 34
Aguirre's Visit	51.059933	-115.430833	7	00 34 53
Campsite #2	51.060267	-115.430933	5	00 23 39
Campsite #2	51.060267	-115.430933	5	00 24 09
Campsite #2	51.060083	-115.431222	5	00 24 22
Campsite #2	51.060267	-115.430933	6	00 29 43
Campsite #2	51.060267	-115.430933	6	00 29 55
Fight Hill	51.059667	-115.429567	7	00 39 16
"Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside	51.059667	-115.429567	7	00 38 55
"Gonna Snow" Lake	50.791617	-115.304933	16	01 40 37
Jack Ascending	50.748150	-115.246128	3	00 13 20
Jack's Flashback	51.059867	-115.430750	16	01 48 49
Jack's Flashback	51.059867	-115.430750	16	01 48 51
Jack's Flashback	51.059867	-115.430750	16	01 49 23
Jack's Flashback	51.059867	-115.430750	16	01 49 24
Jump Creek	50.811717	-115.327017	15	01 29 44
Mosses	51.060556	-115.431111	13	01 17 32
Mule Hill	50.850278	-115.343889	3	00 14 15
Pole Bridge	51.059867	-115.430983	5	00 23 28
Pole Bridge	51.059867	-115.430983	5	00 24 14
Pole Bridge	51.059867	-115.430983	5	00 24 16
Pole Bridge	51.059867	-115.430983	6	00 29 58
Pole Bridge	51.059867	-115.430983	6	00 31 11
Postcard Mountains	51.027361	-115.248000	19	02 07 45
Riding Ridge #1	51.044167	-115.415833	3	00 14 19
Riding Ridge #2	51.044167	-115.415833	15	01 29 47
Three Mountains	50.811717	-115.327017	15	01 29 35

Morley / Seebe

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Chilean Rock	51.140278	-114.988611	7	00 36 04
Coyote Hill	51.140278	-114.988889	3	00 13 36
Flat Highway	51.210967	-114.762133	12	01 09 16
Jack's Filly	51.144333	-115.004117	2	00 08 52
Quiet Down	51.140833	-114.988611	7	00 36 55
Sheep Procession #1	51.140167	-114.988150	2	00 09 29
Sheep Rock	51.140833	-114.991389	6	00 30 50
Sheep Staging #1	51.144333	-115.004117	2	00 08 27
Sheep Staging #1	51.144333	-115.004117	2	00 08 38
Sheep Staging #1	51.144350	-115.004167	2	00 08 44
Sheep Survey	51.141111	-114.991389	2	00 10 33
Sheep Tangle	51.140000	-114.988611	7	00 36 18
Sheep Tangle	51.140000	-114.988611	7	00 36 38

Untangled Sheep Procession	51.140278	-114.988333	7	00 36 54
Diving Cliff	51.107717	-115.046717	12	01 09 28
Diving Cliff	51.108667	-115.046783	12	01 09 38
The Rifle	51.108667	-115.046783	Deleted Scene	

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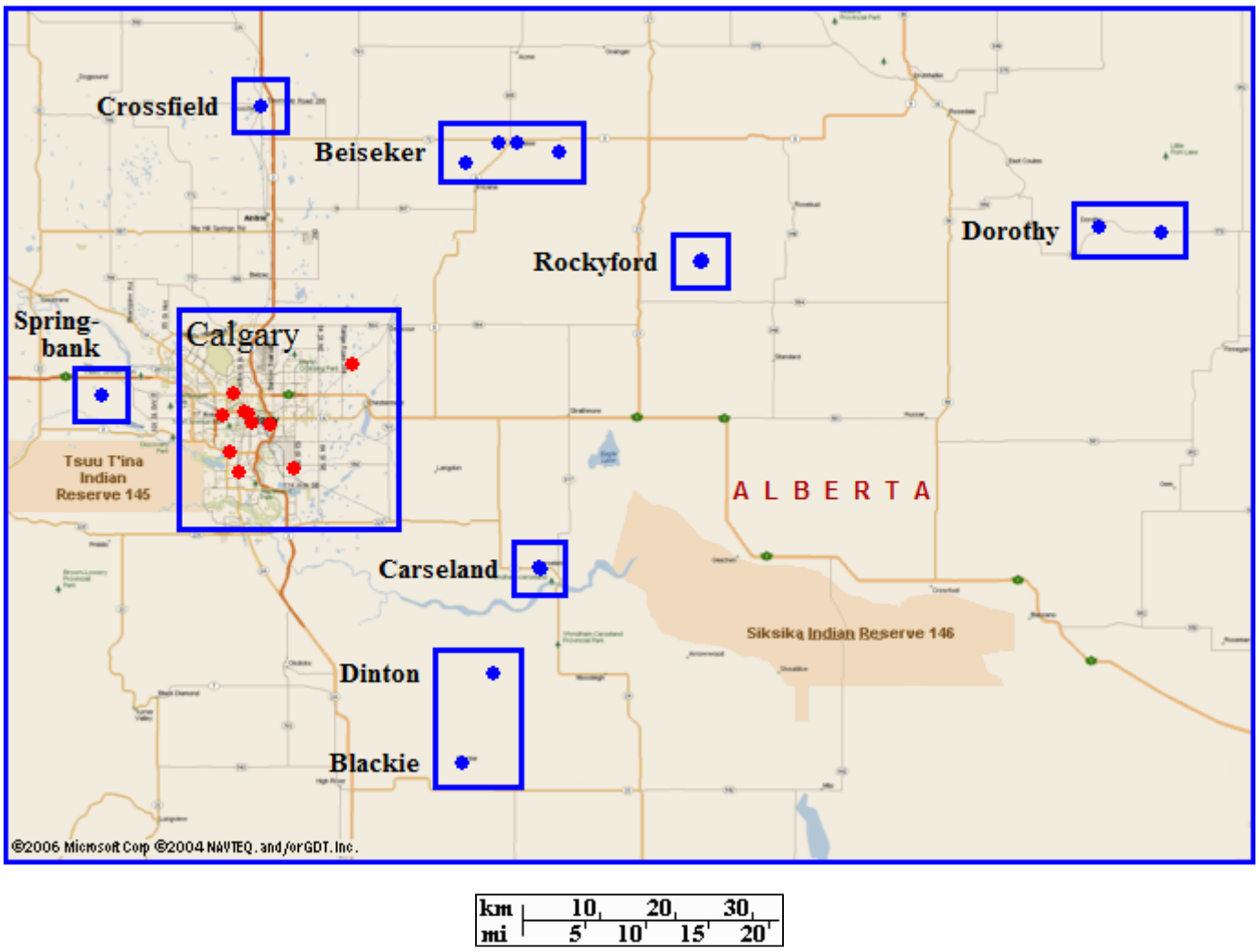

The region shown is approximately 120 x 177 km (74 x 110 miles).

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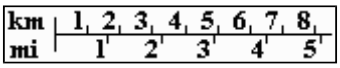
Map of *Brokeback Mountain* Movie Locations in Calgary, AB



The area shown is approximately 31 x 31 km (19 x 19 miles).

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Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Ennis's Trailer	51.382017	-113.544483	19	02 02 50
Ennis's Trailer	51.382017	-113.544483	19	02 03 01
Ennis's Trailer	51.382017	-113.544483	19	02 03 15
Ennis's Trailer Window	51.382017	-113.544483	19	02 07 47
Jack's Room	51.371733	-113.425300	18	01 59 05
Jack's Room	51.371733	-113.425300	18	02 00 20
Motel (Exterior)	51.381400	-113.526217	12	01 05 17
Paving Scene	51.357778	-113.614722	8	00 44 30
Twist Cemetery	51.371733	-113.425300	Deleted Scene	
Twist Ranch (Exterior)	51.371733	-113.425300	18	01 55 24
Twist Ranch (Exterior)	51.371733	-113.425300	18	01 55 27
Twist Ranch (Exterior)	51.371733	-113.425300	18	01 55 33
Twist Ranch (Exterior)	51.371733	-113.425300	18	02 02 16
Twist Ranch (Kitchen)	51.371733	-113.425300	18	01 55 55

Blackie / Dinton

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Riverton Thanksgiving Bar	50.606433	-113.622917	14	01 28 47
Riverton Thanksgiving Bar	50.606433	-113.622917	14	01 28 58
Drive-In Theatre	50.717967	-113.560317	8	00 44 47
Wedding Chapel	50.717883	-113.560267	8	00 43 42

Calgary

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Childress Bar	50.970983	-114.072117	10	00 55 11
Dance Hall (Interior)	51.046683	-114.061717	15	01 34 11
Electra Bar (Jimbo's Bar)	51.044417	-114.053467	9	00 50 45
Jack's Alley	51.031750	-114.043483	14	01 22 31
Jack's Alley	51.031750	-114.043483	14	01 22 45
Jack's Alley	51.031750	-114.043483	14	01 22 53
Jack's Murder	51.105683	-113.842217	17	01 53 13
Jack's Thanksgiving	50.994722	-114.088889	14	01 23 30
Monroe's House (Exterior)	51.068733	-114.082150	14	01 28 42
Monroe's House (Interior)	51.041667	-114.103056	14	01 26 01
Monroe's House (Interior)	51.041667	-114.103056	14	01 26 33
Newsome Farm Equipment	50.974367	-113.958783	13	01 14 13
Newsome Farm Equipment	50.974367	-113.958783	13	01 14 52
Sneering Mechanics	51.030278	-114.008333	Deleted Scene	

Carseland

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Signal Drop Off	50.848850	-113.464433	1	00 01 21
Signal Bar (Exterior)	50.850417	-113.466900	2	00 06 58
Signal Bar (Interior)	50.850417	-113.466900	2	00 08 17
Signal Gas Station	50.850000	-113.464167	Deleted Scene	

Crossfield

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Grocery (Exterior)	51.427283	-114.028183	10	00 58 07
Grocery (Interior)	51.427283	-114.028183	10	00 58 20

Dorothy

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Ennis's Flashback	51.276083	-112.338600	12	01 11 39
Ennis's Flashback	51.276083	-112.338600	12	01 12 07
Ennis's Flashback	51.276083	-112.338600	12	01 12 09
"Entering Wyoming" Hwy	51.270733	-112.215533	14	01 19 35
Texas Hwy	51.270567	-112.214650	14	01 22 17

Rockyford

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Dance Hall (Exterior)	51.233850	-113.141133	15	01 35 37
Dance Hall (Exterior)	51.233850	-113.141133	15	01 35 48
Childress Rodeo	51.235933	-113.137367	10	00 53 30
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Childress Rodeo	51.235933	-113.137367	10	00 53 40
Childress Rodeo	51.235933	-113.137367	10	00 53 47
Electra Rodeo	51.235933	-113.137367	9	00 50 24
J & L's Parking Spot	51.235200	-113.137283	10	00 56 57
JT's Bar	51.233467	-113.140050	11	01 01 52
Phone Booth	51.233550	-113.141200	17	01 51 55
Phone Booth	51.233550	-113.141200	17	01 52 06
Post Office	51.233550	-113.141200	11	01 01 34
Post Office	51.233550	-113.141200	17	01 51 50
Steer Wrestling	51.236111	-113.138056	Deleted Scene	

Springbank Park

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Motel (Interior)	51.067500	-114.348333	12	01 05 29
Tent Interior	51.067500	-114.348333	5	00 27 45

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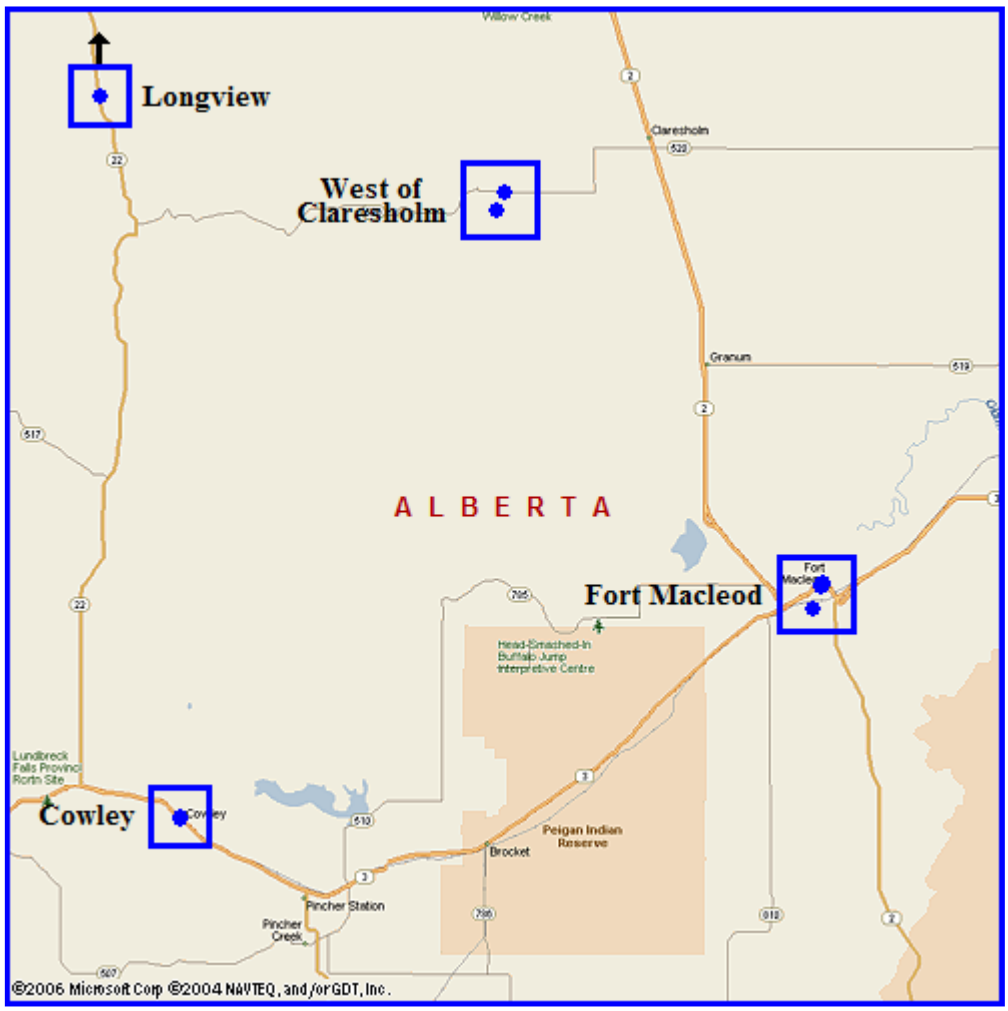

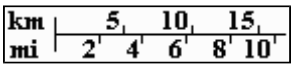

The region shown is approximately 75 x 75 km (47 x 46 miles).

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Cowley

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Aguirre's Trailer	49.569450	-114.072267	1	00 01 51
Ennis's Alley	49.569667	-114.072900	8	00 42 45
Goodbye	49.570250	-114.073500	8	00 42 27
Signal Street	49.569567	-114.072217	1	00 01 38
Signal Street	49.569567	-114.072217	1	00 02 07
Signal Street	49.569567	-114.072217	1	00 02 20
Signal Street	49.569450	-114.072267	9	00 45 05
Truck Scene	49.569450	-114.072267	Deleted Scene	

Fort Macleod

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Bus Café	49.724900	-113.408517	17	01 49 47
Bus Café	49.724900	-113.408517	17	01 49 58
Cassie's Bar	49.725683	-113.408250	15	01 32 15
Cassie's Bar	49.725683	-113.408250	15	01 32 28
Cassie's Bar	49.725683	-113.408250	15	01 32 49
Courtroom	49.724567	-113.407317	13	01 19 33
ELKS Lodge	49.726361	-113.405500	11	01 00 23
Fireworks Area	49.709850	-113.416850	9	00 52 29
Fireworks Area	49.709850	-113.416850	9	00 53 02
Laundry Apartment	49.725900	-113.405783	11	01 00 28
Laundry Apartment Kitchen	49.725900	-113.405783	11	01 01 00
Laundry Apartment View	49.725900	-113.405783	11	01 02 07
The Stairwell	49.725900	-113.405783	11	01 03 42

Longview

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Hills and Mountains	50.344533	-114.202833	1	00 00 54
Return from Twist Ranch	50.343333	-114.202778	18	02 02 30

West of Claresholm

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude	DVD Chapter	DVD Time Code*
Divorce Cabin	49.988483	-113.736217	14	01 19 57
Ennis As Vet	49.977222	-113.745000	Deleted Scene	
Lonesome Ranch	49.977517	-113.744983	9	00 46 38
Lonesome Ranch	49.977517	-113.744983	9	00 46 47
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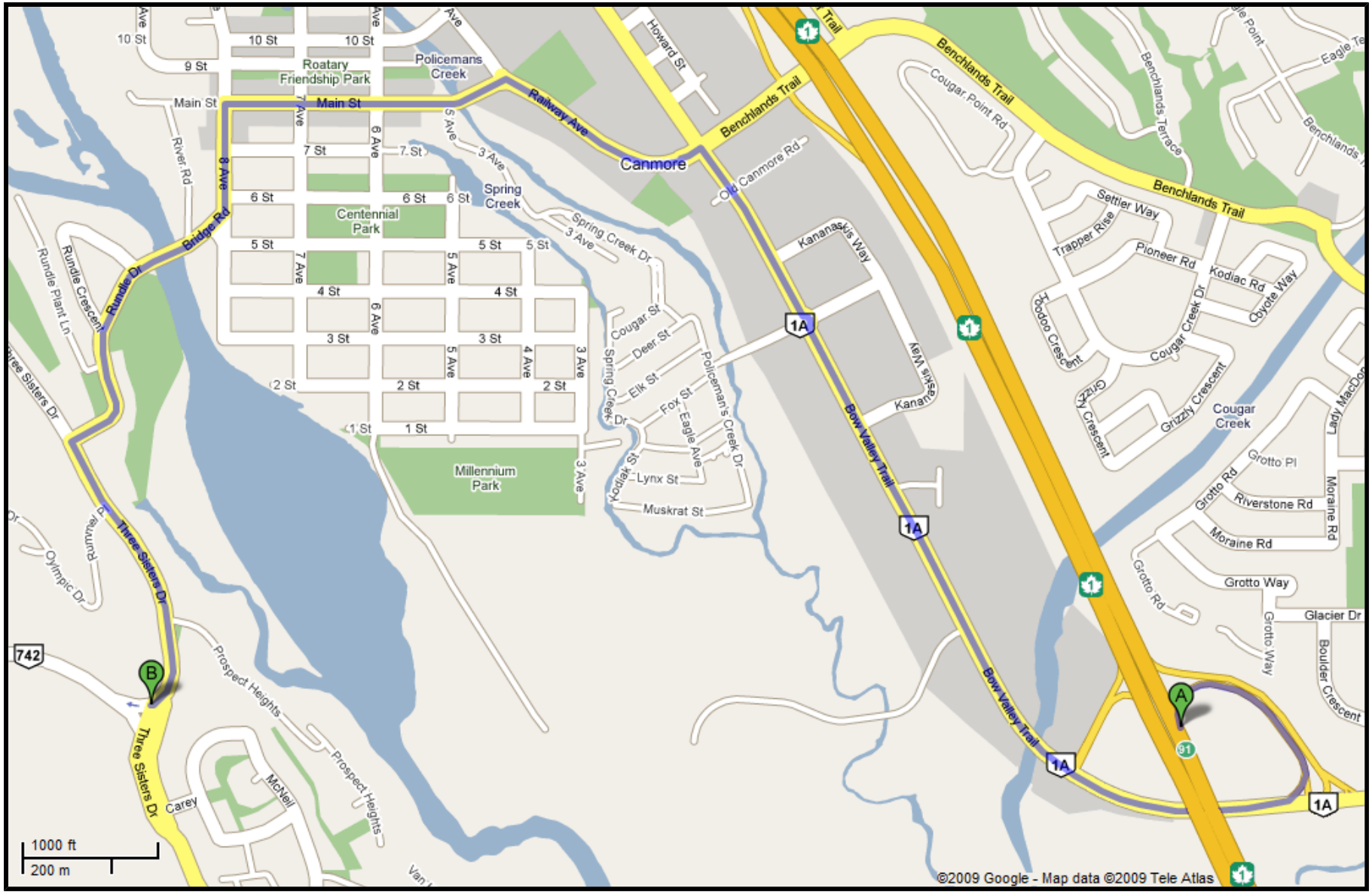
Map of Canmore, AB

Showing directions from Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy) to Hwy 742



= Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), Exit 91 - “Hwy 1A - Canmore”

= Hwy 742 (Spray Lakes Road) / Three Sisters Drive intersection

To reach Hwy 742 (also known as Spray Lakes Rd. / Smith-Dorrien Rd.): From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), use Exit 91 “Hwy 1A - Canmore.” Follow Bow Valley Trail 2.2 km, turn left (northwest) onto Railway Ave. Proceed 0.5 km and turn left (west) at Main St. (also known as 8th St.), go 0.6 km and turn left (south) onto Bridge Rd. (also known as 8th Ave. / Rundle Drive). At the “T” intersection, turn left (south) on Three Sisters Drive, proceed 0.6 km and turn right (west) at Spray Lakes Rd. (also known as Hwy 742). (Or simply follow the helpful “Kananaskis Country” signs throughout Canmore.)

Note: There is no westbound exit from Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy) at Benchlands Trail.

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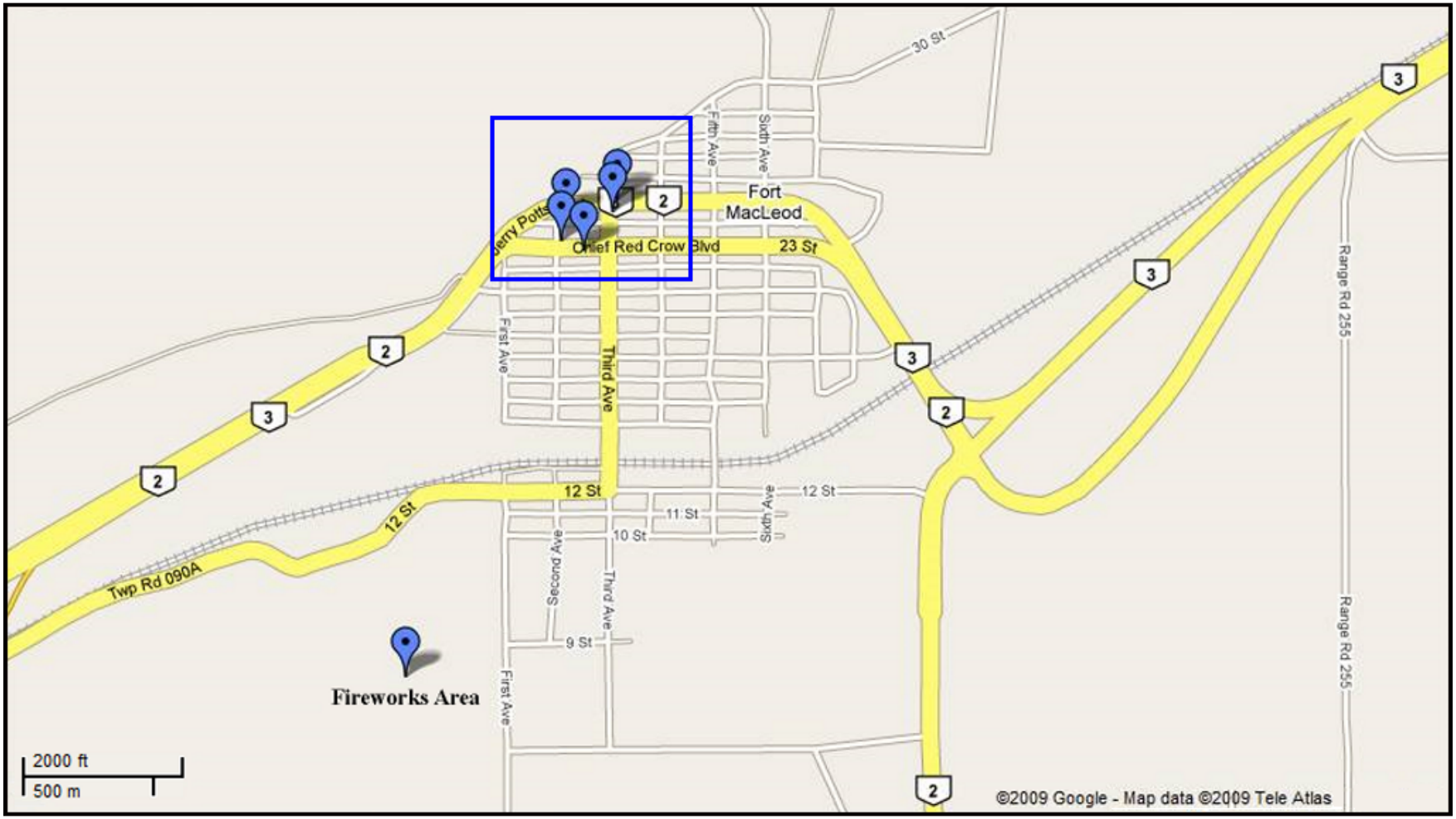
Map of Fort Macleod, AB

Showing locations where scenes in *Brokeback Mountain* were filmed.



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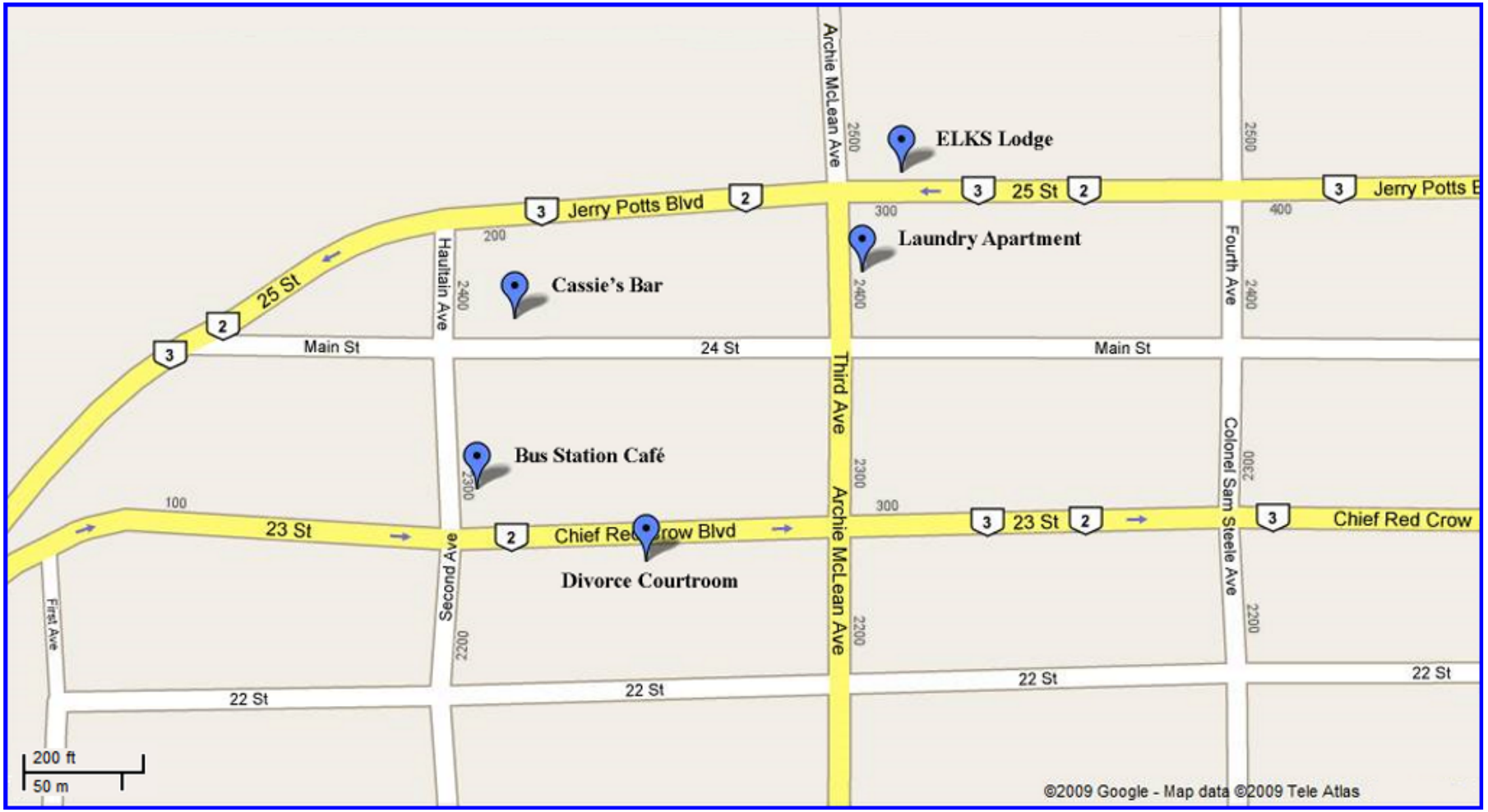
Map of Fort Macleod, AB

Showing downtown locations where scenes in *Brokeback Mountain* were filmed.



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