

Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 05 17



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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:





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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: 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:





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Location: Hwy 1A, Morley area

GPS: 51d 12m 39.48s -114d 45m 43.68s

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

Site Name: Flat Highway

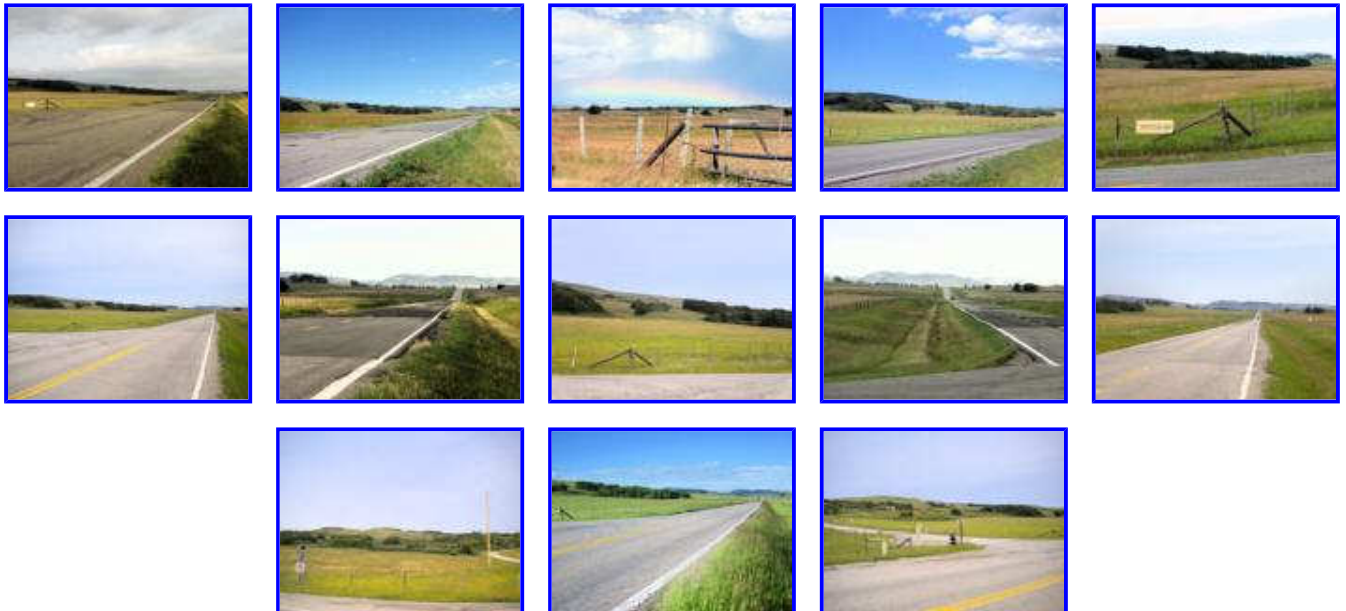
Travel Directions:

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:



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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:

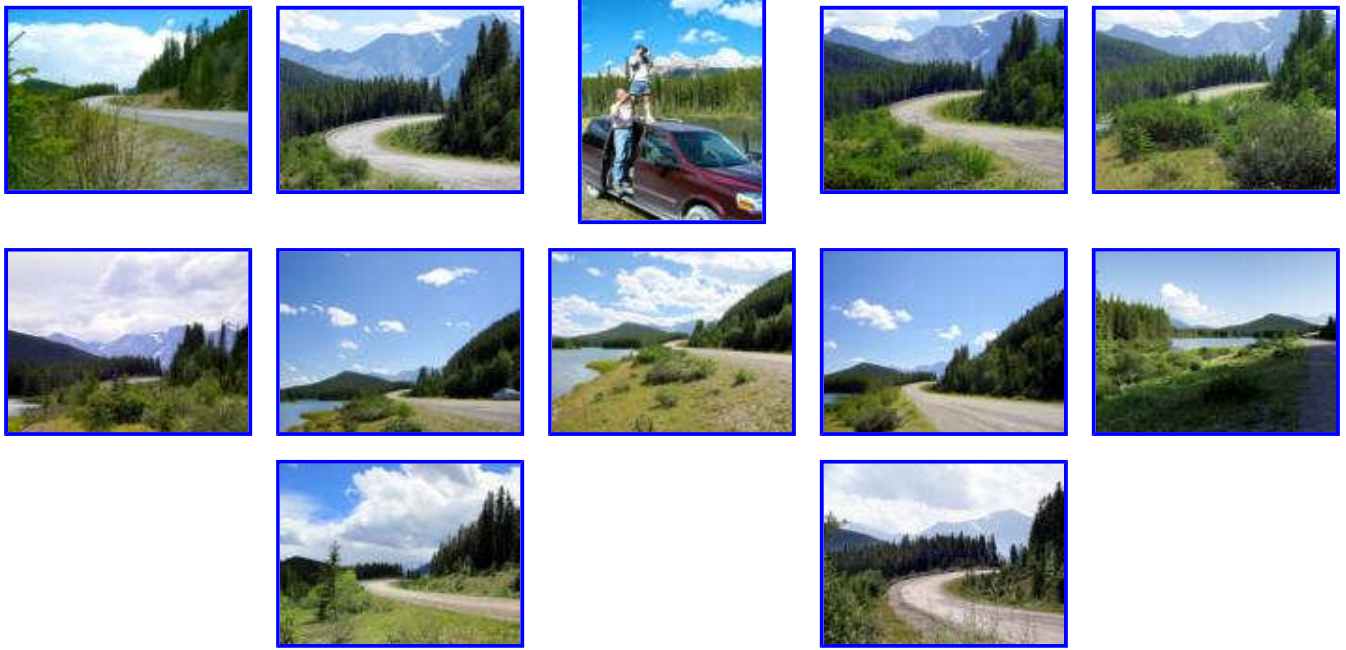
<http://www.peakfinder.com/peakfinder.ASP?PeakName=Mount+Foch>

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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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:

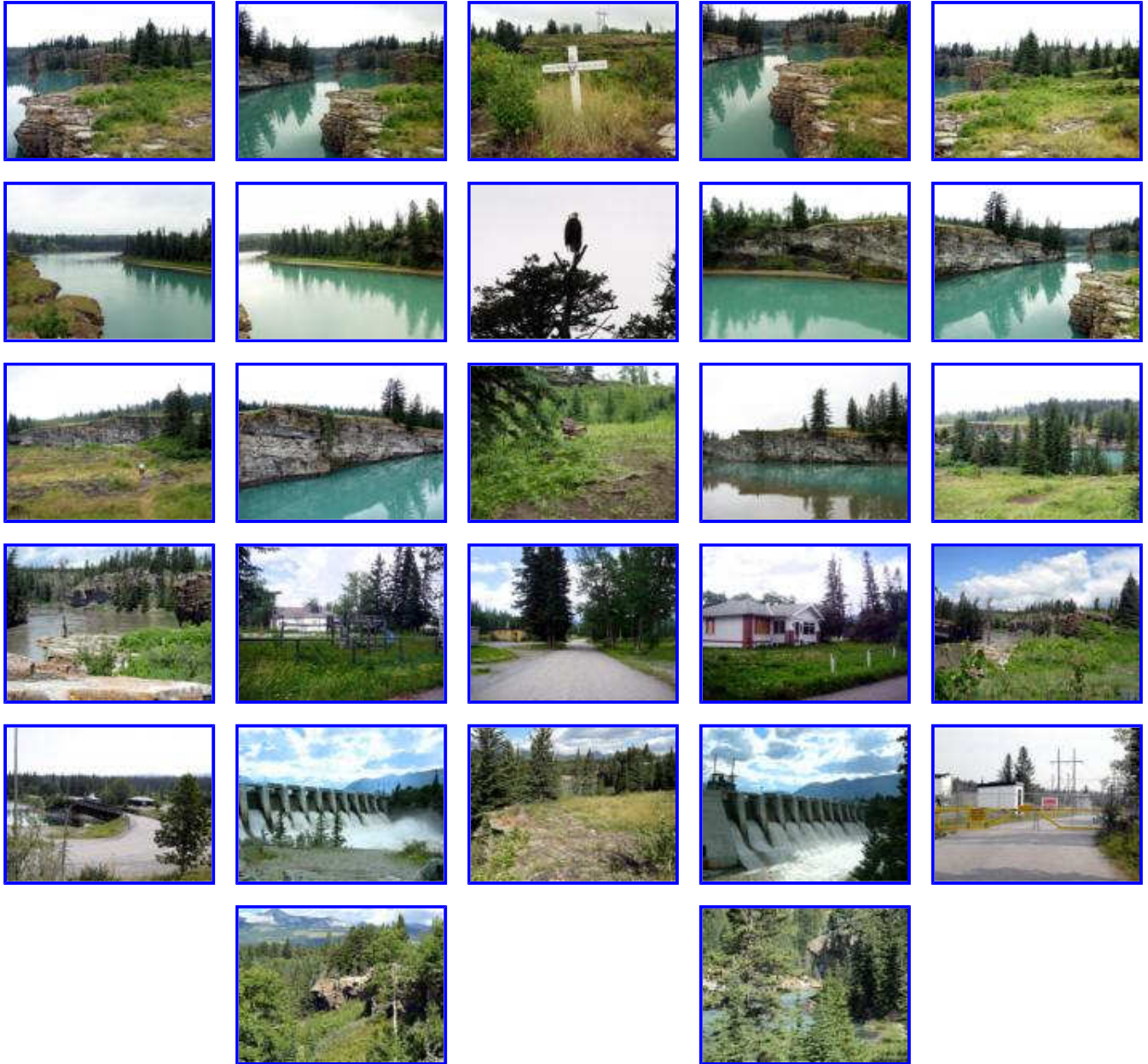
<http://www.chinookraft.com>

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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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>

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Pictures of surrounding area:



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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:



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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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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:

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Quotation:

“They took a tire iron to him ...”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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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:

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.

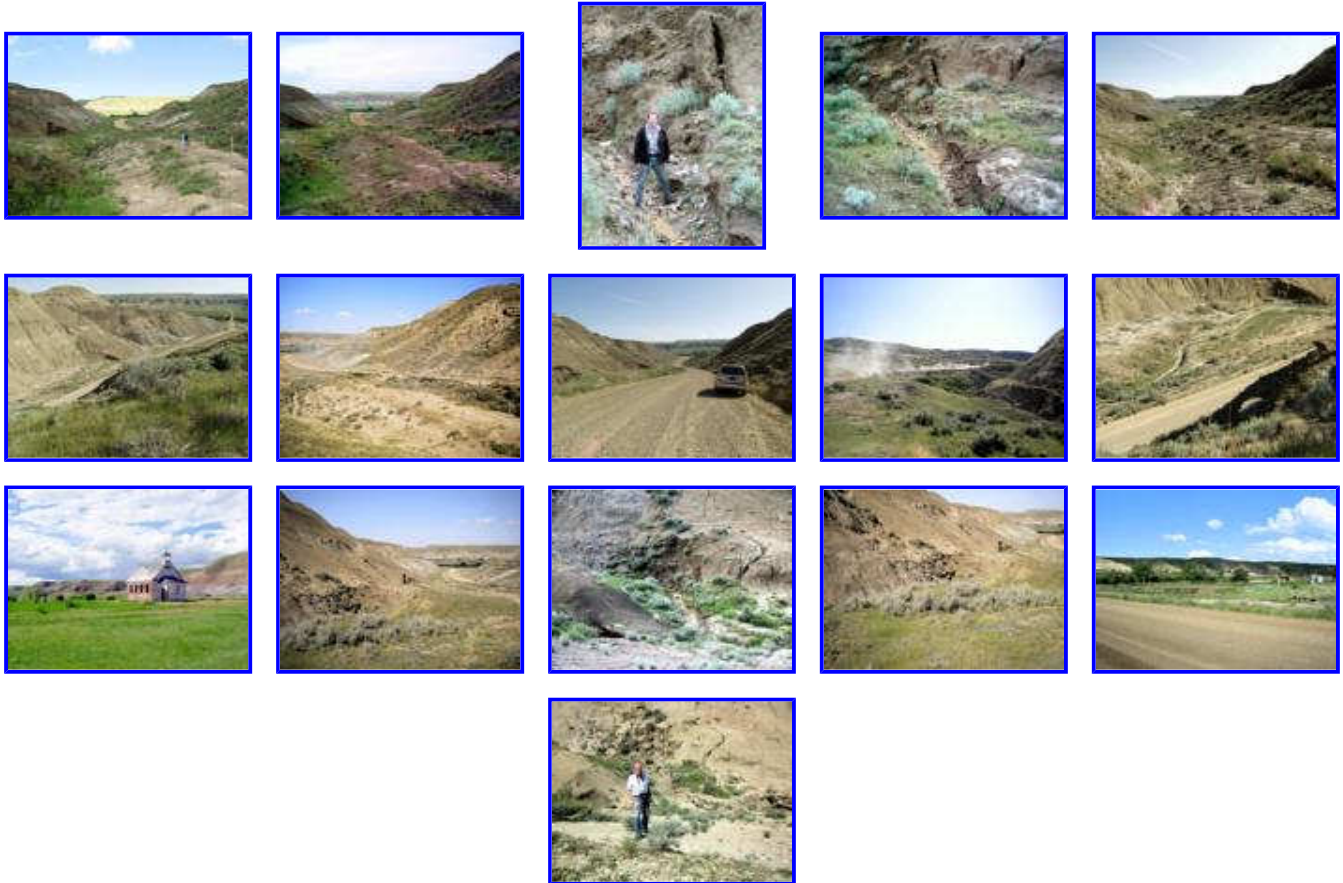
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Quotation:

“My daddy, he made sure me and my brother seen it.”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Dorothy, AB, Hwy 848

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

Site Name: Ennis's Flashback

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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.

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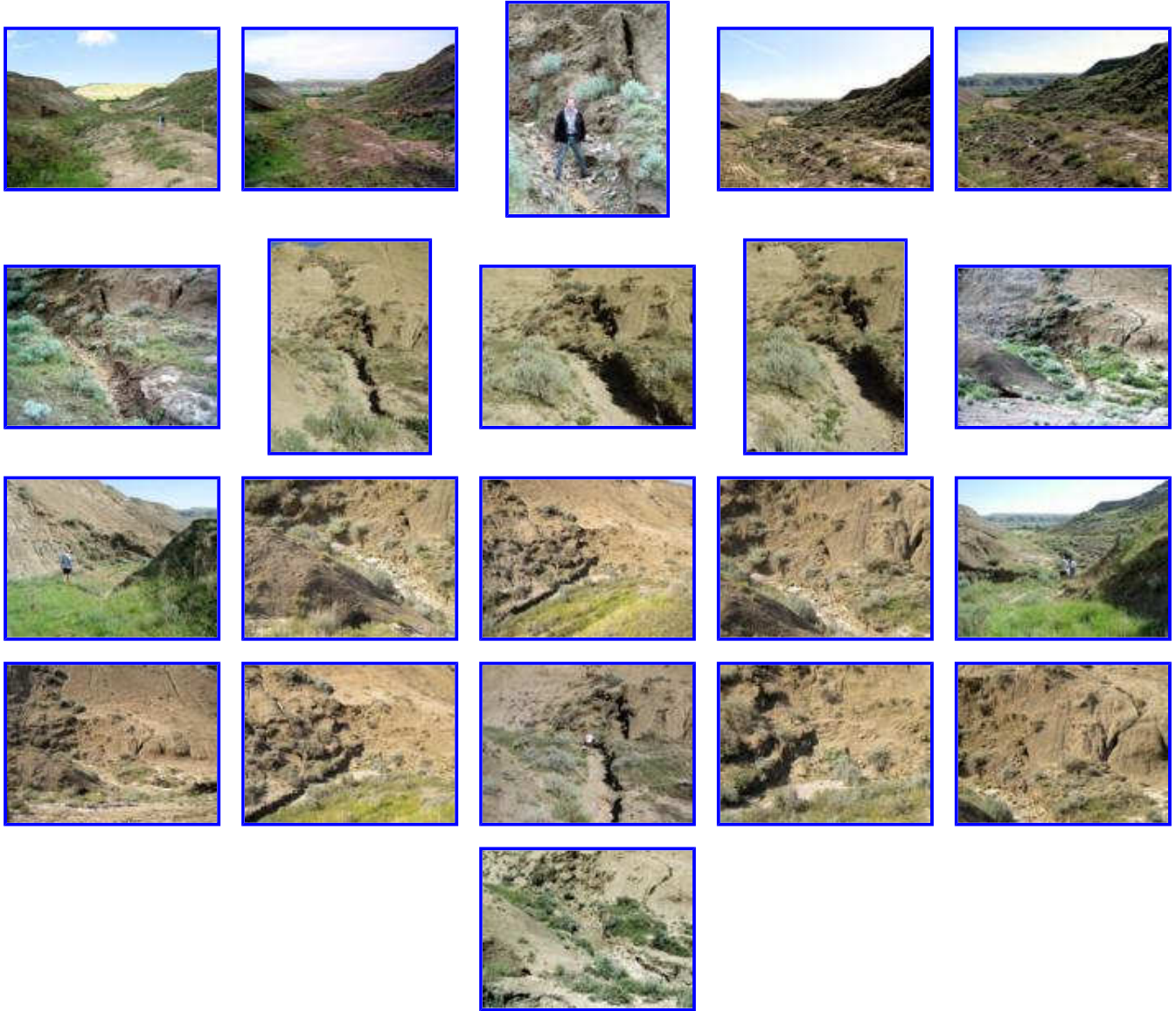
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Quotation:

“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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