

Chapter 7 - Bad News - 00 34 34



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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:

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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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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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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:



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Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation

GPS: 51d 8m 24s -114d 59m 19s

Map / Satellite Image: [Google Link](#)

Site Name: Sheep Tangle

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:

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.”

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Pictures of surrounding area:



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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:



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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:

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Remarks:

Those incredibly lovely Alberta skies! Among the region’s many unique contributions to the film are its stunning skylscapes. 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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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:



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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.

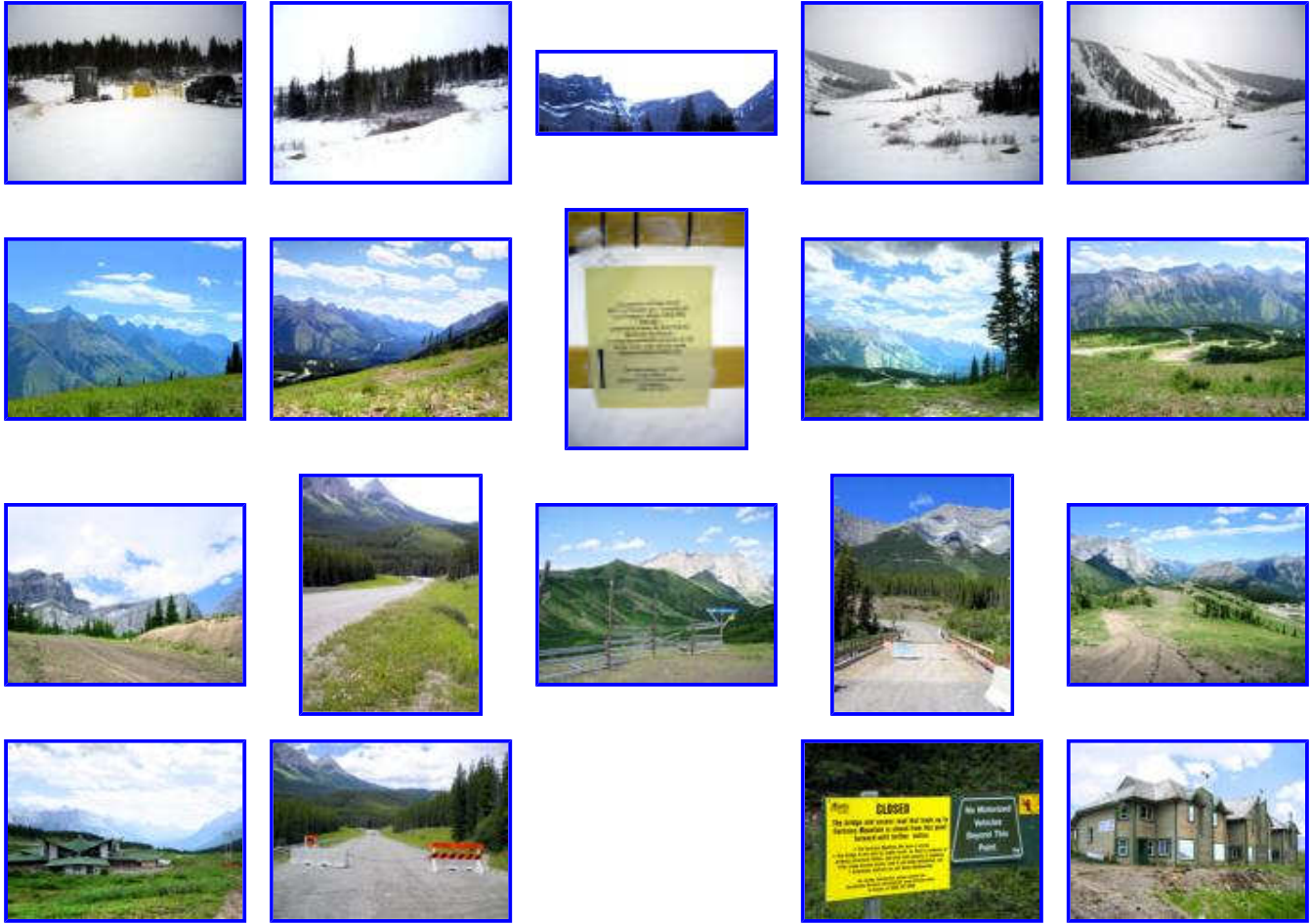
Unlike most peaks, Kananaskis' legendary Fortress does not carry the usual name "mountain." It is an awesome thing to behold. Mountain lovers will enjoy reading the fascinating description of The Fortress found at:

<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:



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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:

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Remarks:

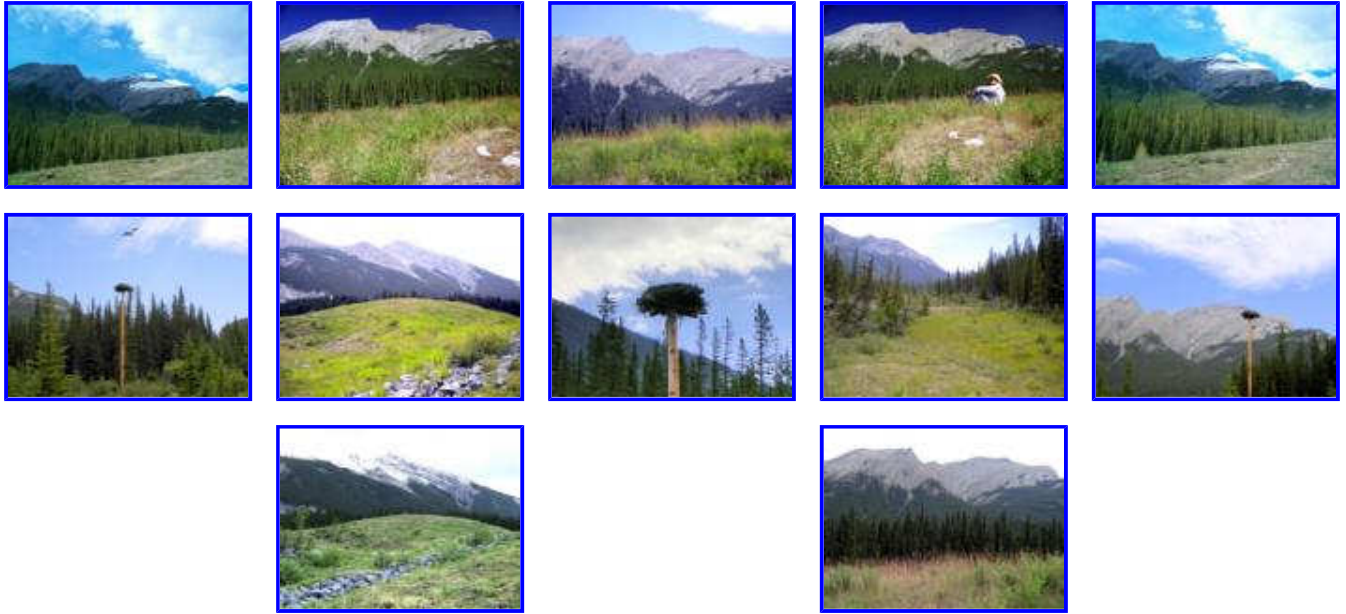
One of the great sights of Campsite #2 is the "Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside (Fight Hill). Ennis tried to sort out his future here but, despite the inspiring surroundings, could not break free of powerful forces that restrained him.

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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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)

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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>

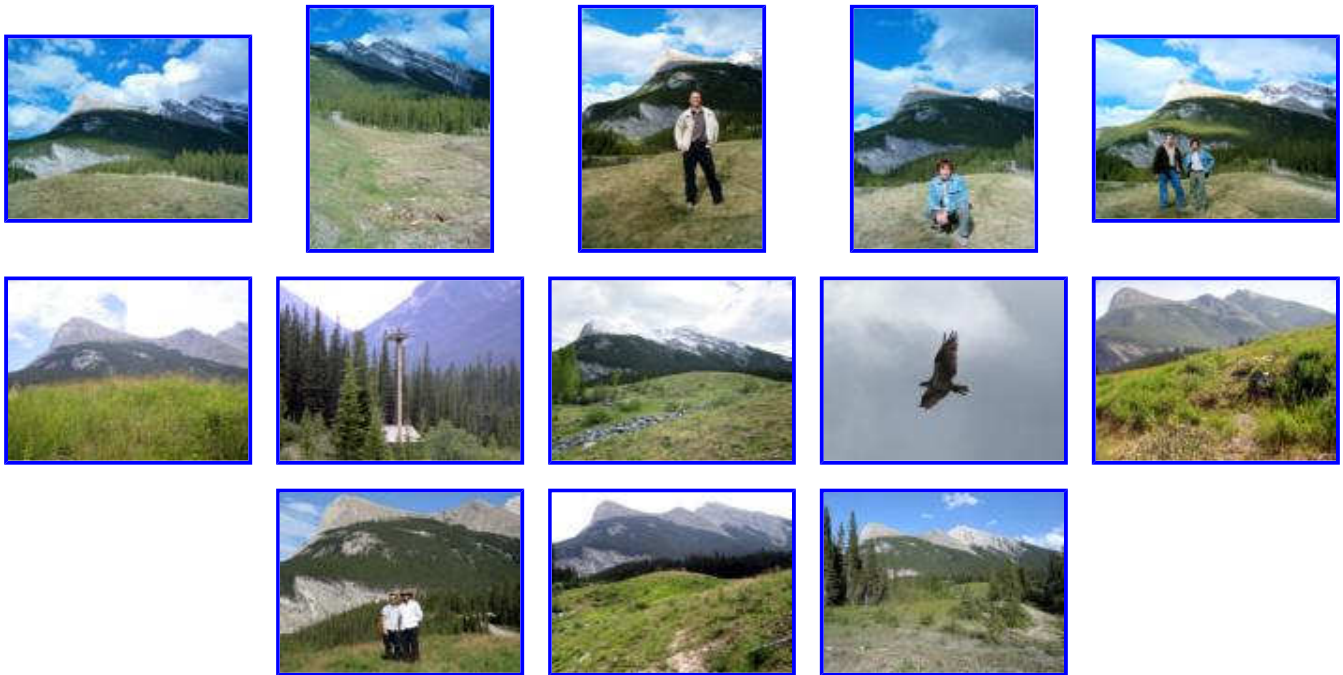
<http://www.albertaparks.ca/spray-valley/information-facilities/day-use/goat-creek.aspx?id=st-day:8158>

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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