

Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 53 30



DVD capture



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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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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:

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

Site Name: Childress Rodeo

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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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Site Name: Childress Rodeo

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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



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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:

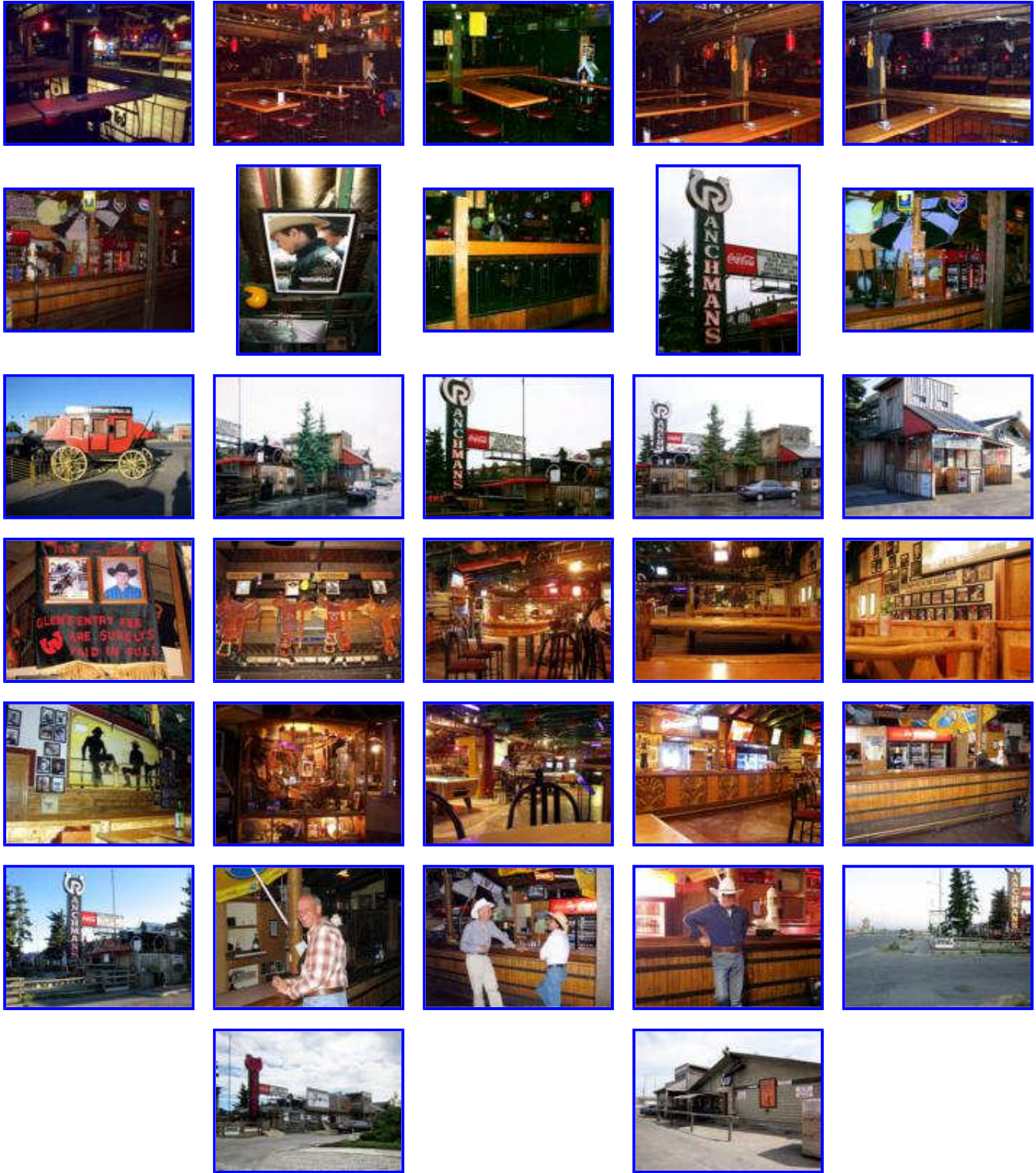
<http://www.ranchmans.com/>

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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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:

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<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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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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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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