

## Chapter 16 - Let Me Be - 01 40 37



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**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.

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### **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



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**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:**

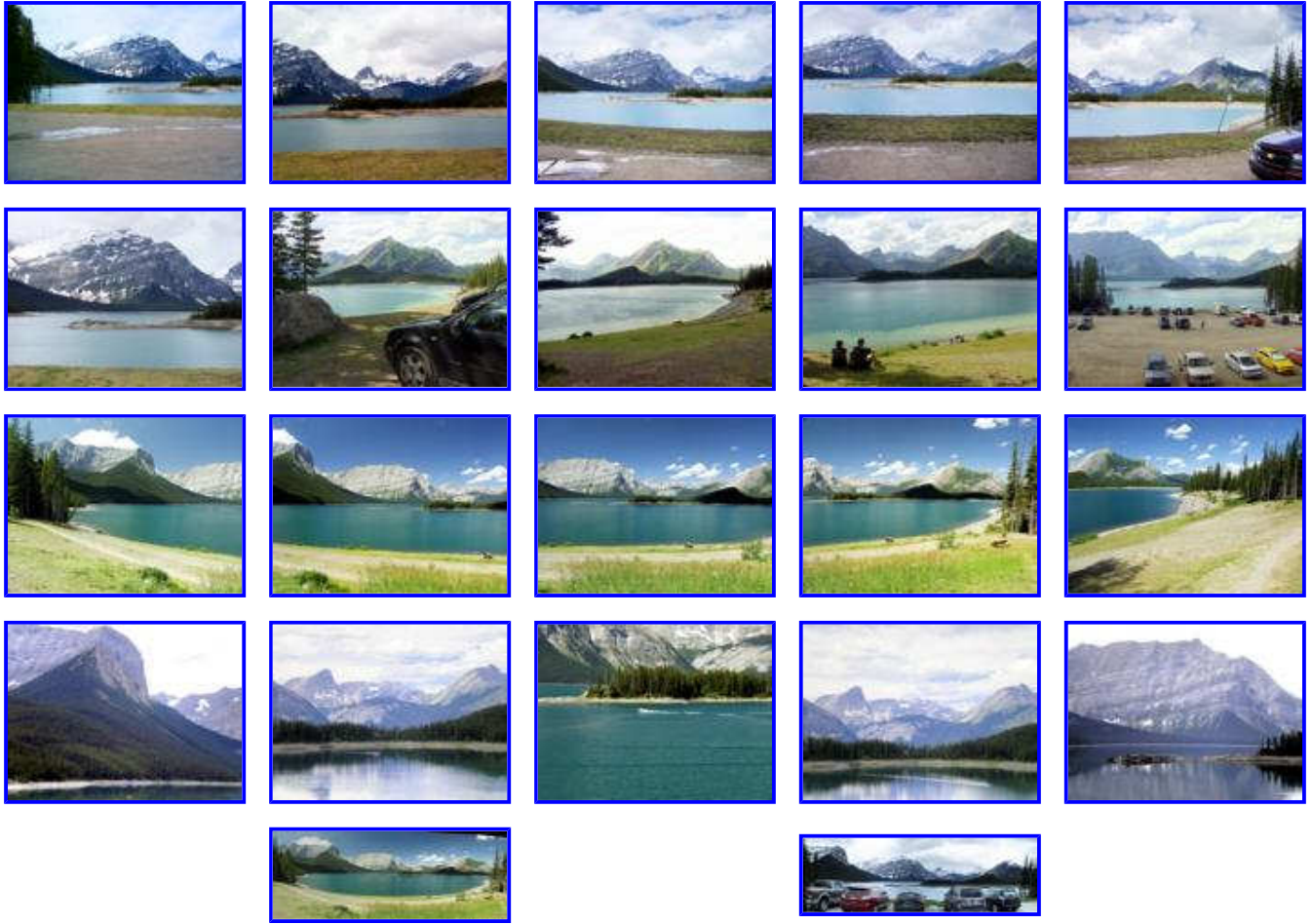
Judging from our mail, this is the most popular of all *Brokeback* locations. How fortunate that Upper Kananaskis Lake is easy to visit and breathtakingly beautiful in its own right. If your travel plans permit, avoid coming here on summer weekends when the area tends to be busy with vacationers, picnickers, 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:**



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## Chapter 16 - Let Me Be - 01 44 42



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**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:**

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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:

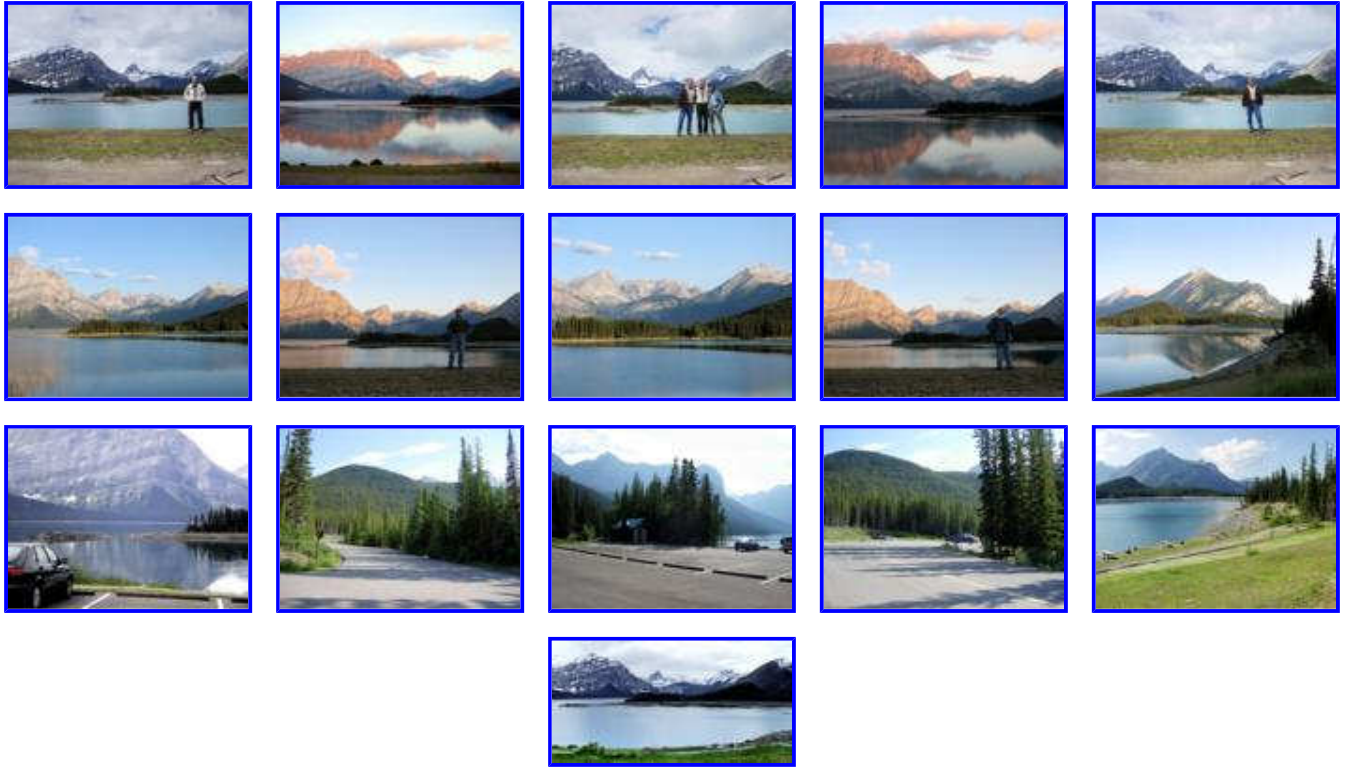
<http://www.peakfinder.com/peakfinder.ASP?Peakname=Mount+Lyautey>

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

### **Quotation:**

"Hell yes, I been to Mexico. Is that a fuckin' problem?"

### **Pictures of surrounding area:**



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## Chapter 16 - Let Me Be - 01 48 15



DVD capture



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**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:**





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## Chapter 16 - Let Me Be - 01 48 49



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**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:**

The site of Jack's Flashback (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), to the Dozy Embrace site. If you encounter temporary fencing in this area, go around it to the right. The site is to your left as you approach Goat Creek and the pole bridge. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see "Hike to Campsite #2" in **Albums**.

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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



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**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:**



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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 23



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**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 loses 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:**



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## Chapter 16 - Let Me Be - 01 49 24



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**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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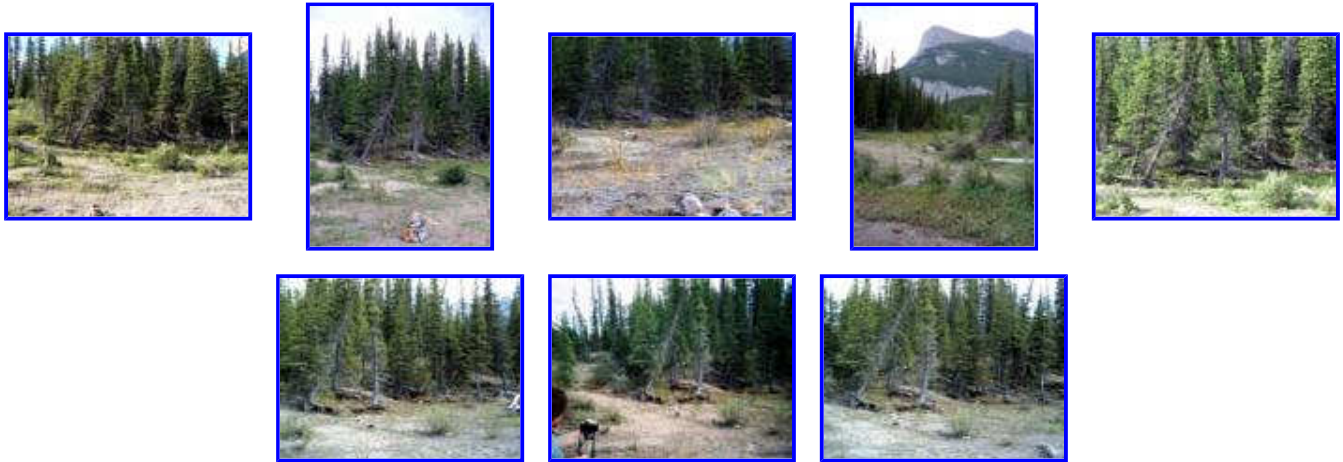
Many (of us) believe that Jake Gyllenhaal's very best acting is done through sublime facial expressions, often citing the shot where Ennis is bathing, "or I might be back," the Jimbo cruise, the reaction to Randall's come-on, and the Dozy Embrace, among others. Each of these gestures is reductionism 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



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**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:**



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**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:**





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