

Chapter 1 - Looking for Work - 00 00 54



DVD capture



Contributed photo

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.

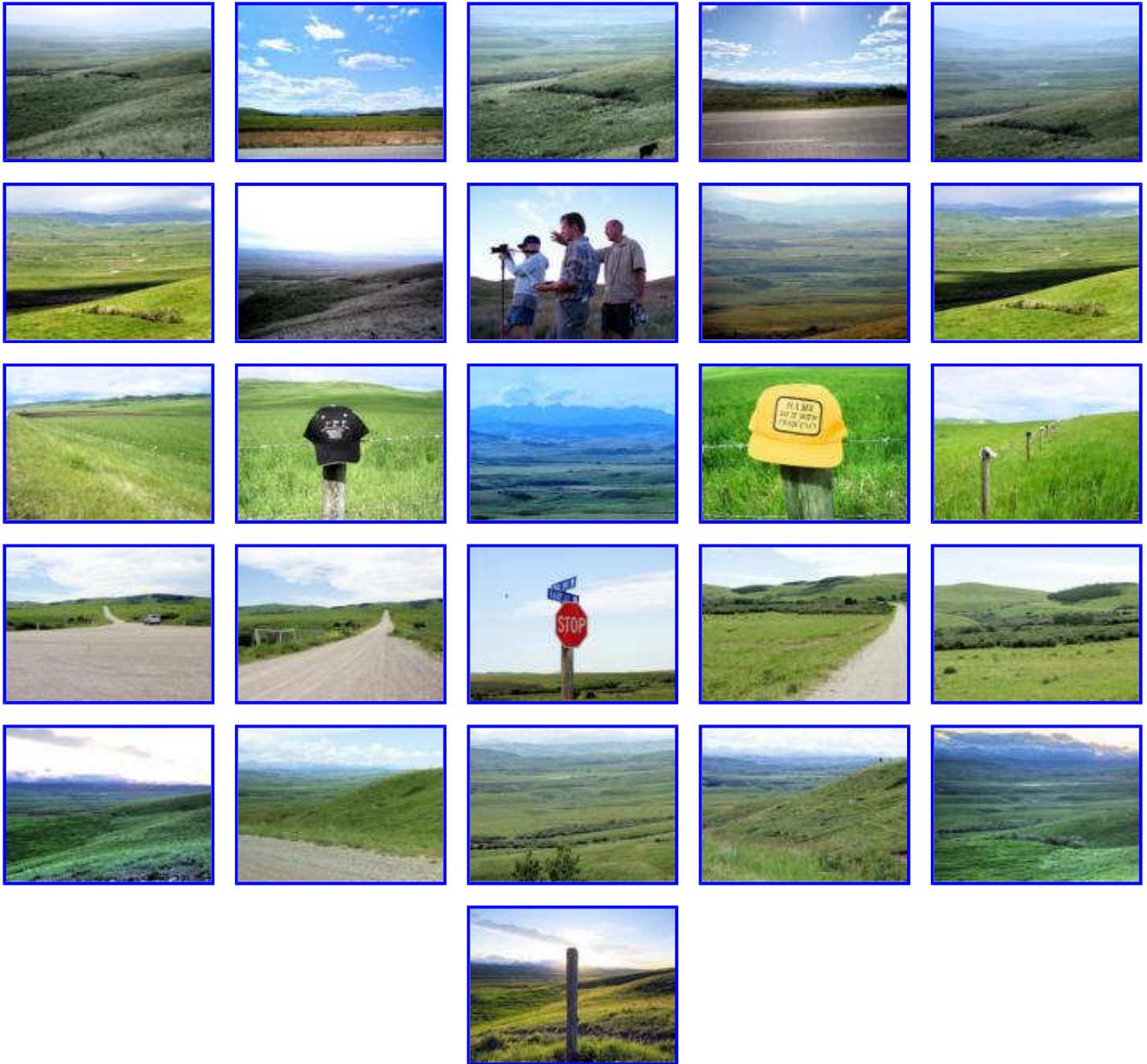
This spot is best photographed at dusk or dawn. The *Brokeback* photography crew filmed a test sunset with an alarm clock in the foreground to select the optimal time for the actual shooting of the scene the following day. Hwy 22 is a busy highway, and tractor-trailer trucks can be seen on it quite often. 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



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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.

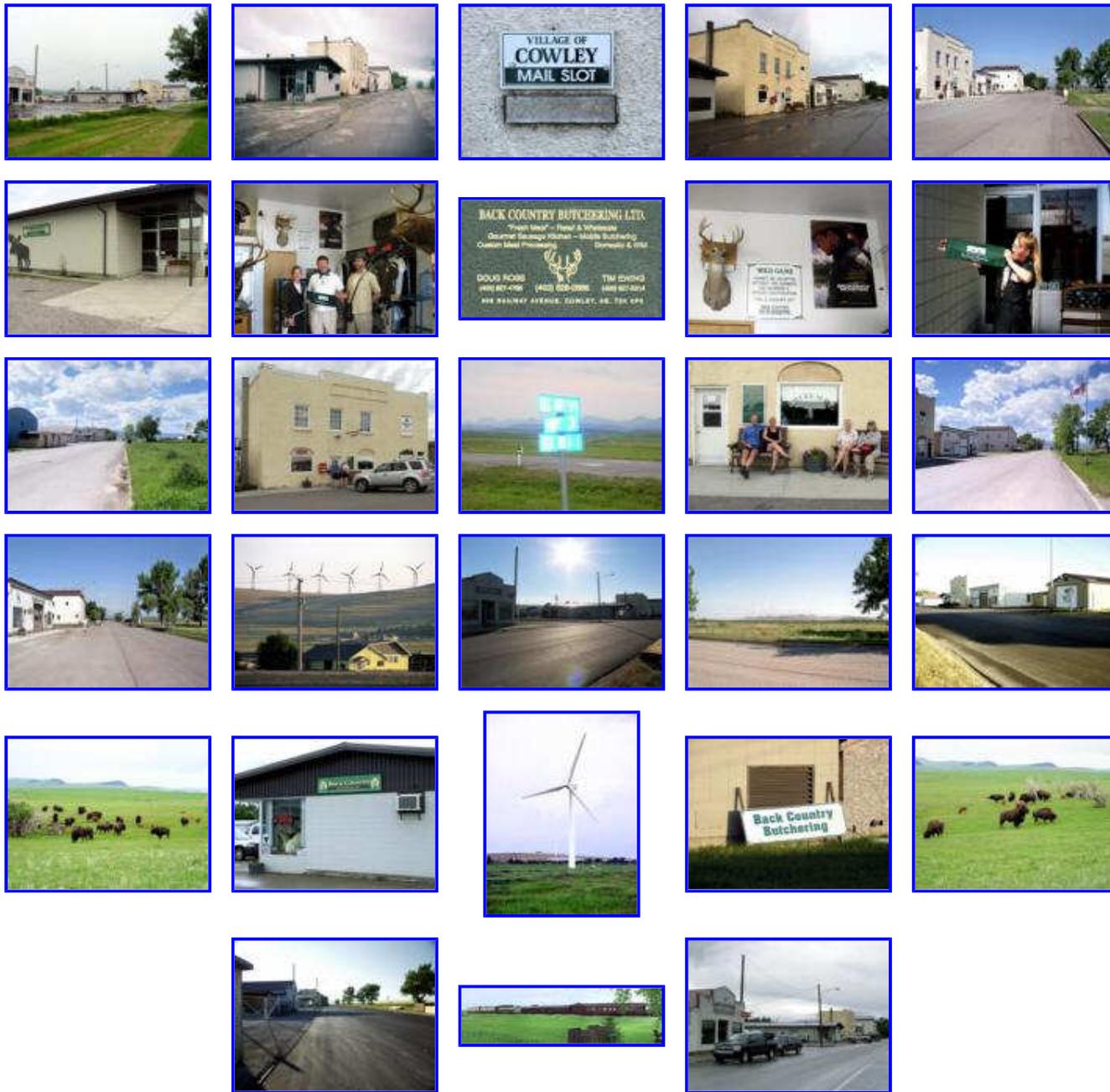
Cowley has a proud history, peppered with a string of achievements and setbacks that typify the drama of frontier life. See:

<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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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



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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



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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



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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 Loughed 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)

Although this is a park, please be mindful that it is Native land and worthy of special respect. One indignant resident complained to us about “that (expletive) gay cowboy movie.” Though it was painful to hear this, it’s important to remember that Native people certainly have precedent for mistrusting outsiders. As if the legacy of broken treaties and genocide, which parallels U.S. history, was not tragic enough, Christian missionaries in this area did their utmost to demonize homosexuality and two-spiritedness; meanwhile Native youth were taken from reservations for education in church schools where, tragically, some were sexually abused. So in this sorry context, we urge you to respect the Stoney land, and recognize that it takes time, patience and understanding on all sides to correct the wrongs of the past.

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

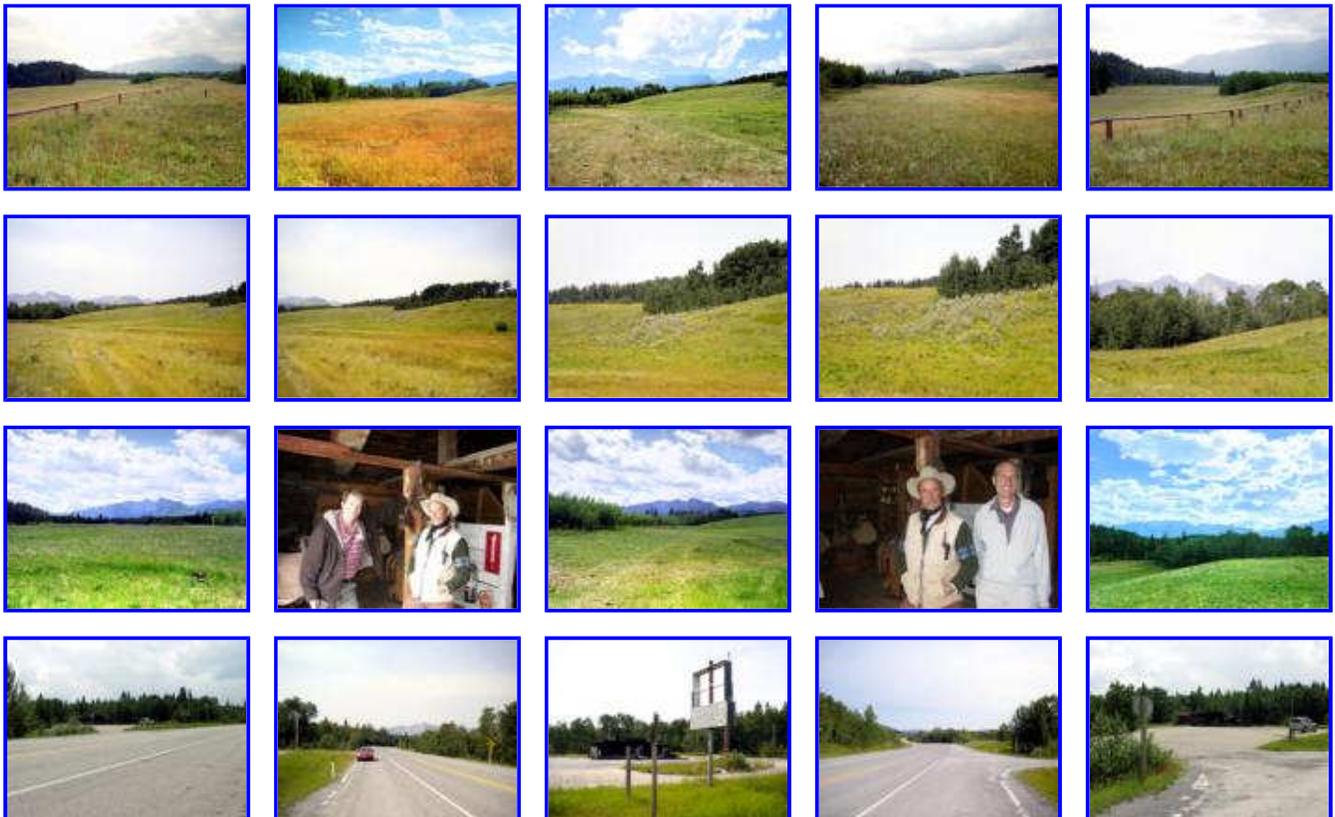
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Quotation:

“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

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:

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 Bears paw, 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

Travel Directions:

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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



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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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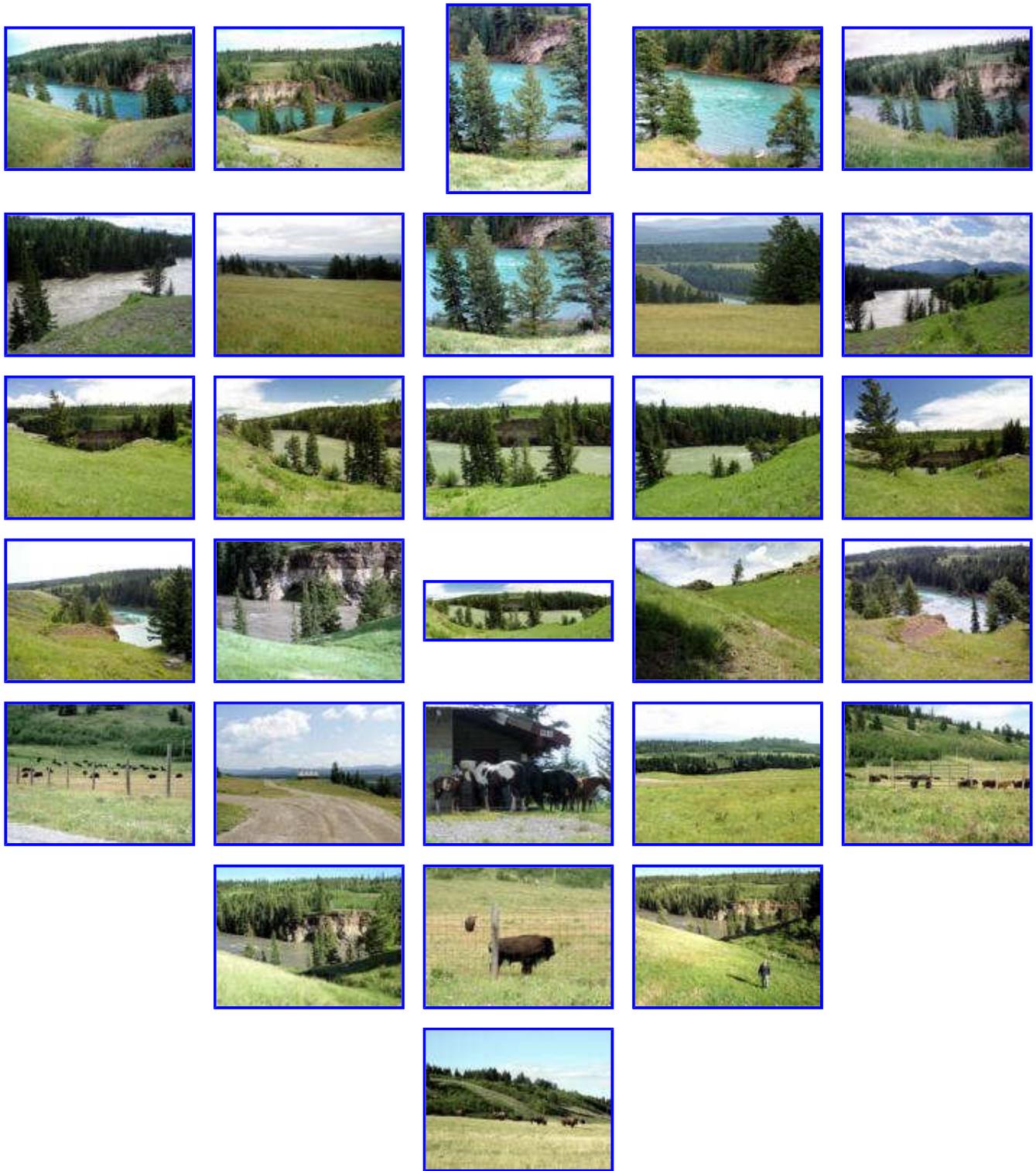
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Although this is a park, please be mindful that it is Native land and worthy of special respect. Most of the Sheep Procession #1 footage was taken at Canyon Creek and nearby Moose Mountain. This shot (which is actually quite close to the locations 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



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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:

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:

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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)

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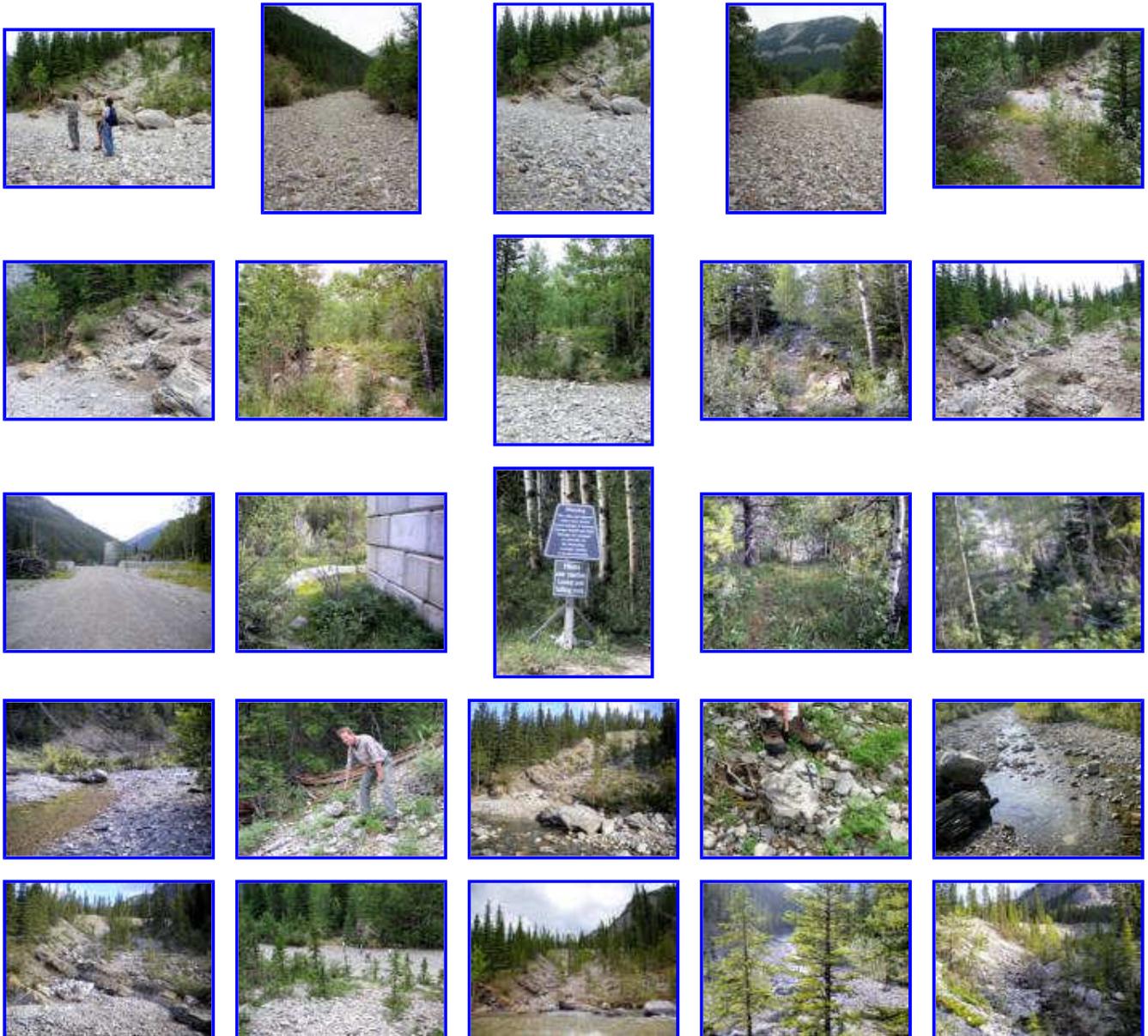
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<http://srd.alberta.ca/RecreationPublicUse/AlbertaBearSmart/BearsOutdoorRecreation.aspx>

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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)

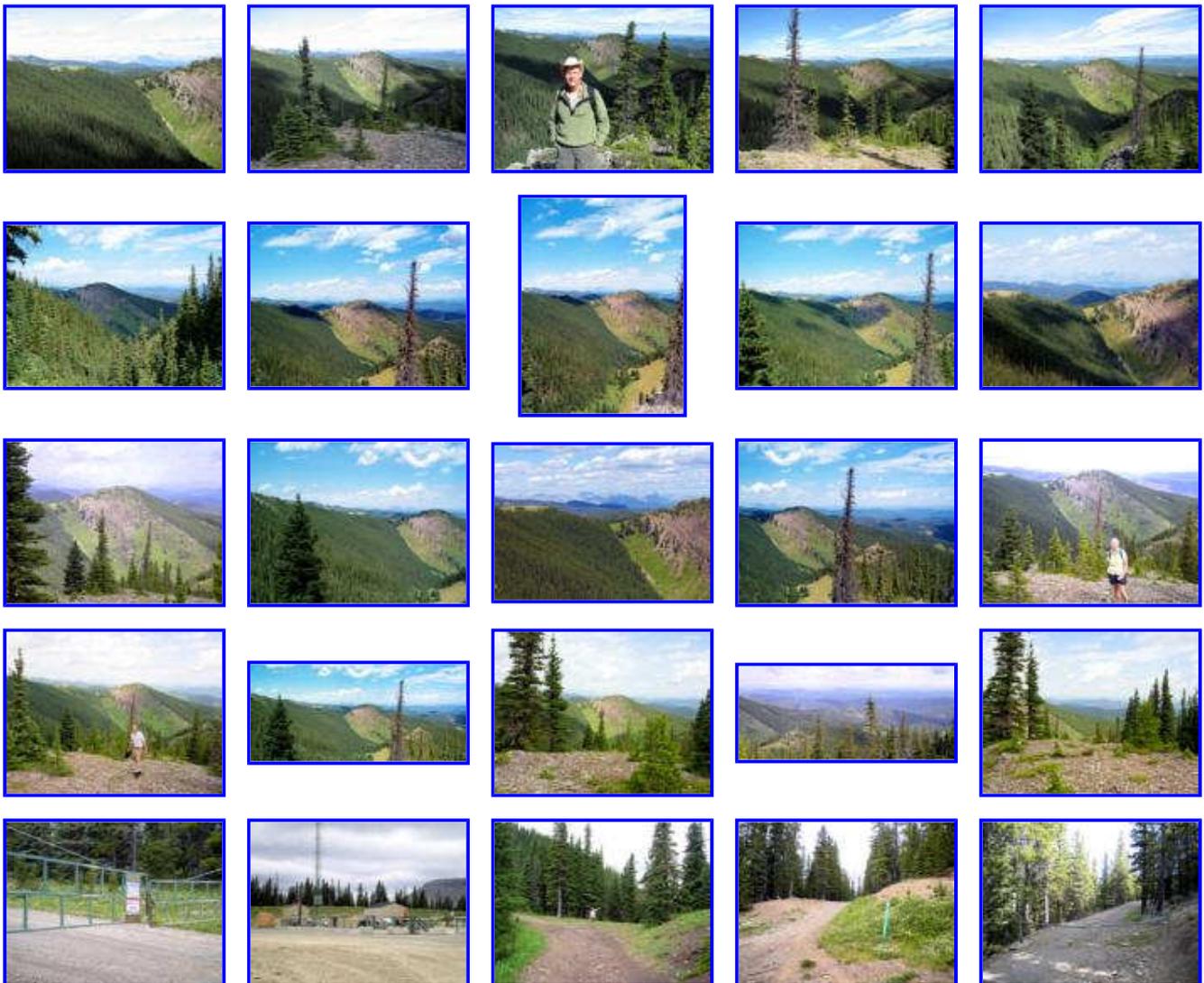
Important:

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Pictures of surrounding area:



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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:

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:

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.

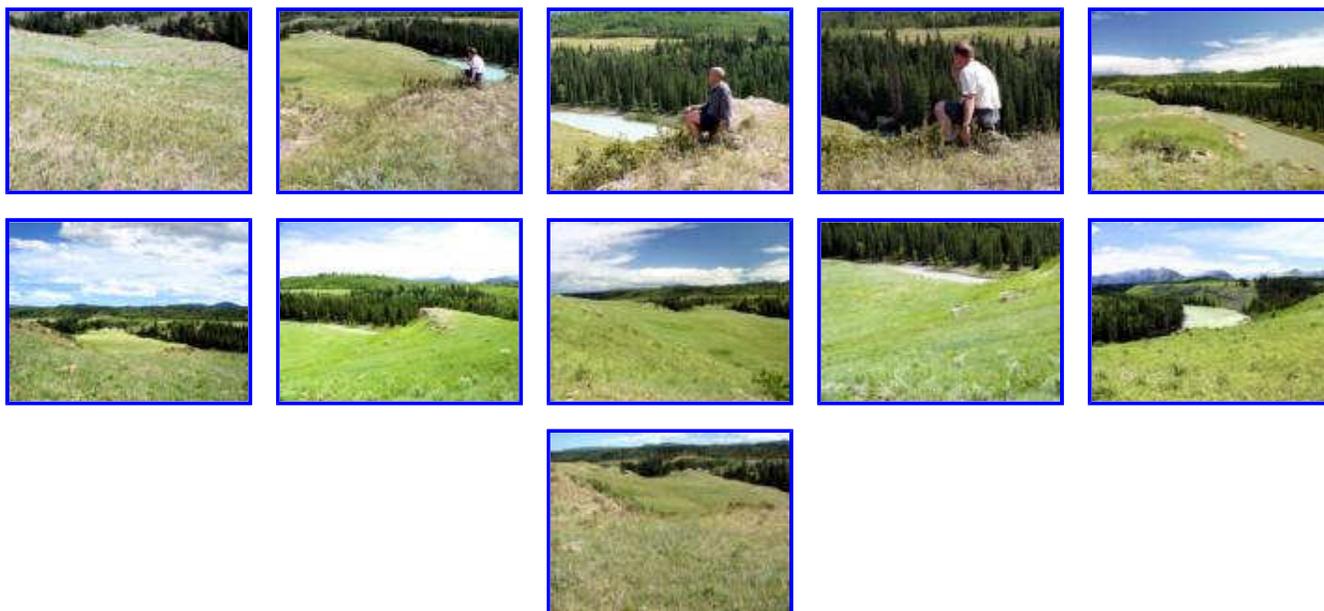
Like many of the sheep scenes, this one was made at the Stoney Native Reservation near Morley. The lovely Bow River flows through the area but, in order to give this site authenticity as a high mountain location, the river was removed using special effects. See:

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

Important:

Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property and Native reserve lands. You may encounter horses roaming. Drive slowly and be prepared to stop. Do not leave valuables in parked cars.

Pictures of surrounding area:



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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:

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).

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.

Important:

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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 *



Contributed photo

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:

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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:

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:

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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



Contributed photo

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>

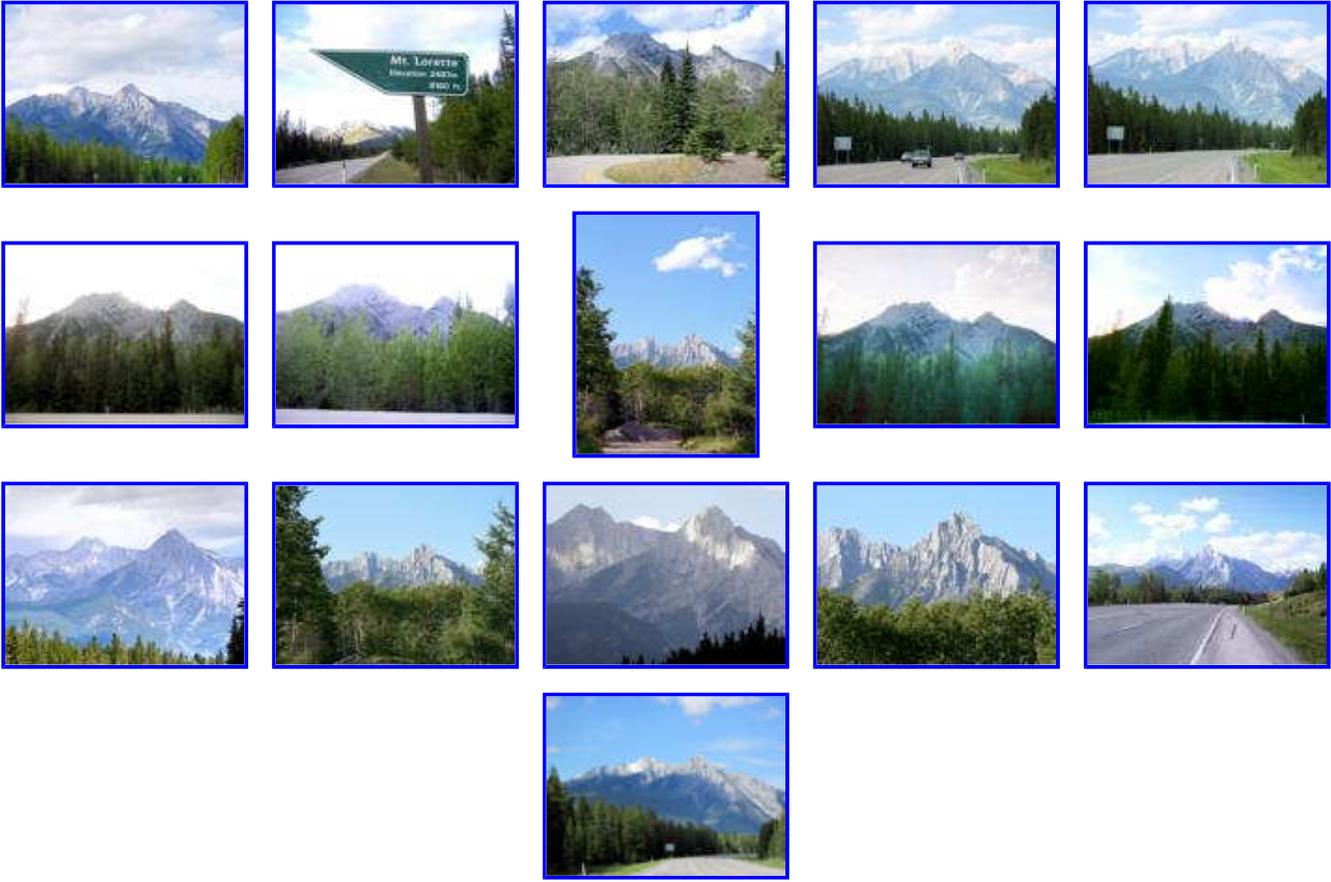
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Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 3 - Against the Rules - 00 12 44



DVD capture *



Contributed photo

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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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:

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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Chapter 3 - Against the Rules - 00 12 59



DVD capture



Contributed photo

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:

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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.

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

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Quotation:

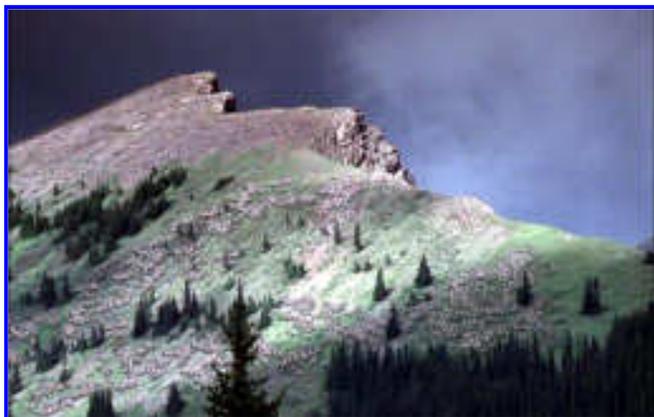
“No more beans.”

Pictures of surrounding area:

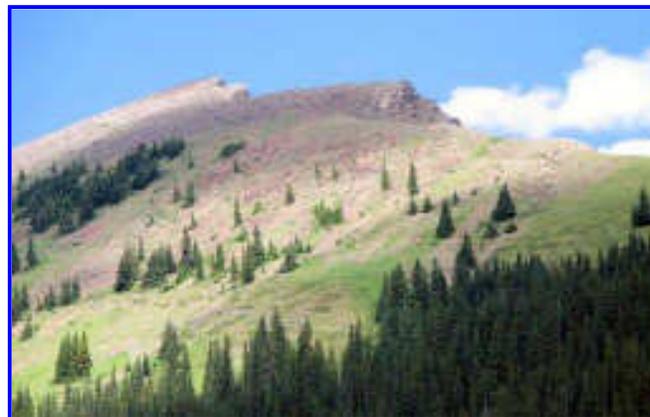


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Chapter 3 - Against the Rules - 00 13 20



DVD capture



Contributed photo

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:

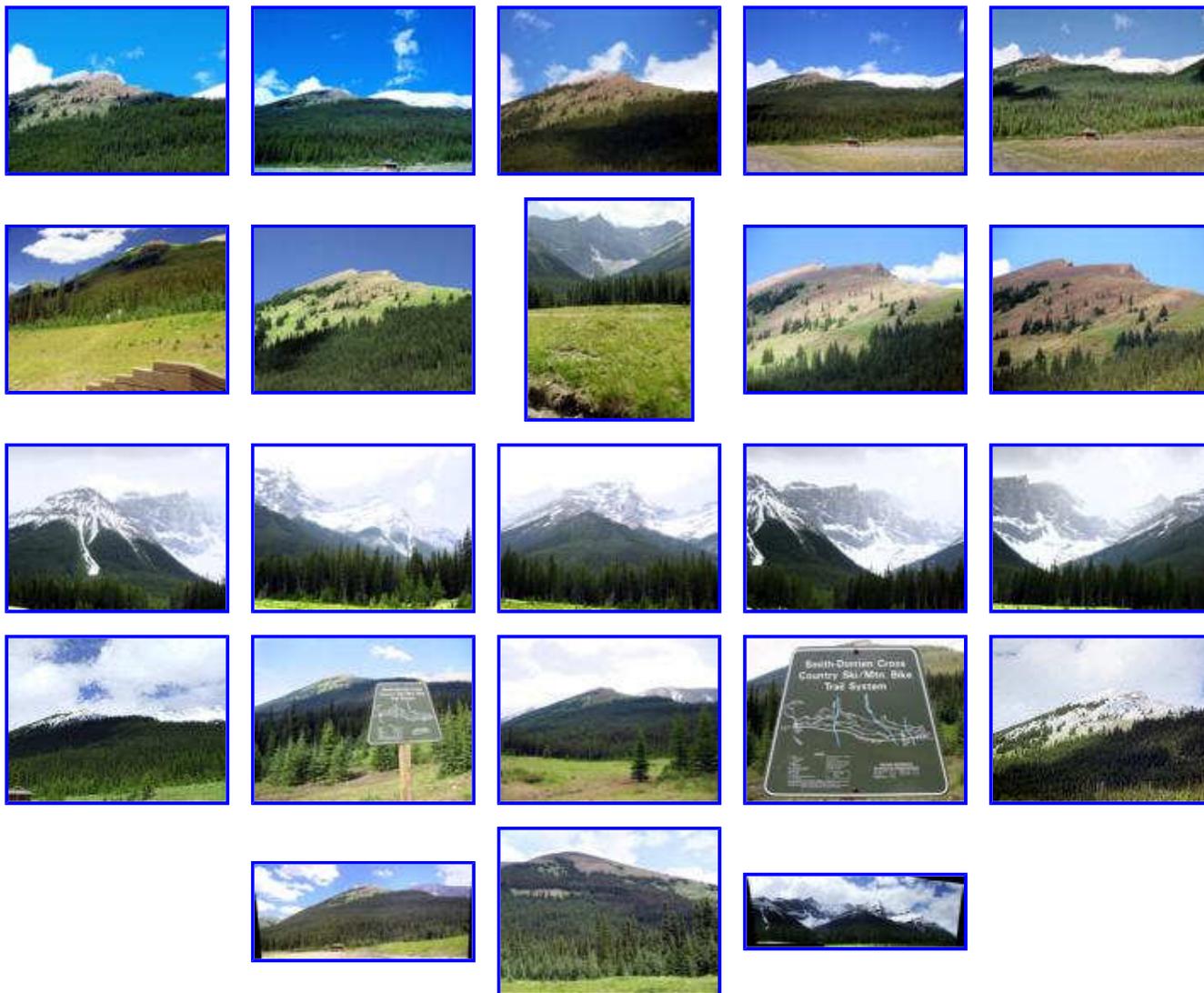
Ennis cleaned the coffeepot in the river as he watched Jack ascend this stunning mountain. The sheep came from a computer, but the mountain is undeniably the real thing.

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:

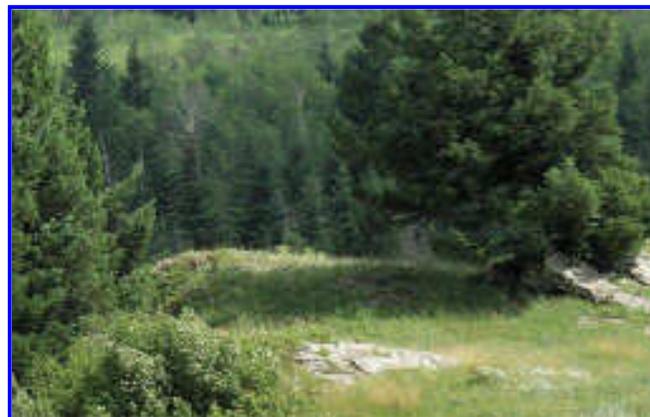


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Chapter 3 - Against the Rules - 00 13 36



DVD capture



Contributed photo

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.

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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



Contributed photo

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:

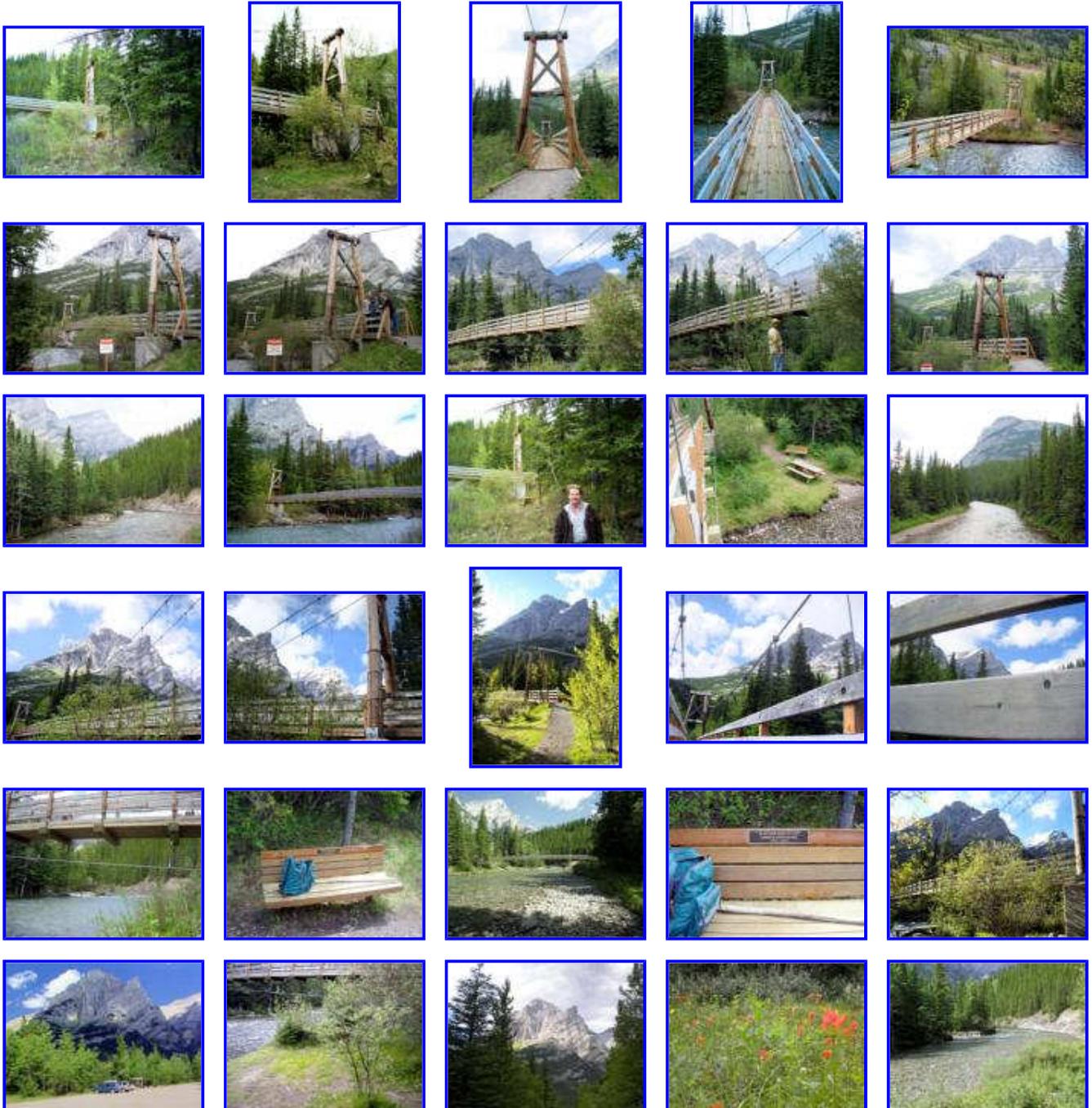
<http://srd.alberta.ca/RecreationPublicUse/AlbertaBearSmart/BearsOutdoorRecreation.aspx>

Always consult park wardens and take appropriate precautions.

Quotation:

“Yeah, well, I’m sick of beans.”

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 3 - Against the Rules - 00 14 15



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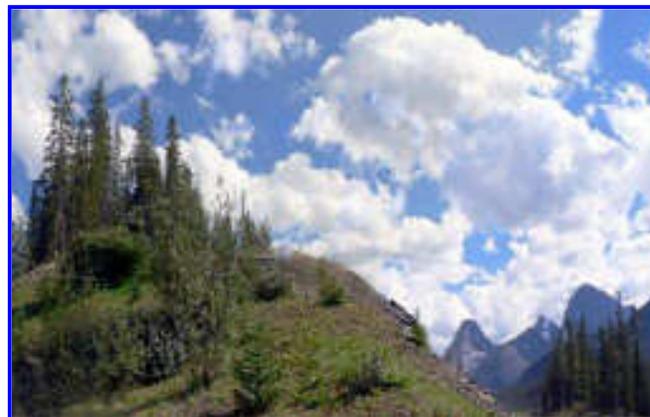


Photo courtesy Joe Ellington.

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.

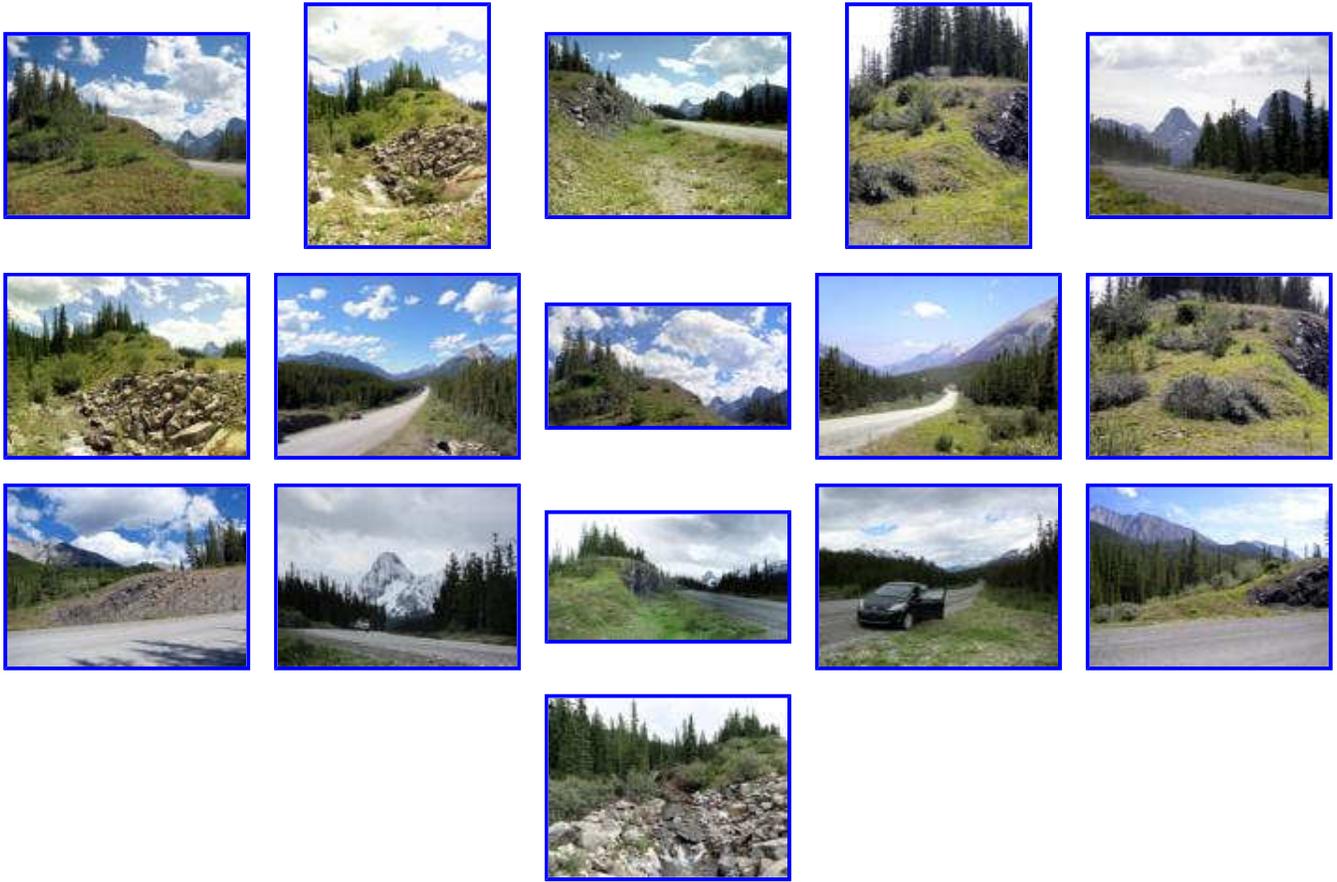
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Remarks:

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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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).

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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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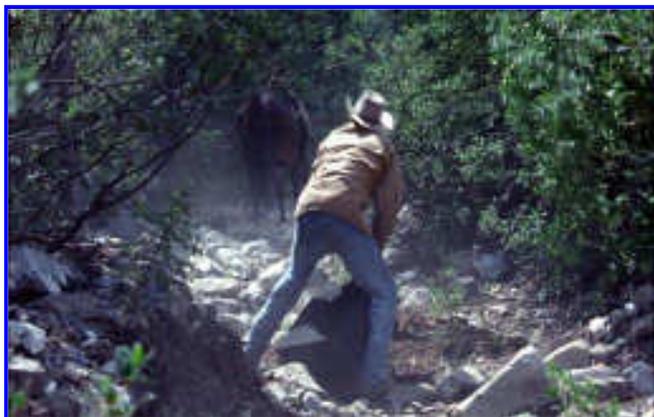
Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 3 - Against the Rules - 00 14 53



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:

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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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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:

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:

<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.

Important:

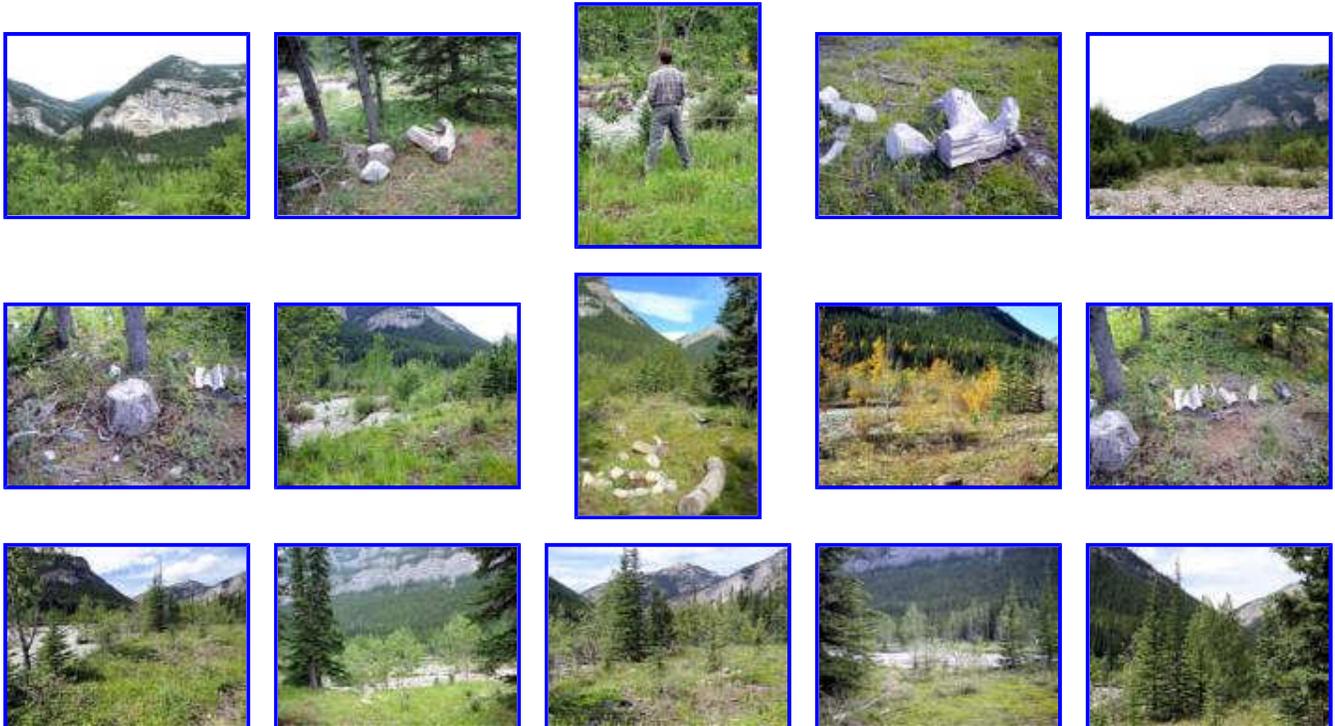
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<http://srd.alberta.ca/RecreationPublicUse/AlbertaBearSmart/BearsOutdoorRecreation.aspx>

Quotation:

“I don’t rodeo much myself.”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 4 - Trading Places - 00 20 50



DVD capture



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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

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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.

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Quotation:

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

Pictures of surrounding area:

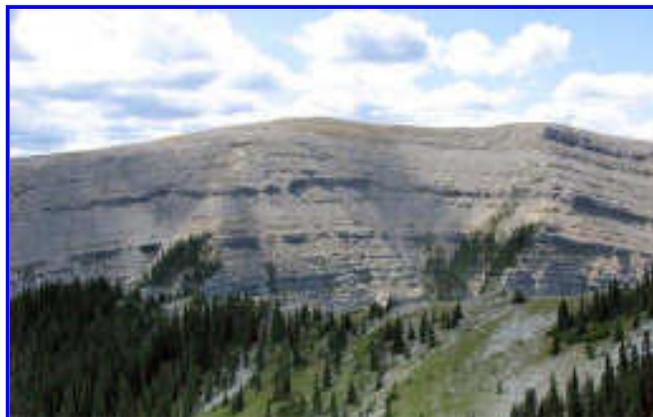


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DVD capture



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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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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**.

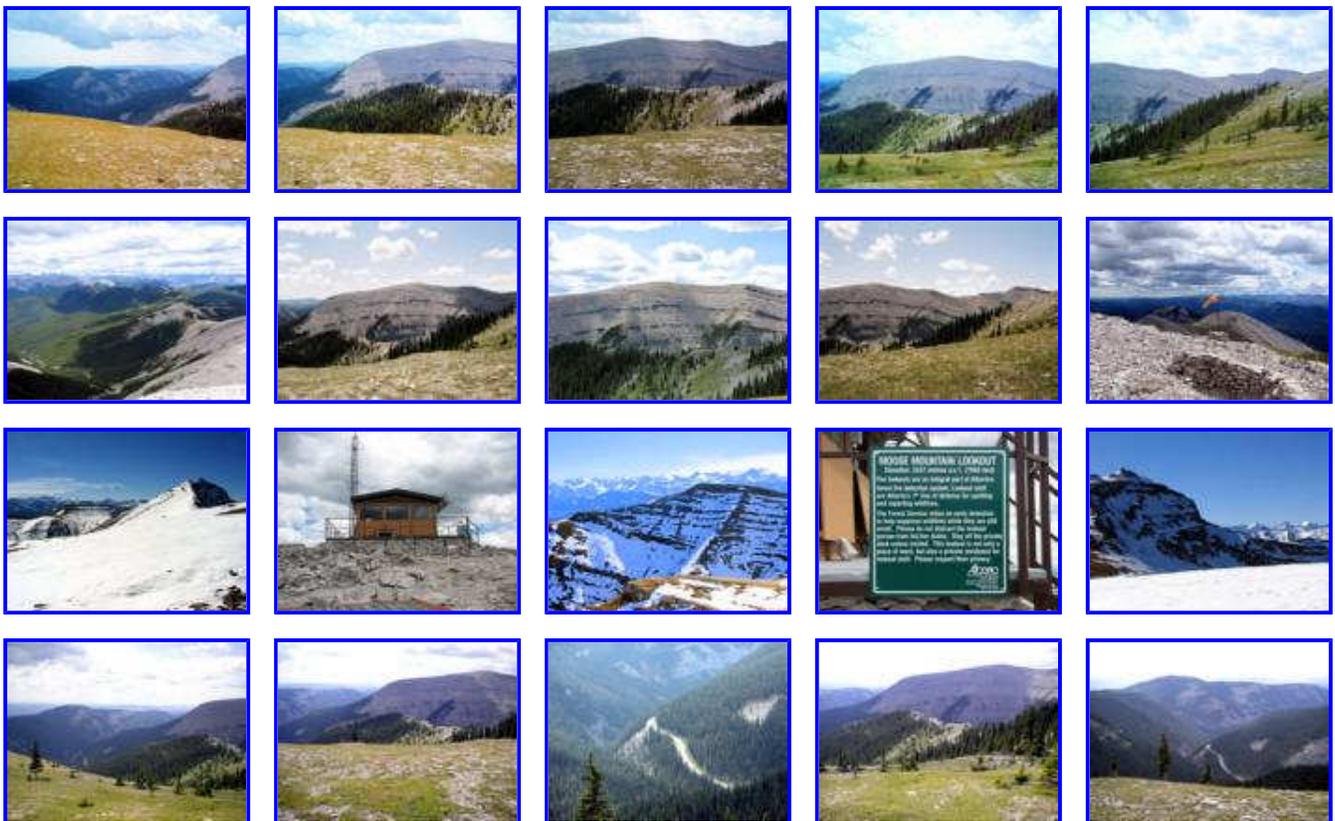
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Pictures of surrounding area:



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DVD capture



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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.

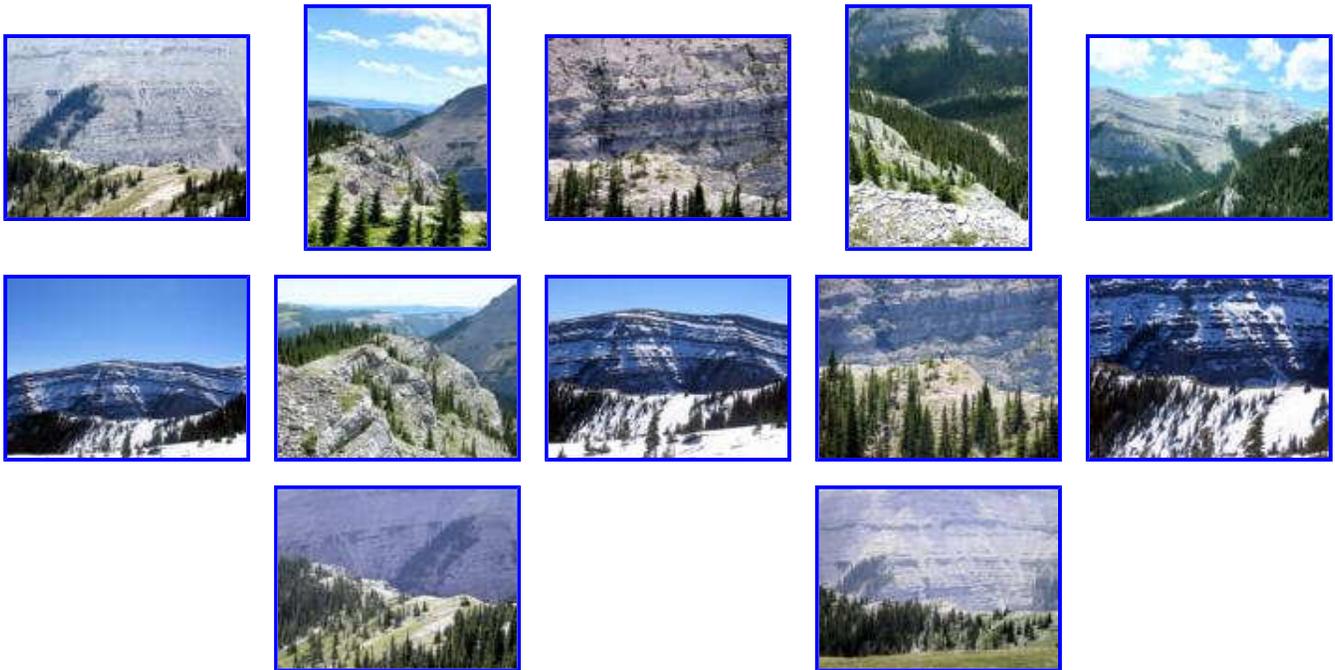
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Pictures of surrounding area:



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DVD capture



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DVD Time Code = 00 23 22

Location: Hwy 66, Moose Mountain

GPS: 50d 56m 23.64s -114d 48m 37.26s

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

Site Name: Sheep Procession #2

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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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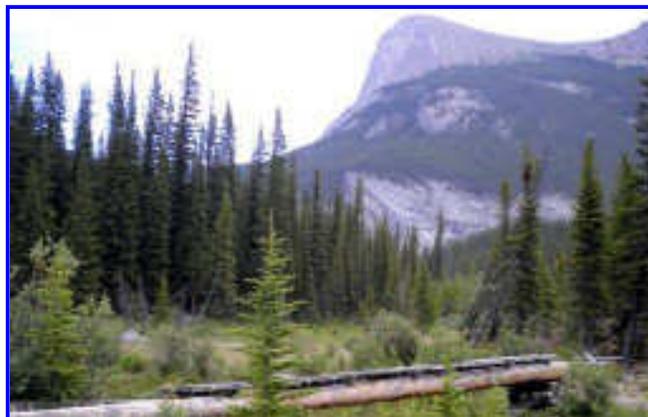


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DVD capture



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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:

The Pole Bridge (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:

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.

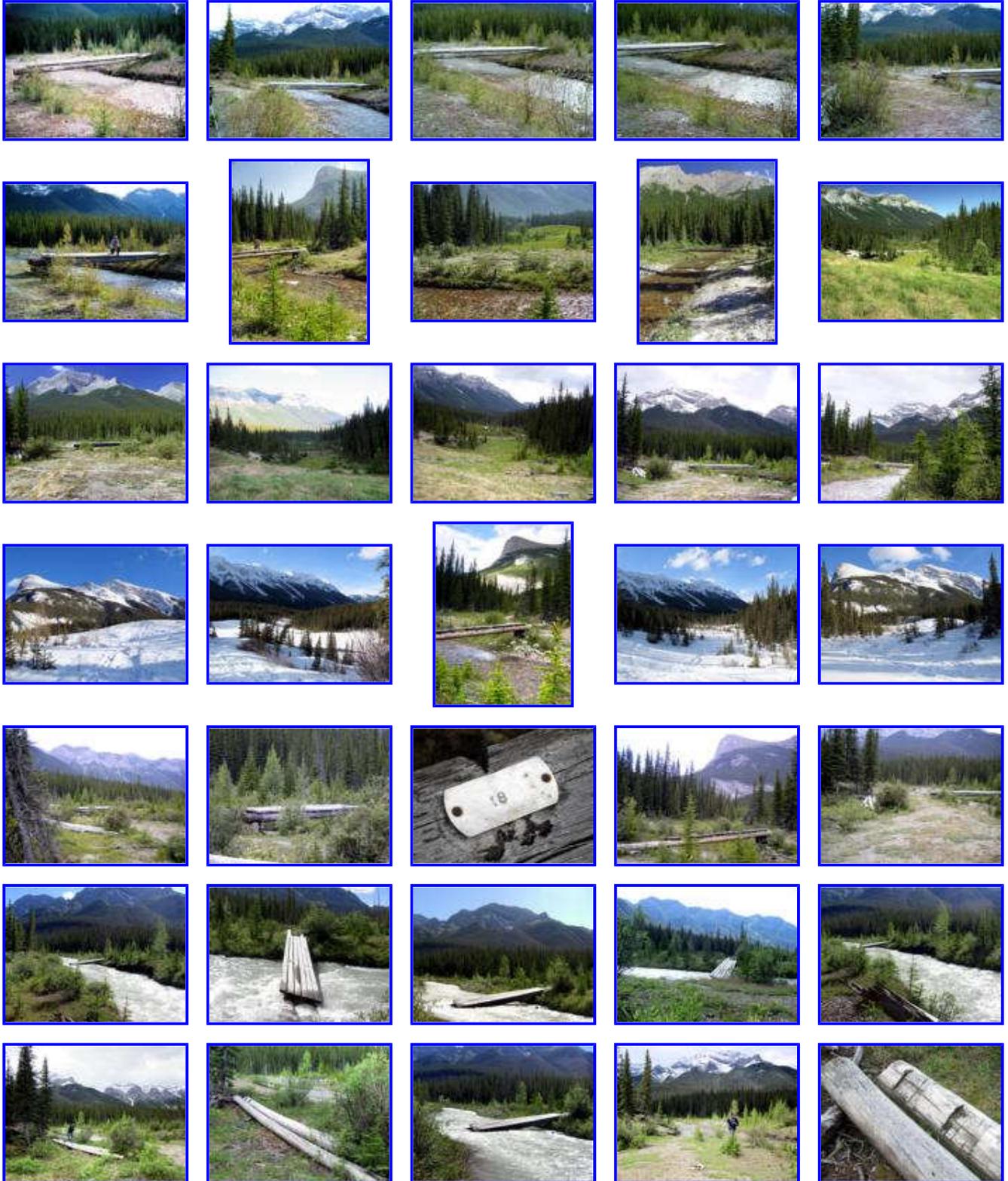
[Update: Sadly, the pole bridge was washed out by high water in 2011.]

See:

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

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Pictures of surrounding area:





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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:

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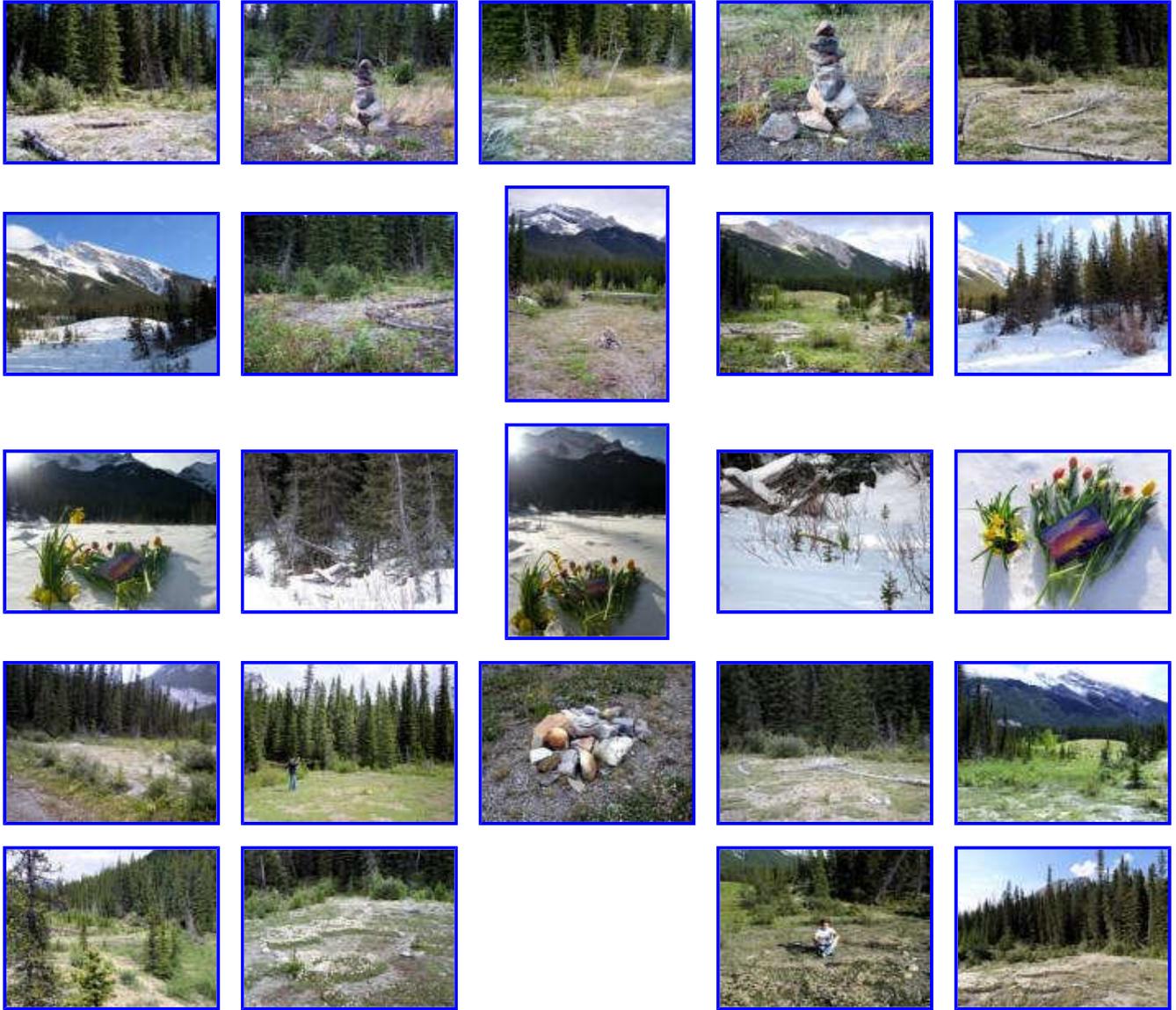
That so-very-memorable tent occupied a clearing near the creek that is still visible. Indeed the campfire, pole bridge, grassy hill, and creek all “look right.” See:

<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



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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](#)

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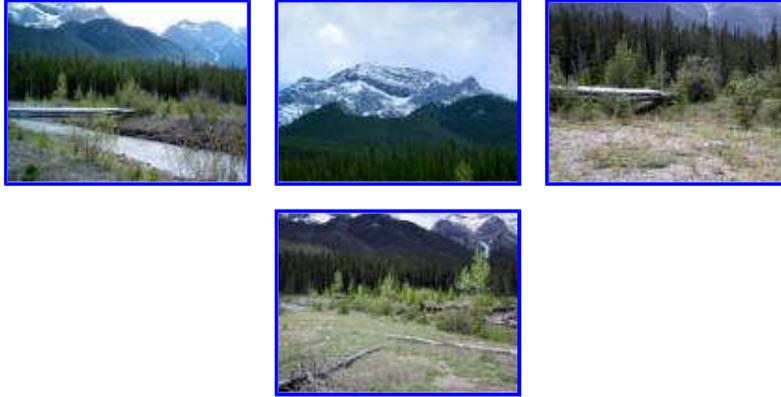
Campsite #2 is high on every *Brokeback* pilgrim’s list of places to savor. It boasts an unmatched assortment of memorable settings. The tent area, the “Get Goin’, Cowboy” Hillside (Fight Hill), the Pole Bridge, and, of course, the Dozy Embrace site, make for a remarkable visit.

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

Travel Directions:

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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



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 27 45

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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Chapter 6 - First Light - 00 29 55



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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Chapter 6 - First Light - 00 29 58



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:

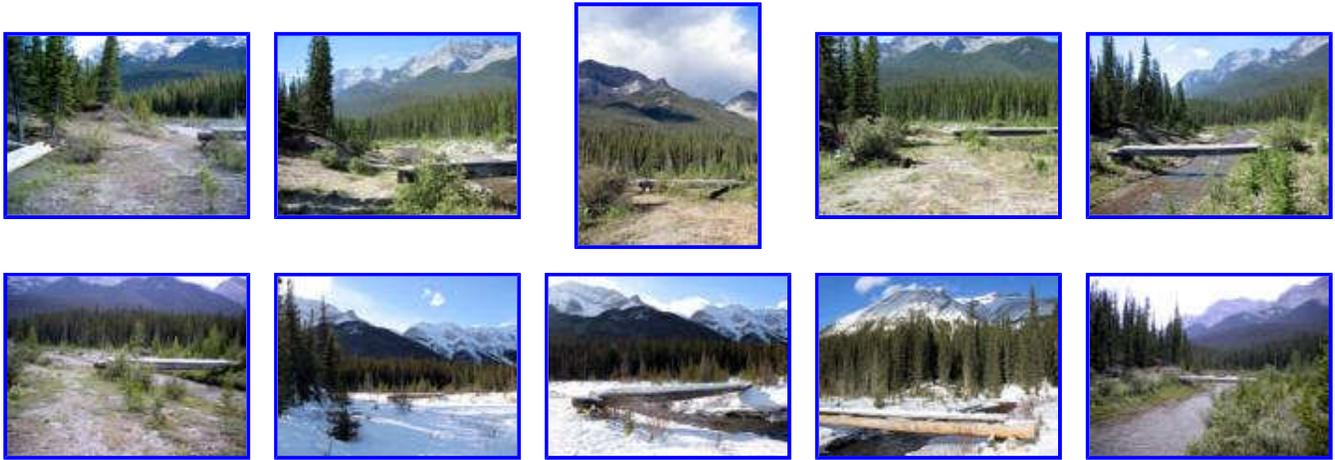
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Remarks:

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:

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 (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:

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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:

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.

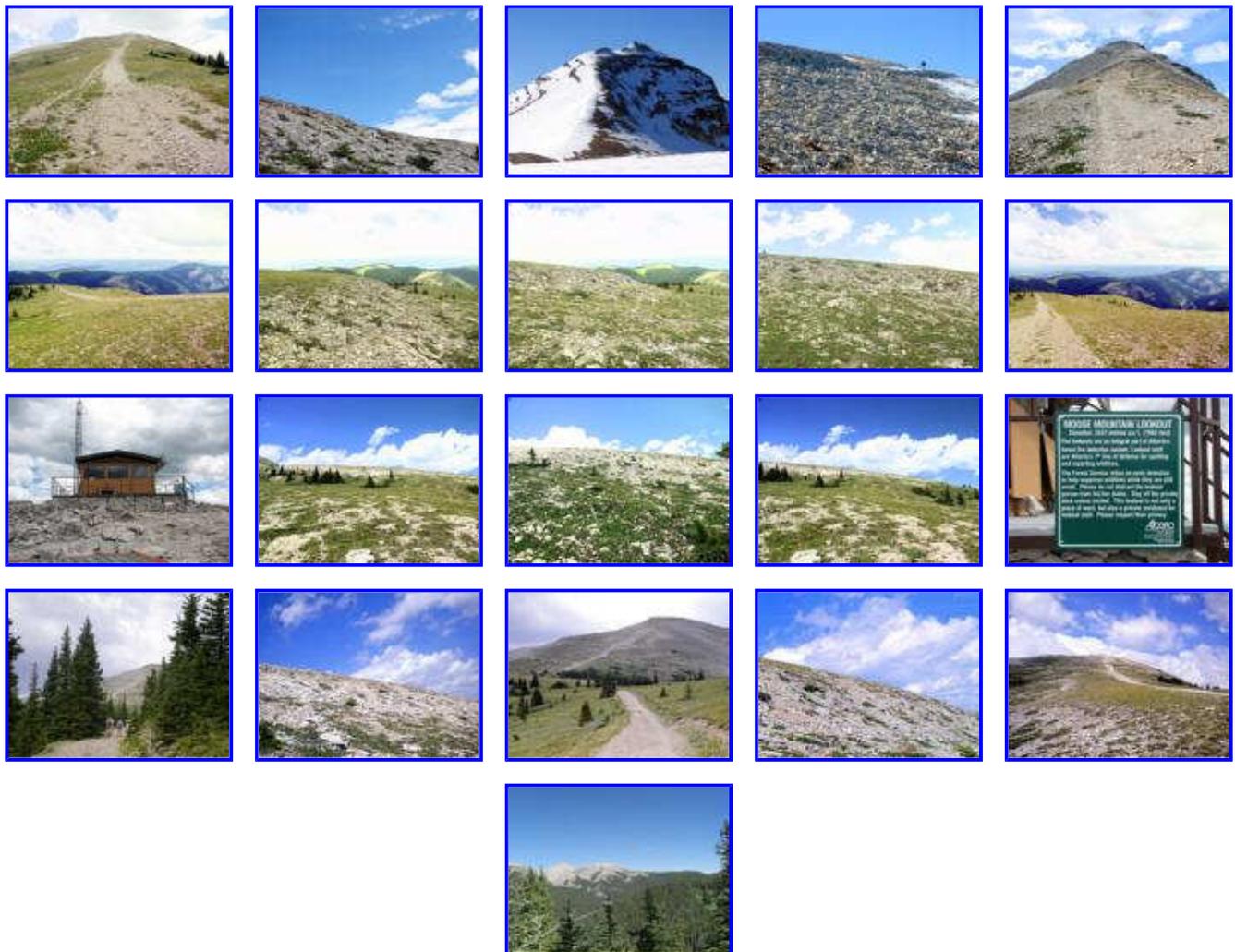
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<http://srd.alberta.ca/RecreationPublicUse/AlbertaBearSmart/BearsOutdoorRecreation.aspx>

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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:

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 0.5 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.)

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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.

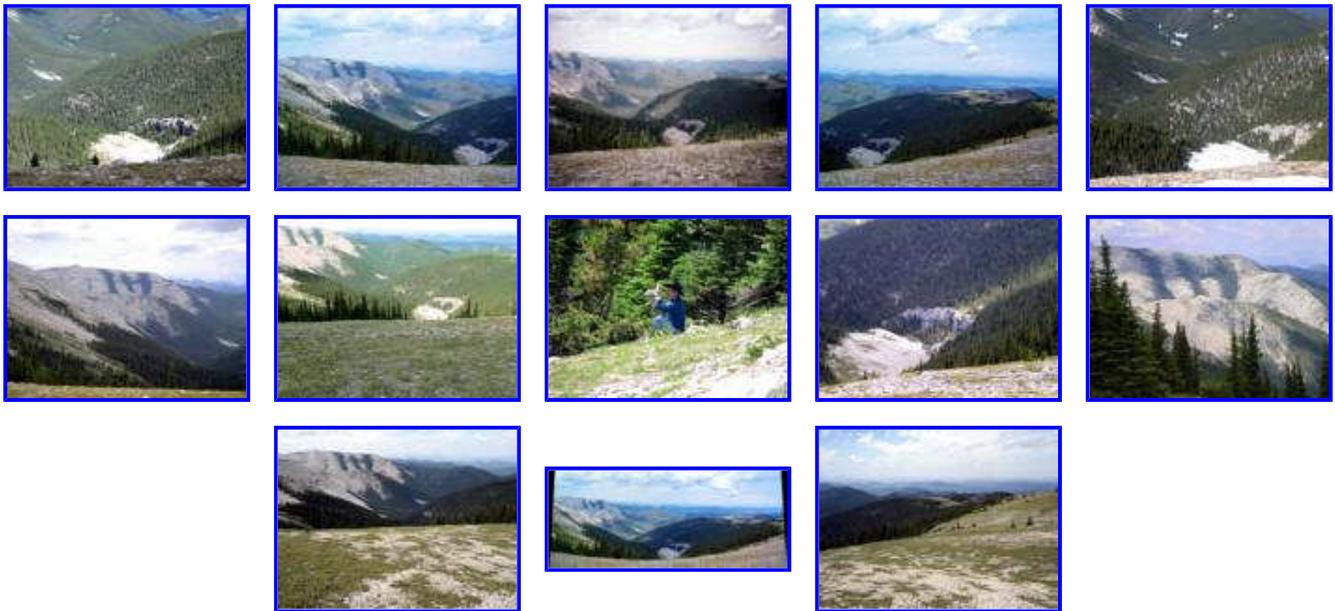
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Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 6 - First Light - 00 30 30



DVD capture



Contributed photo

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:

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 0.5 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.)

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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.

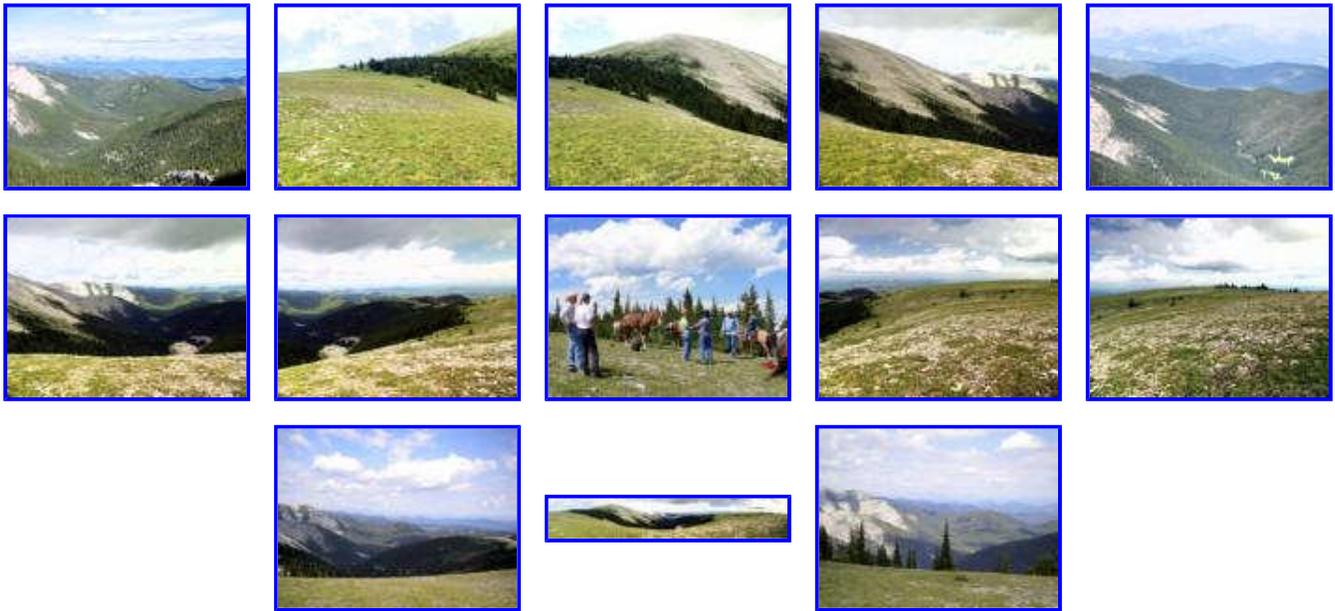
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Pictures of surrounding area:



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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:

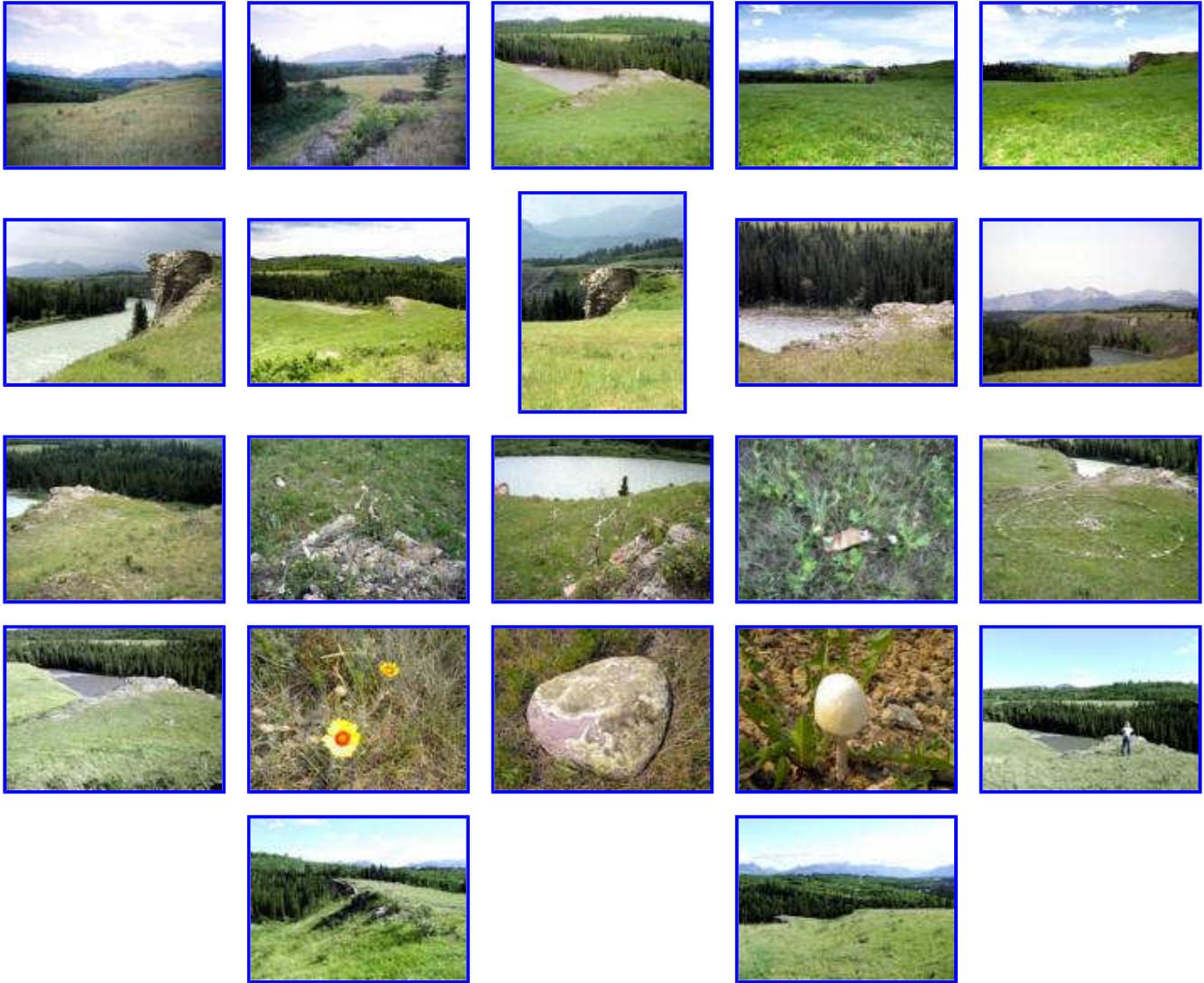
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPw5plmkd6Q> (Groupe Image Buzz Video)

Important:

Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property and Native reserve lands.

You may encounter horses roaming. Drive slowly and be prepared to stop. Do not leave valuables in parked cars.

Pictures of surrounding area:

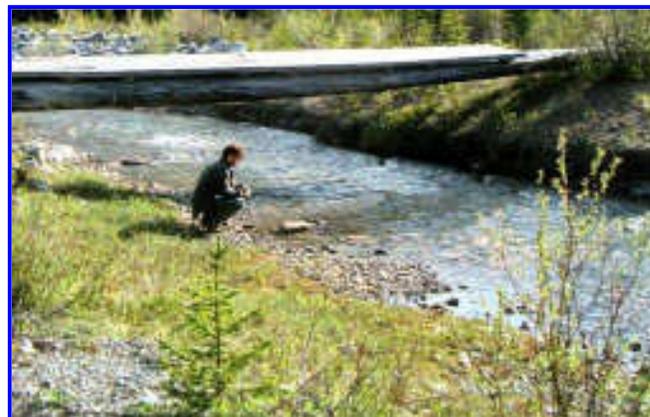


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DVD Time Code = 00 31 11

Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek

GPS: 51d 3m 35.52s -115d 25m 51.54s

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

Site Name: Pole Bridge

Travel Directions:

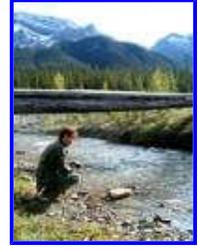
The Pole Bridge (Campsite #2) is at the northern end of Spray Valley Provincial Park, off Hwy 742, 7.3 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 2.1 km north of the Riding Ridge. The easiest way to access the site is to follow Hwy 742 and park at the Goat Creek Picnic Area. Walk 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:

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

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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

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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.

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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

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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](#)).

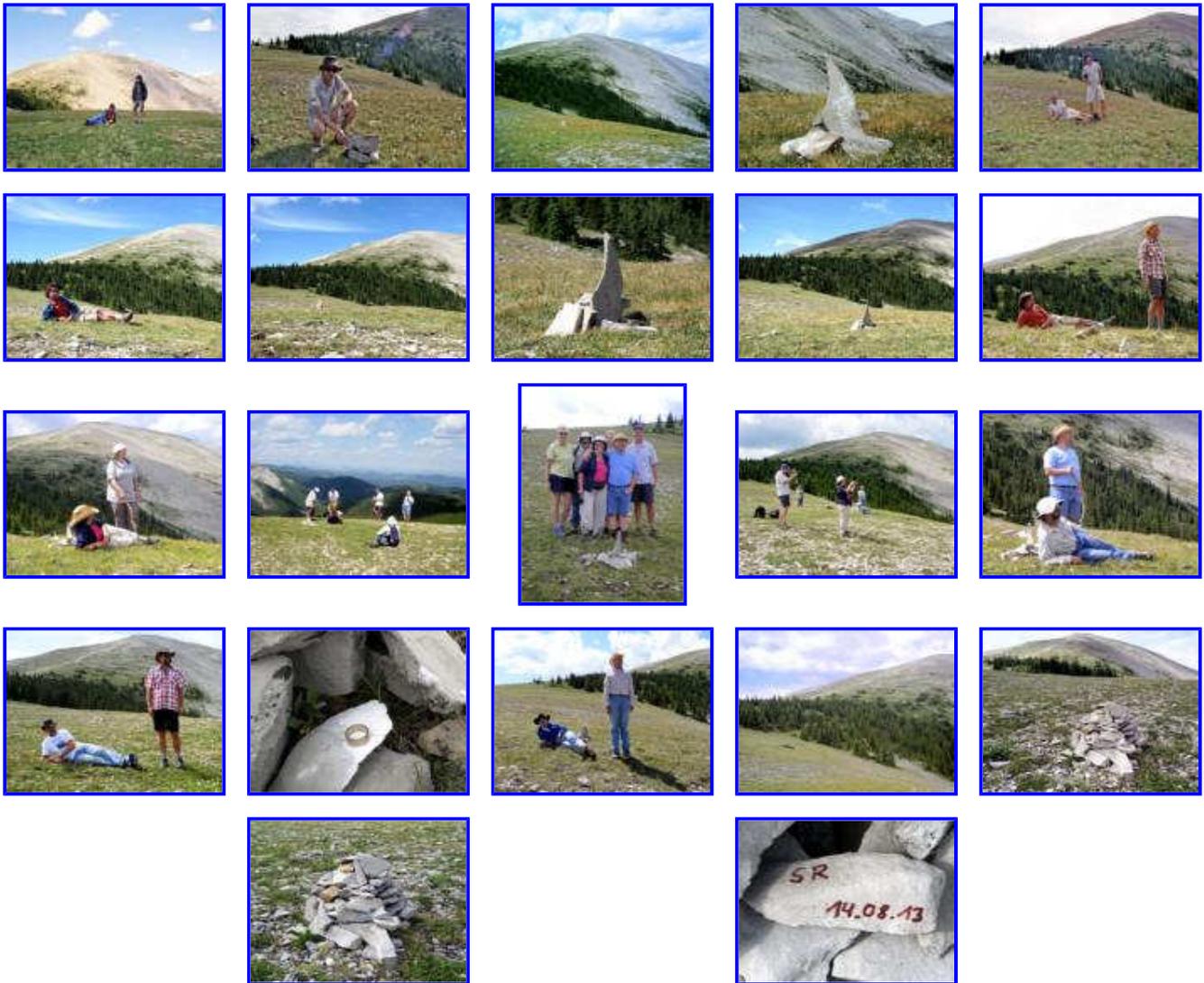
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