

Chapter 15 - Suspicious Minds - 01 29 35



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DVD Time Code = 01 29 35

Location: Hwy 742, Mount Smuts and The Fist

GPS: 50d 48m 42.18s -115d 19m 37.26s

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

Site Name: Three Mountains / The Fist

Travel Directions:

Three Mountains / The Fist is on Hwy 742, 39.5 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 3.0 km north of “Gonna Snow” Lake. The formations are to the right (west) behind the Smuts Creek (Jump Creek) crossing.

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:

The Fist forms the centerpiece of this breathtaking mountain group. Its neighbor to the left is Mount Smuts. These are among the most familiar formations in the Spray Range, which straddles the Alberta / British Columbia border. Mount Smuts is among the region’s most notoriously difficult climbs. Note the lovely creek (Smuts Creek) that flows under Hwy 742. See:

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

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

A much-celebrated statesman, lawyer, soldier, politician, philosopher, and scientist, Jan Smuts was a general in the Boer War, prime minister of South Africa, founder of the League of Nations, author of the Preamble of the United Nations charter, and president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. The following is extracted from a speech Smuts delivered on Table Mountain, Cape Town, South Africa, in 1923:

THE SPIRIT OF THE MOUNTAIN

The Mountain is not merely something externally sublime. It has a great historical and spiritual meaning for us. It stands for us as the ladder of life. Nay, more, it is the great ladder of the soul, and in a curious way the source of religion. From it came the Law, from it came the Gospel in the Sermon on the Mount. We may truly say that the highest religion is the Religion of the Mountain.

What is that religion? When we reach the mountain summits we leave behind us all the things that weigh heavily down below on our body and our spirit. We leave behind a feeling of weakness and depression; we feel a new freedom, a great exhilaration, an exaltation of the body no less than of the spirit. We feel a great joy.

The Religion of the Mountain is in reality the religion of joy, of the release of the soul from the things that weigh it down and fill it with a sense of weariness, sorrow and defeat. The religion of joy realizes the freedom of the soul, the soul's kinship to the great creative spirit, and its dominance over all the things of sense. As the body has escaped from the over-weight and depression of the sea, so the soul must be released from all sense of weariness, weakness and depression arising from the fret, worry and friction of our daily lives. We must feel that we are above it all, that the soul is essentially free, and in freedom realizes the joy of living.

We must fill our daily lives with the spirit of joy and delight. We must carry this spirit into our daily lives and tasks. We must perform our work not grudgingly and as a burden imposed upon, but in a spirit of cheerfulness, goodwill and delight in it. Not only on the mountain summits of life, not only on the heights of success and achievement, but down in the deep valleys of drudgery, of anxiety and defeat, we must cultivate the great spirit of joyous freedom and upliftment of the soul.

We must practice the Religion of the Mountain down in the valleys also.

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Location: Hwy 742, Smuts Creek

GPS: 50d 48m 42.18s -115d 19m 37.26s

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

Site Name: Jump Creek

Travel Directions:

Jump Creek (Smuts Creek) is on the west side of Hwy 742, 39.5 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 3.0 km north of “Gonna Snow” Lake, in front of Mount Smuts and The Fist.

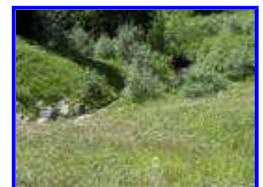
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Remarks:

This is one of the most artful pans of the film and its subject is entirely worthy. Lee fans our flaming emotions ruthlessly, positioning this welcome moment of serenity immediately after the tumultuous Thanksgiving scenes. Santaolalla’s “Riding Horses” completes our emotional transformation which, like everything up on Brokeback, is short lived. See:

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

Pictures of surrounding area:





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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 #2

Travel Directions:

The Riding Ridge is near the northern end of Spray Valley Provincial Park, off Hwy 742, 9.4 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 26.1 km north of Mule Hill (Rummel Creek). The site is to the west.

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Remarks:

Annie Proulx was quite specific in her story; Ennis and Jack never returned to *Brokeback*. [1] That experience, that memory, far more precious than any other, was too special for them to risk disturbing.

Perhaps by accident, or possibly by design, the filmmakers brought the men back some 12 years later to the *Brokeback* location where young Ennis had gone to meet the Basque and order soup. Their lives now, far more complicated, far less blissful.

[1] *Brokeback Mountain - Story to Screenplay* by Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana (Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4, page 17.

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Hwy 742, Spillway Lake

GPS: 50d 41m 54.78s -115d 8m 5.82s

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

Site Name: Riding Lake

Travel Directions:

The Riding Lake (Spillway Lake) is at the southern end of Peter Lougheed Provincial Park. It is on the west side of Hwy 742, 59.7 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, and 2.4 km north of the Kananaskis Lakes Road intersection.

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Remarks:

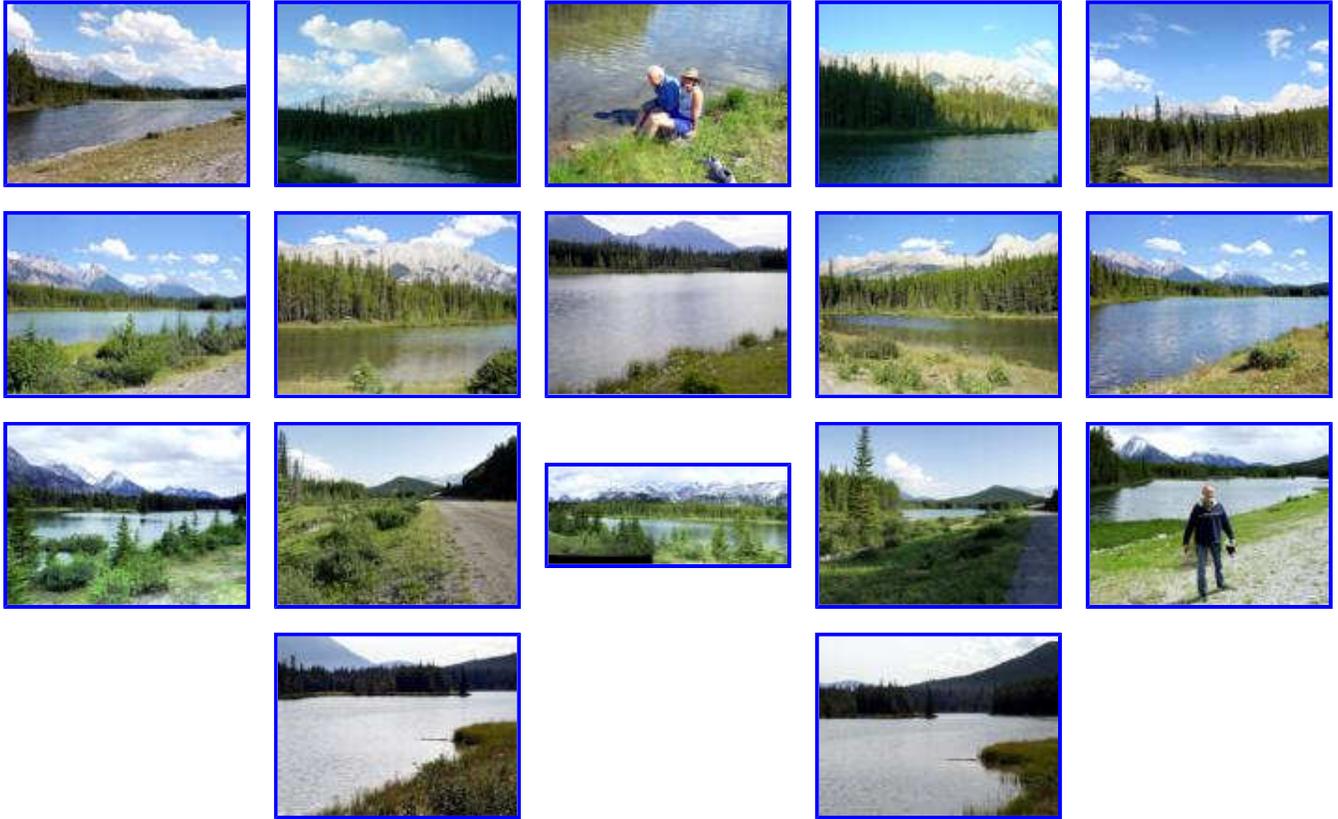
A serene setting for Ennis and Jack's peaceful horseback ride, this small lake is one of the Lower Kananaskis Lakes. See:

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

Just 0.2 km to the north you will find the Mountain Highway site (see Chapter 12, [01 09 19](#)).

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Location: Hwy 66, Elbow Falls Day Use Area

GPS: 50d 52m 1s -114d 47m 2s

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

Site Name: Riding in the River

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 161A “Bragg Creek Rd / Hwy 22.” Go south on Hwy 22 approximately 17.4 km to the 4-way stop in Bragg Creek. (Do not follow the “Bragg Creek West” sign.) Turn left at the 4-way stop (continue on Hwy 22) and go 3.4 km to the “T” intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 66. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 66 and go approximately 18.4 km to the Elbow Falls Day Use Area in Bragg Creek Provincial Park. As you enter the parking area, the site is to the immediate right in the most upstream portion of the Area. Take the paved path on the right just after the guard rail, pass the gate, and turn right onto the narrower path. Stay to the right and walk to the river past the small picnic areas. The site is on the opposite side of the river, across from the location where the “Sweet Life” scene was filmed, and just a little downstream. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see “Hike to ‘Sweet Life’ Riverside” in **Albums**. See also:

<http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/elbowriver.htm>

Remarks:

Serene and at perfect peace with nature, the men ride in the deep, rapidly flowing water of Alberta’s Elbow River. Unlike the other shots in the idyllic “post-Thanksgiving montage,” this one features the real things; doubles were not used in this scene.

The movie was filmed here in late June. Bear in mind that the Elbow is a dynamically changing river, one that is constantly re-sculpting its gravel shoals and banks throughout the year. The visibility of specific features (rocks, gravel bars, etc.) may depend greatly on the time of year that you are here. Trees and rock ledges may be your best indicators of the specific movie locations in this area.

Important:

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Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Hwy 66, Elbow Falls Day Use Area

GPS: 50d 52m 1.80s -114d 47m 1.98s

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

Site Name: "Maybe Texas" Riverside

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 161A "Bragg Creek Rd / Hwy 22." Go south on Hwy 22 approximately 17.4 km to the 4-way stop in Bragg Creek. (Do not follow the "Bragg Creek West" sign.) Turn left at the 4-way stop (continue on Hwy 22) and go 3.4 km to the "T" intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 66. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 66 and go approximately 18.4 km to the Elbow Falls Day Use Area in Bragg Creek Provincial Park. As you enter, the site is to the immediate right in the most upstream portion of the Area. Take the paved path on the right just after the guard rail, pass the gate, and turn right onto the narrower path. Stay to the right and walk to the river past the small picnic areas. The site is on the opposite side of the river, across from the location where the "Sweet Life" scene was filmed. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see "Hike to 'Sweet Life' Riverside" in **Albums**. See also:

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Remarks:

Jack had been rebuffed many times before they returned to this scenic spot (it is very close to the location of the "Sweet Life" scene). Nevertheless, when the opportunity presented itself, he gently suggested "Maybe Texas," but the answer was the same as it always was, and always would be.

While you are here, follow the path downriver to gorgeous Elbow Falls, one of Alberta's most scenic spots. It is a testament to the filmmakers' passion for the *Brokeback* story that for the dialog scenes they consistently resisted some of the most stunning scenery imaginable to keep the focus on the actors and their words.

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Quotation:

“You ever get the feelin’, I don’t know, uh, when you’re in town and someone looks at you, suspicious, like he knows?”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Hwy 66, Elbow Falls Day Use Area

GPS: 50d 52m 1s -114d 47m 4s

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

Site Name: "Maybe Texas" Riverside

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 161A "Bragg Creek Rd / Hwy 22." Go south on Hwy 22 approximately 17.4 km to the 4-way stop in Bragg Creek. (Do not follow the "Bragg Creek West" sign.) Turn left at the 4-way stop (continue on Hwy 22) and go 3.4 km to the "T" intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 66. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 66 and go approximately 18.4 km to the Elbow Falls Day Use Area in Bragg Creek Provincial Park. As you enter, the site is to the immediate right in the most upstream portion of the Area. Take the paved path on the right just after the guard rail, pass the gate, and turn right onto the narrower path. Stay to the right and walk to the river past the small picnic areas. The site is on the gravel bar in the middle of the river, just upstream from the location where the "Sweet Life" scene was filmed. For pictures taken during a hike to this location, see "Hike to 'Sweet Life' Riverside" in **Albums**. See also:

<http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/elbowriver.htm>

Remarks:

This uppermost (western) end of the Elbow Creek Day Use Area has been subject to violent, disfiguring flooding, making it a particularly suitable place for Ennis to reveal a bit of his paranoia.

Despite the fact that 14 years have passed since their *Brokeback* summer, neither man has learned to communicate honestly, intimately with the other. Though, as Alma had figured, they "didn't go up there to fish," they do sound much more like fishin' buddies than lovers.

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toward the bend in the river and look for a safe, shallow place to cross over. Always consult with wardens before attempting to cross the river. Wear protective footgear and use walking sticks.

Quotation:

“Well, maybe you oughta get out of there, you know? Find yourself someplace different. Maybe Texas.”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Hwy 66, Elbow Falls Day Use Area

GPS: 50d 52m 2s -114d 47m 3s

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

Site Name: "Maybe Texas" Riverside

Travel Directions:

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Remarks:

Some of the shots in this scene were taken from the opposite side of the Elbow River in the McLean Creek Off-Highway Vehicle Zone. This area was so mired in deep, viscous mud that we dared not attempt it, even in our 4WD vehicle, but those who know off-road vehicles and do not mind getting very, very dirty might enjoy this vantage point. See:

<http://www.braggcreek.ca/kananaskis/outdoor.htm>

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Quotation:

“Aw, go to hell, Ennis del Mar. You want to live your miserable fuckin’ life, go right ahead.”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Queen's Hotel, 207 24th Street

GPS: 49d 43m 32.46s -113d 24m 29.70s

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

Site Name: Cassie's Bar

Travel Directions:

Navigation in Fort Macleod is made interesting by the fact that most streets have at least two names. Nonetheless, the town is small enough so that you are never lost. The Queen's Hotel is on the northeast corner of Haultain Street (2nd Avenue) and Col. Macleod Boulevard (24th Street). See map of [Fort Macleod](#).

See also:

http://www.fortmacleod.com/images/uploads/visit_map.pdf

Remarks:

Of course Cassie found Ennis at the Queen's Hotel! This 1903 sandstone gem witnessed Fort Macleod's "glory years" in which the town briefly served as the commercial hub of SW Canada. Though time has taken its toll on the building, it remains one of Fort Macleod's preeminent historical structures.

Most of the Queen's action is in the first-floor bar. Locals will happily recall (or fabricate) *Brokeback* production stories here, especially if you are buying. More than one bar patron joked that he doubled for Heath Ledger in the sex scenes, though none appeared to be qualified for the job. See:

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

<http://www.fortmacleod.com/visiting/attractions/Main%20Street%20History.cfm>

Quotation:

"Well, earlier today I was castratin' calves."

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Queen's Hotel, 207 24th Street

GPS: 49d 43m 32.46s -113d 24m 29.70s

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

Site Name: Cassie's Bar

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Remarks:

Cassie Cartwright is the creation of Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana. Some would go so far as to say she is a distraction. Others have suggested that a shift in the character of the writing, the subtlety of the plot, and the level of character development is noticeable here.

How well do you know your *Brokeback* screenplay trivia? What is the name of Cassie's bar? Want another one? True or false: The directions call for Cassie to "shake the funk out of her ass"?

Quotation:

"Drunks like you demandin' beer after beer, smokin'. Gets tiresome."

Pictures of surrounding area:





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DVD Time Code = 01 32 49

Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Queen's Hotel, 207 24th Street

GPS: 49d 43m 32.46s -113d 24m 29.70s

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

Site Name: Cassie's Bar

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Remarks:

Why can Fort Macleod fairly claim to be "home" to *Brokeback Mountain*? Part of the answer lies in the town's history.

Fort Macleod, like many railroad towns in the western U.S., had a stormy relationship with the railroad. In 1912, following protracted disputes over rights-of-way and freight rates, the railroad moved operations, and approximately 200 jobs, to neighboring Lethbridge. Consequently, with the outbreak of World War I and extending into the 1920s, Fort Macleod experienced a severe depression. By 1924, the town was bankrupt. A bail-out loan by the Provincial government required that the town could not incur debt for any new capital expenditure for 50 years.

As a result of this effective prohibition on growth, virtually no new construction occurred in the town's Main Street district until the early 1970s. Downtown Fort Macleod retains its vintage flavor, a quality that appealed to the producers of *Brokeback*.

Quotation:

"Tryin' to get a foot rub, dummy!"

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Calgary, AB, Royal Canadian Legion #1, 116 7th Ave SE

GPS: 51d 2m 48.06s -114d 3m 42.18s

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

Site Name: Dance Hall (Interior)

Travel Directions:

Royal Canadian Legion #1, 116 7th Avenue SE, is between Centre St. and 1st Street SE. Pay parking is available in the alley behind the Legion building.

Remarks:

Though a long way from Childress, Texas, this Canadian military-veterans auditorium and dining hall made a stunning setting for Jack and Randall's high-voltage cruising. Bring your copy of the screenplay and have fun counting the entendre in this delicious confection of a scene.

The dining area is open for lunch (check for specials posted outside), but most of the door attendants will admit friendly visitors at other times.

Though recently threatened by the construction of yet another steel and glass office tower for Alberta's booming oil companies, this historically significant building appears to have fended off the wrecking ball, for now. See:

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

If you are in need of an Alberta map for your *Brokeback* trip, nearby [Mapworld](#) at 102 6th Avenue SW (403) 294-0393 is sure to have it. As you face the Legion Building, walk left (west) to Centre St., turn right (north) on Centre and walk to 6th Avenue. Mapworld is on the SW corner.

Calgary's Glenbow Museum (130 9th Avenue SE) falls far short of its potential to tell the story of western Canada's unique history but, for history buffs, is certainly worth a visit. See:

<http://www.glenbow.org/>

Important:

Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property.

Quotation:

“It’s funny isn’t it? Husbands don’t never seem to want to dance with their wives.”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Rockyford, AB, CIBC Bank, 201 Main Street

GPS: 51d 14m 1.86s -113d 8m 28.08s

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

Site Name: Dance Hall (Exterior)

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. The CIBC Bank stands at the corner of 1st Avenue and Main Street, diagonally across from the Riverton Post Office. See:

<http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/r05.htm>

Remarks:

What Randall and Jack started inside the dance hall (actually some 65 km away in downtown Calgary, AB) continued on the bench outside the CIBC Bank in Rockyford. Awnings, a red carpet, and a bench upgrade magnificently transformed this prairie farmers' bank into Childress' swankiest dance hall.

Of course, you are surrounded by *Brokeback* here. When you have finished admiring the "dance hall," check out the nearby rodeo grounds, JT's Bar, and the Riverton Post Office. See:

<http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/>

Quotation:

"I mean, why powder your nose just to go home and go to bed?"

Pictures of surrounding area:





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

Site Name: Dance Hall (Exterior)

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Remarks:

The Childress Dance Hall exterior scene was filmed in tiny Rockyford at 3 AM. We are told that the CIBC Bank doors needed to be replaced as part of the Dance Hall makeover. Difficulties with the stubborn door hardware made this an all-night process.

The real problems, though, are in the scene itself, which is steeped in *Brokeback* ambiguity. Jack asks why women powder their noses “just to go home and go to bed.” Is this Texas rancher small talk or is it a test? If it is a test, Jack’s approach has grown considerably more subtle since 1963, and Randall flunks. A moment later, a far less artful Randall says “fish some. Get away, you know?” and all hearts race. Is Jack open to his suggestion? Is he feeling intense pain? Or perhaps both?

Quotation:

“Drink a little whiskey, fish some. Get away, you know?”

Pictures of surrounding area:





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