

Chapter 7 - Bad News - 00 34 34



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DVD Time Code = 00 34 34

Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek

GPS: 51d 3m 35.76s -115d 25m 51.00s

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

Site Name: Aguirre's Visit

Travel Directions:

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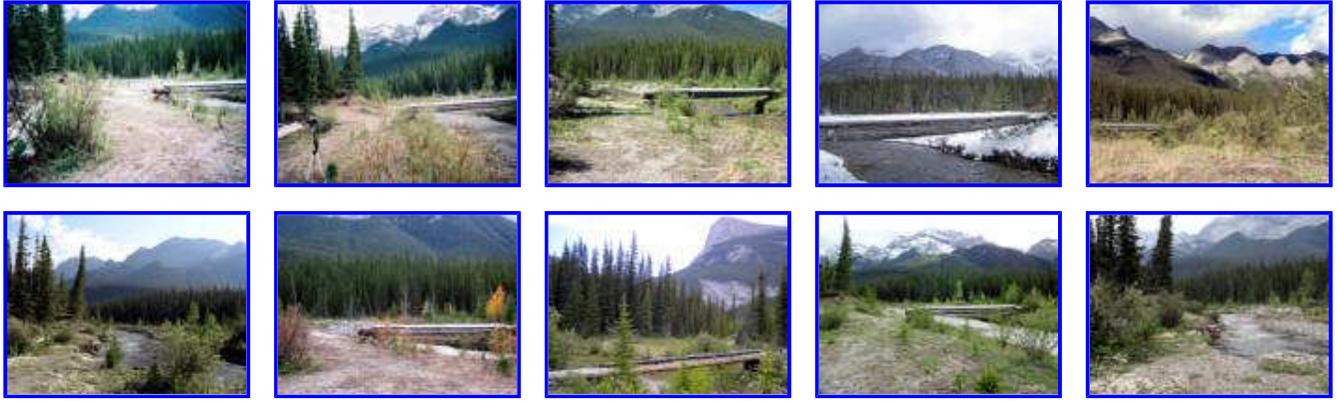
What did Aguirre see? Did he recall his own *Brokeback* summer? Perhaps he even relived a part of it before bringing the bad news to Jack. See:

<http://www.albertaparks.ca/spray-valley/information-facilities/day-use/goat-creek.aspx?id=st-day:8158>

Quotation:

"Not unless you can cure pneumonia."

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Remarks:

A sea of ink has been expended in analyzing Joe Aguirre's initial visit. Did he watch the boys with disgust or excitement? Perhaps this was not the first summer that things had turned out this way. Who knows, perhaps he was reminded of a *Brokeback* experience of his own?

Where the film is ambiguous, the story provides some clarification. "They believed themselves invisible, not knowing Joe Aguirre had watched them through his 10x42 binoculars for ten minutes one day, waiting until they'd buttoned up their jeans ..." [1]

Quotation:

"Bad news."

[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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DVD Time Code = 00 36 04

Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation

GPS: 51d 8m 25s -114d 59m 19s

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

Site Name: Chilean 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.

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Remarks:

Like the Basques, herders from Chile came a long way to the mountain west in order to find work as shepherds.

Important:

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Quotation:

“Well, what are we supposed to do now, huh?”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation

GPS: 51d 8m 24s -114d 59m 19s

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

Site Name: Sheep Tangle

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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Remarks:

The Sheep Tangle, set near the Bow River, illustrates the observation contained in the story that “In a disquieting way everything seemed mixed.” [1] (Never mind that 19-year-old Jack’s use of the unexpected adjective “Chilean” is rather disquieting in itself!)

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Quotation:

“Get on in there and untangle them Chilean sheep outta ours, I guess.”

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(Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4, page 8.

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation

GPS: 51d 8m 24s -114d 59m 19s

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

Site Name: Sheep Tangle

Travel Directions:

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Remarks:

Like most brilliant comedy, this clever scene, in which Jack “has his way” with the sheep, is rich in symbolism and foreshadowing. Naïve and natural, the sheep have tangled and graze in perfect peace. They don’t care about the brands that have been applied by the Joe Aguirres of the world to keep them apart.

Meanwhile, Jack finds it very difficult to force a timid, reluctant sheep to separate from the herd and defiantly expresses his exasperation with Aguirre / authority. Ennis fears the consequences of failing to please Aguirre and, not for the last time, urges obedience.

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Quotation:

“We gotta stick this out, Jack.”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation

GPS: 51d 8m 25s -114d 59m 18s

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

Site Name: Untangled Sheep Procession

Travel Directions:

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Remarks:

Those incredibly lovely Alberta skies! Among the region’s many unique contributions to the film are its stunning skylscapes. Alberta skies are celebrated in Canadian song and poetry, and are well known to motion picture and still photographers worldwide. Want to see more amazing Alberta skies? Check out:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/86953562@N00/sets/1169396/>

Though our Canadian friends might argue the point, such skies do not come along every day. The filmmakers experienced some unusually rainy weather while shooting the movie; in most cases the sky images were shot separately and added digitally. See:

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

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Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Hwy 1A, Stoney Native Reservation

GPS: 51d 8m 27s -114d 59m 19s

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

Site Name: Quiet Down

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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Remarks:

One of many examples of artful, low-key cowboy humor, the harmonica “joke” which began at Campsite #2, and which will eventually span four long years, continues here.

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Quotation:

“You’ll run them sheep off again if you don’t quiet down.”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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DVD capture



Photo courtesy "MarkC."

DVD Time Code = 00 37 13

Location: Hwy 40, Fortress Mountain Ski Resort

GPS: 50d 49m 25s -115d 12m 17s

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

Site Name: Pup Tent

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 40 south 41.4 km to Fortress Junction ("Gas Plus" station is on the left). Turn right and follow the ski resort access road westward, 8 km up the mountain to the main gate (closed in winter), then continue beyond the buildings to a service road. Site is near the water tank near the top of the ski slopes. Bear Creek (King Creek), is on Hwy 40, 8.4 km south of Fortress Junction.

At present, access to this site is very difficult pending the repair of an access road bridge. Unless you are able to get a ride from a ski resort employee this is a moderately strenuous hike which requires 4 to 5 hours to complete.

Remarks:

The filmmakers needed a "really big" mountain to find this much snow in the spring of 2004. The ski area adjacent to The Fortress fit this bill nicely.

The shot is a composite. Eyewitnesses report that the tent was photographed near the corner of the ski area parking lot.

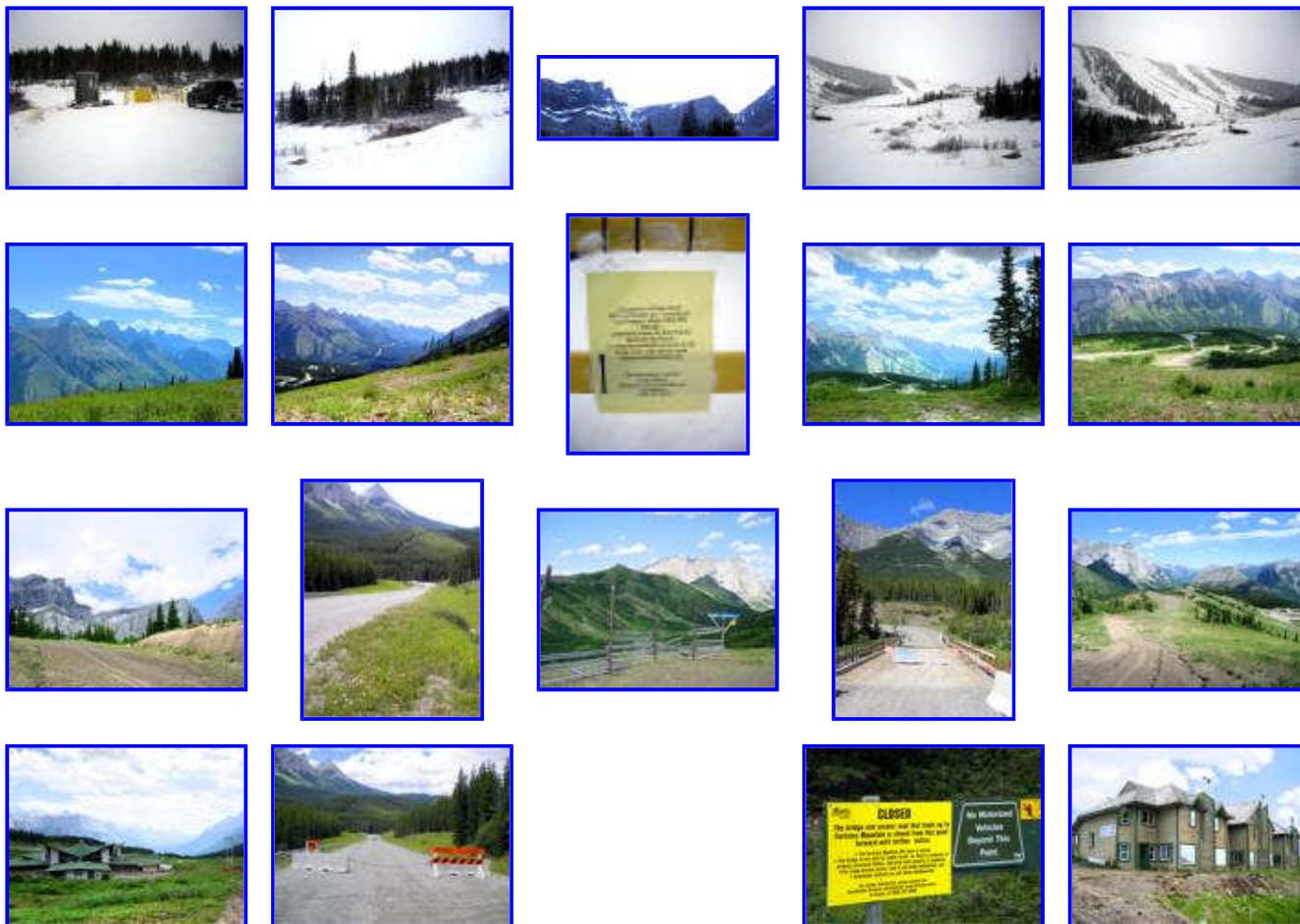
Unlike most peaks, Kananaskis' legendary Fortress does not carry the usual name "mountain." It is an awesome thing to behold. Mountain lovers will enjoy reading the fascinating description of The Fortress found at:

<http://www.peakfinder.com/peakfinder.ASP?PeakName=The+Fortress>

The views from this scene are of nearby Mts. Inflexible and James Walker, seen from the east. See:

http://www.skifortress.ca/index.php?optionfiltered=com_content&task=view&id=53&Itemid=80

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek

GPS: 51d 3m 34.80s -115d 25m 46.44s

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

Site Name: "Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside (Fight Hill)

Travel Directions:

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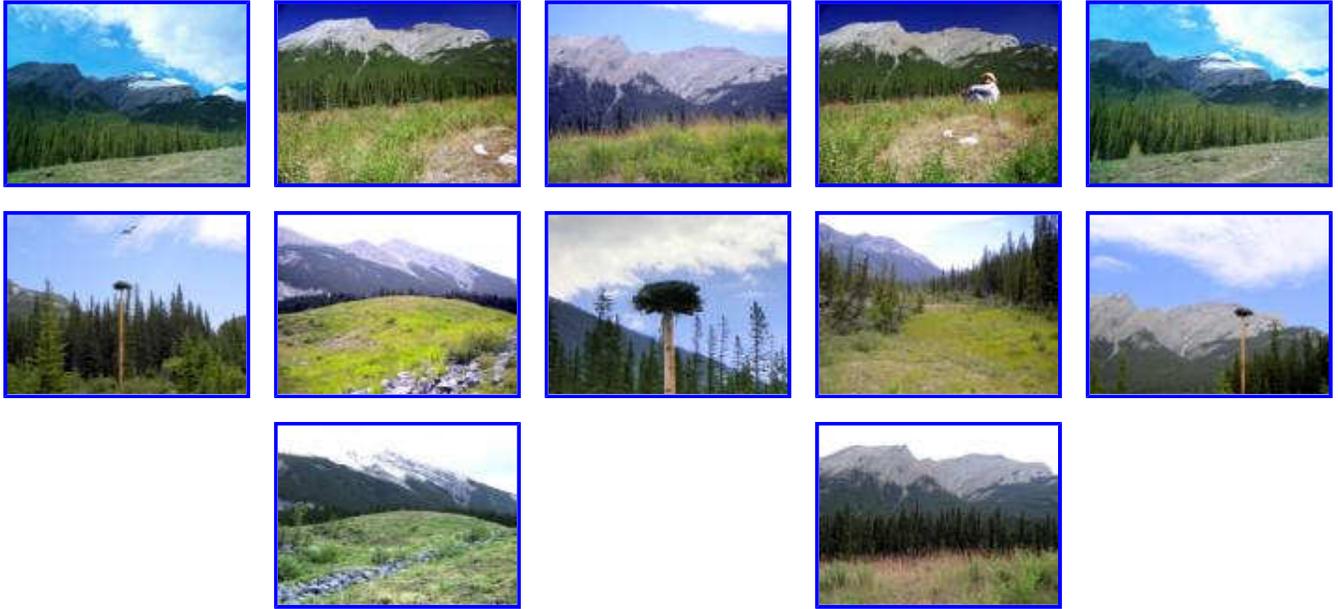
One of the great sights of Campsite #2 is the "Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside (Fight Hill). Ennis tried to sort out his future here but, despite the inspiring surroundings, could not break free of powerful forces that restrained him.

Feeling restrained? Try the same spot. Perhaps your luck will be better.

Quotation:

"Time to get goin', cowboy."

Pictures of surrounding area:



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DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 39 16

Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek

GPS: 51d 3m 34.80s -115d 25m 46.44s

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

Site Name: Fight Hill (“Get Goin’, Cowboy” Hillside)

Travel Directions:

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Remarks:

The grassy hillside stands against the majestic backdrop of Ha Ling Peak. See:

<http://www.peakfinder.com/peakfinder.ASP?PeakName=Ha+Ling+Peak>

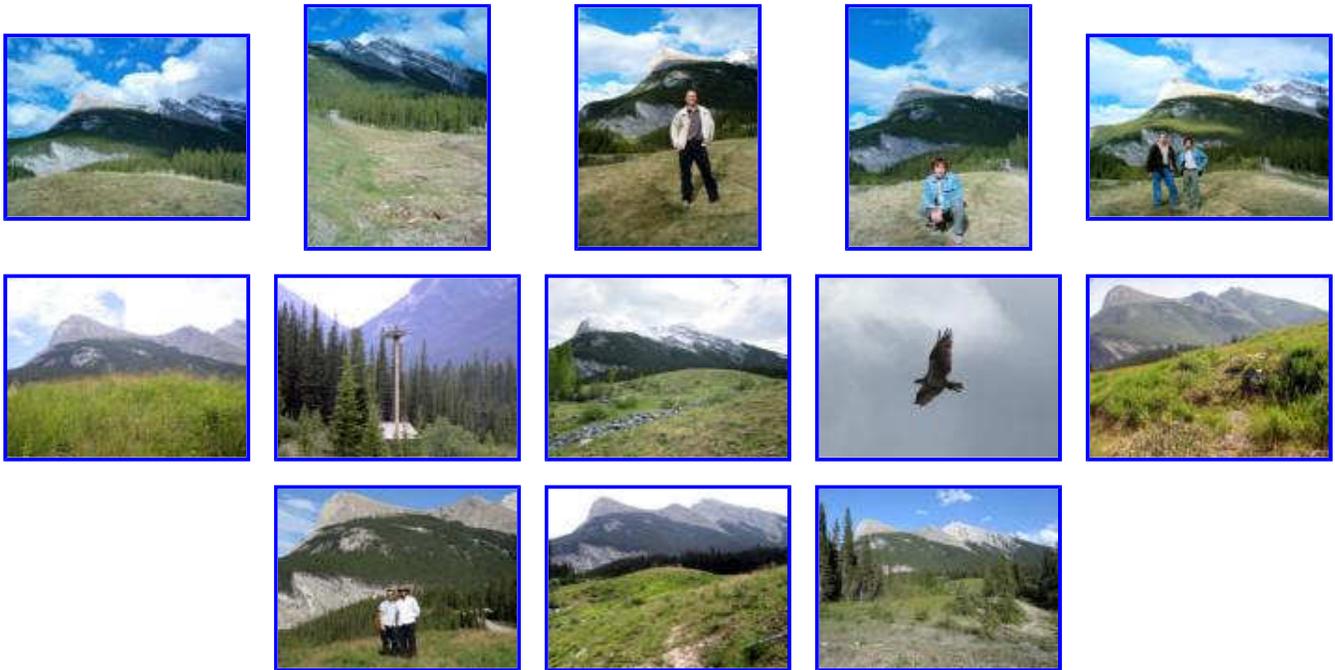
<http://www.albertaparks.ca/spray-valley/information-facilities/day-use/goat-creek.aspx?id=st-day:8158>

The memory of what happened on the knoll behind the tent lasted Jack for a lifetime. Ennis remembered it too. This hill is not a bad place to sit, ponder, and soak in the glorious Canadian Rocky Mountain scenery but, please, no fighting!

Quotation:

“This ain’t no rodeo, cowboy.”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 8 - Separate Ways - 00 42 27



DVD capture



Photo courtesy John (NZ).

DVD Time Code = 00 42 27

Location: Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue and Cameron Street

GPS: 49d 34m 12.9s -114d 4m 24.6s

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

Site Name: Goodbye

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. Cameron is the third street. The site is in front of the fire station. See also:

<http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/cowley/2000546.html>

Remarks:

Jack's iconic 1950 GMC truck spent the summer of '63 in front of the Cowley Fire Station. A display of vintage firefighting equipment now occupies the space, some of which is about the same age as Jack's truck.

Canadian philanthropist Rob Freeman, who has generously given of his time to help build this website, has purchased Jack's truck and meticulously restored it. He now uses it to promote charitable causes including HIV / AIDS and cancer research, and housing for special needs adults. For more information about Jack's truck and Rob's important work, see:

<http://www.thebrokebacktruck.ca>

Quotation:

"I can't believe I left my damn shirt up there."

Pictures of surrounding area:





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DVD capture



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DVD Time Code = 00 42 45

Location: Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue

GPS: 49d 34m 10.80s -114d 4m 22.44s

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

Site Name: Ennis's Alley

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. Alley is between the Village of Cowley building and Chinook-Spitzie Lodge No. 6.

Remarks:

You can feel as much of Ennis's pain as you allow in this austere passageway between the Village of Cowley building and a Masonic Lodge. A *Brokeback Mountain* production positioning mark remains on the concrete curb where pounding that wall was all Ennis could do. Pound it yourself. Does that feel better, now? We thought not. See:

<http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/cowley/2000546.html>

Quotation:

"What the fuck are you lookin' at?"

Pictures of surrounding area:





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DVD capture



Photo courtesy "JWK."

DVD Time Code = 00 43 42

Location: Dinton, AB, on Hwy 547, between Aldersyde and Mossleigh

GPS: 50d 43m 4.38s -113d 33m 36.96s

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

Site Name: Wedding Chapel

Travel Directions:

From Calgary, follow Hwy 2 south to Aldersyde, turn left at the PetroCanada station onto Hwy 547 toward Mossleigh. Dinton is unmarked, about 5.0 km beyond the Blackie turnoff at the corner of Hwy 547 (also known as 370 Ave., SE) and 304th Street. The Wedding Chapel (St. Thomas' Anglican Church) is on the right.

From Carseland, go south on Highway 24, turn west on Hwy 547, and drive 10.4 km. The Wedding Chapel is to the left (south).

Remarks:

Microscopic Dinton won't be on your roadmap, but it is easy to find. This tiny, simple wood church meets the story's requirements with an authenticity that Hollywood set carpenters could not match.

The del Mar wedding portrait (available in **Downloads**) was made on the northwest side of the church.

Larry Reese, a theatre instructor at Red Deer College (north of Calgary), fills the role of the jolly minister. The real minister at St. Thomas' Anglican Church is Rev. DiVenczo, who holds services here at 9 AM on the first and third Sundays of each month and can be contacted at (403) 652-2271.

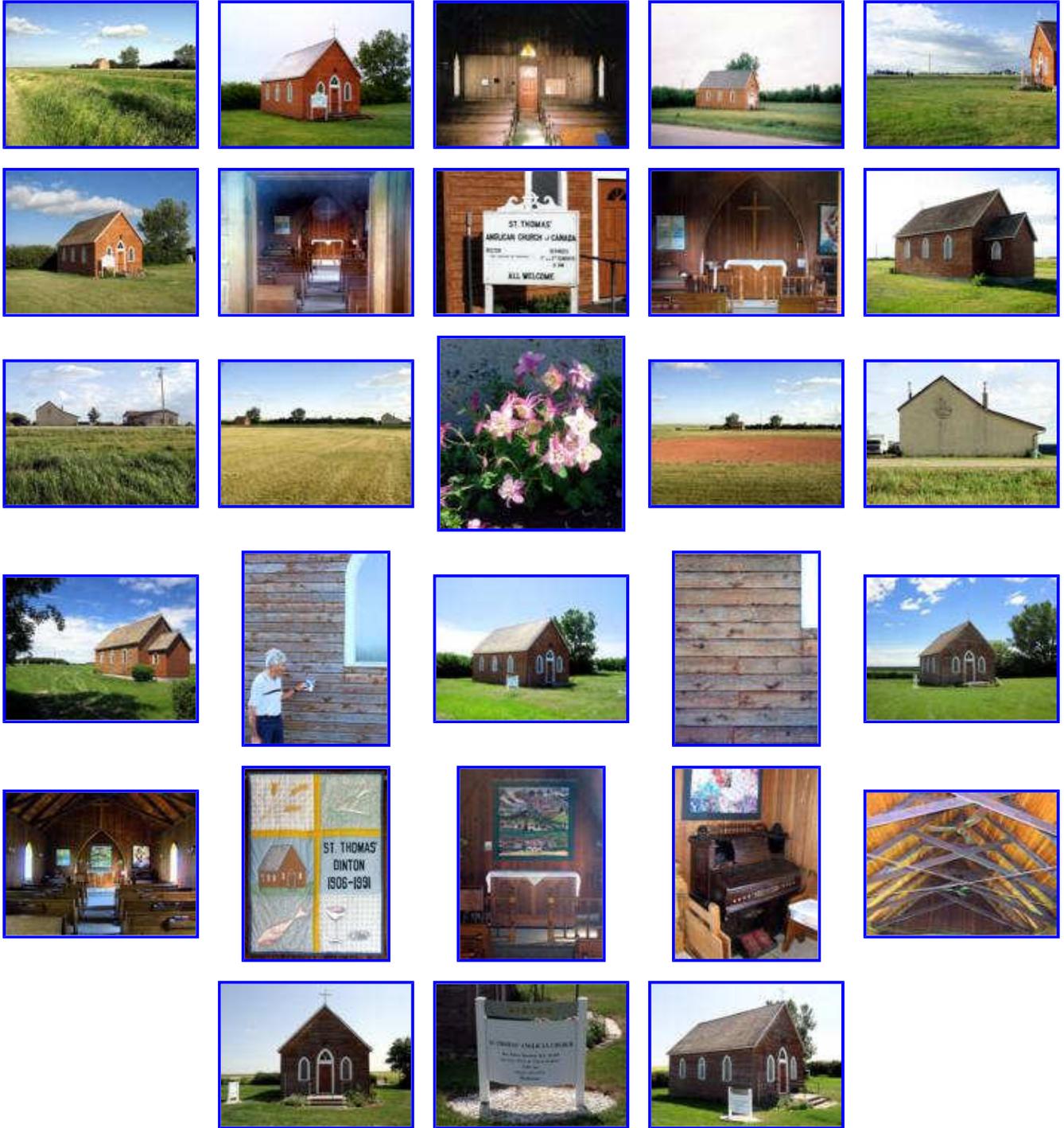
While in Dinton, be sure to see the Drive-In Theatre site. It is just across the road! See:

<http://www.calgary.anglican.ca/Parishes/DintonStThomas.html>

Quotation:

"And if you don't, I will."

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Range Road 264 and Township Road 280, west of Beiseker, AB

GPS: 51d 21m 28s -113d 36m 53s

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

Site Name: Paving Scene

Travel Directions:

From the intersection of Hwys 9 and 72 in Beiseker, go west 6.6 km on Hwy 72 to Range Road 264. Turn left (south) onto Range Road 264 (there is a sign for South Rock) and go 3.2 km to the intersection of Range Road 264 and Township Road 280. The site is on your right.

[Alternately, if traveling east on Hwy 72 you will come to the South Rock sign and Range Road 264 before reaching the town of Beiseker. Turn right (south) onto Range Road 264 and go 3.2 km to the intersection of Range Road 264 and Township Road 280. The site is on your right.]

Remarks:

It was here that newlywed Ennis shoveled hot asphalt and dreamed of even hotter times up on Brokeback Mountain. Despite considerable effort, the location of this scene eluded many accomplished site finders until resourceful Lauren Gurney finally found it in June 2007.

Quotation:

“I told her strong backs and weak minds runs in the family.”

Pictures of surrounding area:





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DVD capture



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DVD Time Code = 00 44 47

Location: Dinton, AB, opposite St. Thomas' Anglican Church on Hwy 547

GPS: 50d 43m 4.68s -113d 33m 37.14s

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

Site Name: Drive-In Theatre

Travel Directions:

From Calgary, follow Hwy 2 south to Aldersyde, turn left at the PetroCanada station onto 547 toward Mossleigh. Dinton is unmarked, about 5.0 km beyond the Blackie turnoff at the corner of Hwy 547 (also known as 370 Ave., SE) and 304th St. The ball field at the northwest corner of the intersection served as the drive-in theatre.

From Carseland, go south on Highway 24, turn west on Highway 547, and drive 10.4 km. The ball field is to the right (north).

Remarks:

Microscopic Dinton won't be on your roadmap but it is easy to find. The ball field, which became Ennis and Alma's drive-in theatre, is opposite St. Thomas' Anglican Church (the Wedding Chapel). The drive-in is something of an illusion. A computer-generated theater screen is imposed on the image of the Dinton baseball diamond. The deception is perfected by speaker stands obtained from a Calgary drive-in. A few of the speaker-stand post holes remain. Ennis's truck faced westward.

While in Dinton be sure to see the Wedding Chapel (St. Thomas' Anglican Church). It is just across the road!

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 45 05



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 45 05

Location: Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue and Cameron Street

GPS: 49d 34m 10.02s -114d 4m 20.16s

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. Cameron is the third street. The site is in front of the fire station. See also:

<http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/cowley/2000546.html>

Remarks:

It is in search of love that Jack, in a scene that portends his ultimate fate, unknowingly enters a hostile place and falls prey to Joe Aguirre's own "sucker punch."

Jack's reaction has been the subject of considerable debate. Does he respond by leaving Aguirre's trailer in humiliation? Or, as has also been suggested, does he depart with his head held high in an expression of "pre-Stonewall pride"?

Quotation:

"Well, look what the wind blew in."

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 46 38



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 46 38

Location: Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB

GPS: 49d 58m 39.06s -113d 44m 41.94s

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

Site Name: Lonesome Ranch

Travel Directions:

John and Kerry Hart farm, Hwy 520 and Range Road 283, 15.5 km west of Claresholm. From Claresholm, follow 43rd Avenue (also known as Hwy 520) west 15.5 km. (Beware: This road takes an abrupt and poorly marked curve at 7.2 km. Don't make the same mistake Ennis's parents did!) Turn left at Range Road 283 and go south 1.3 km. Turn left again and follow the driveway 0.6 km.

Remarks:

Alma was no Jack, but when the opportunity presented itself to persuade Ennis to move out of this dump, she did the best that she possibly could. Although Alma's marriage eventually fell apart, her clothesline and kitchen are still intact and visible at this site.

The cabin, where Ennis moved after his divorce, is located on the same property. On the way to or from the Hart farm, hungry pilgrims might want to check out Roy's Place "at the light" in Claresholm. Roy and Bob serve good food at reasonable prices.

Important:

Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property. Driveway may require four wheel drive / high-profile vehicle. Use caution.

Quotation:

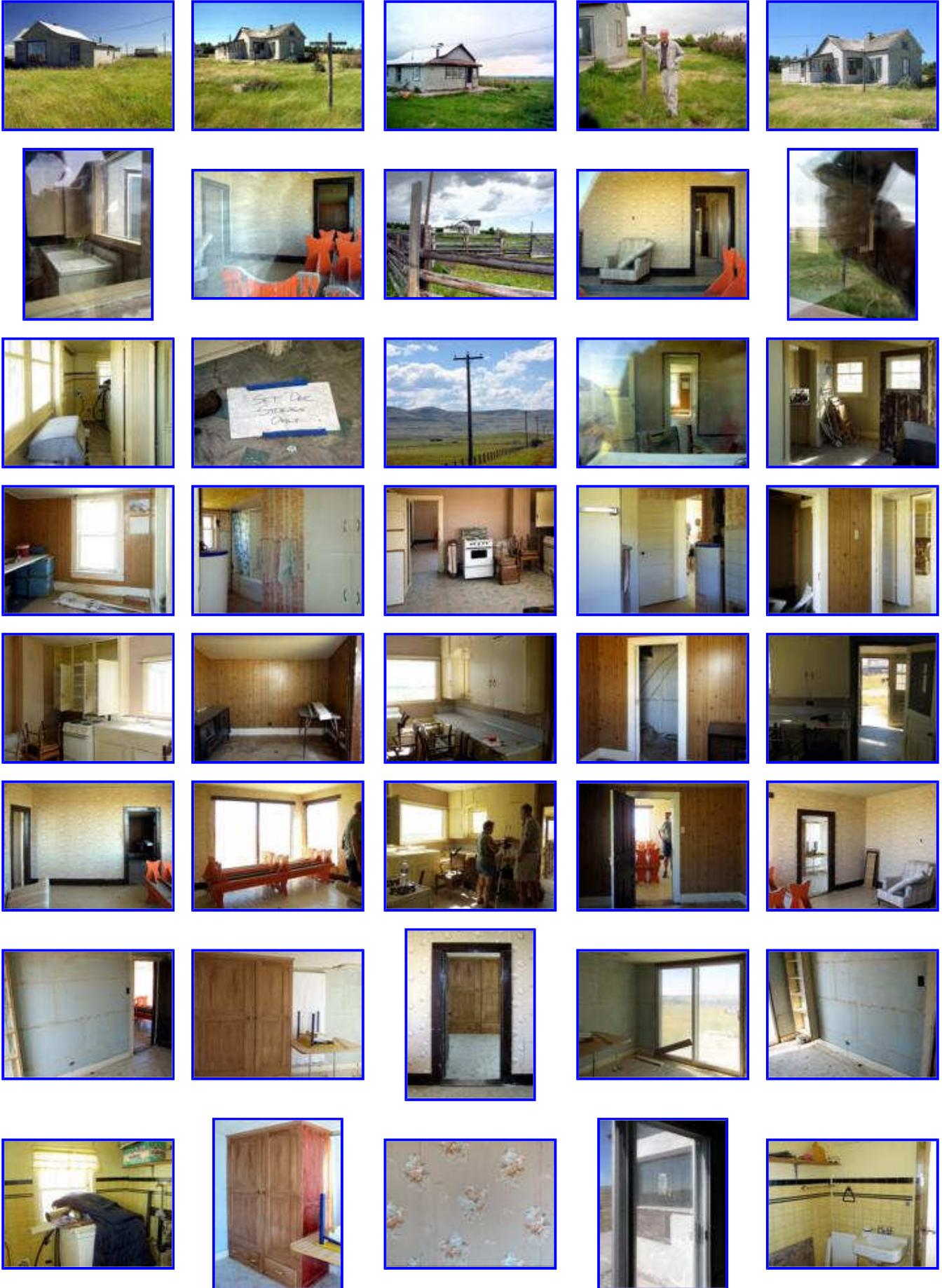
"Can't we move to town?"

Pictures of surrounding area:



[Floor Plan](#)







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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 46 47



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 46 47

Location: Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB

GPS: 49d 58m 39.06s -113d 44m 41.94s

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

Site Name: Lonesome Ranch

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Remarks:

The Lonesome Ranch has the characteristic grittiness of *Brokeback's* many flatland settings. Wallpaper and paint are peeling, furnishings are shabby, children cry, work is hard; in short, this place is about as experientially distant from Campsite #2 as one could possibly imagine.

Important:

Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property. Driveway may require four wheel drive / high-profile vehicle. Use caution.

Quotation:

"I'm tired of these lonesome old ranches."

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 46 54



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 46 54

Location: Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB

GPS: 49d 58m 39.06s -113d 44m 41.94s

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

Site Name: Lonesome Ranch

Travel Directions:

John and Kerry Hart farm, Hwy 520 and Range Road 283, 15.5 km west of Claresholm. From Claresholm, follow 43rd Avenue (also known as Hwy 520) west 15.5 km. (Beware: This road takes an abrupt and poorly marked curve at 7.2 km. Don't make the same mistake Ennis's parents did!) Turn left at Range Road 283 and go south 1.3 km. Turn left again and follow the driveway 0.6 km.

Remarks:

Alma has a small army of loyalist fans who see her as the blameless victim of Ennis and Jack's tragedy. Others argue that she was hardly innocent, citing her manipulative behavior, both here and at the Laundry Apartment.

Innocent or otherwise, like her first husband Alma was perfectly capable of throwing a sucker punch: "I'd have 'em if you'd support 'em" and "Jack Twist? Jack Nasty!"

Important:

Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property. Driveway may require four wheel drive / high-profile vehicle. Use caution.

Quotation:

"You don't want it to be so lonely, do you?"

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 50 24



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 50 24

Location: Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds

GPS: 51d 14m 9.36s -113d 8m 14.52s

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

Site Name: Electra Rodeo

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on Hwy 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of Hwy 263 and Range Road 233. From Main Street, Rockyford (where you will find three important *Brokeback* buildings), walk approximately two blocks northeast on 1st Avenue E to the rodeo grounds. See:

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

Remarks:

Jack almost starved rodeoin' in little towns such as Electra. The filmmakers used a wooden fence and different camera angles to disguise the fact that this is also the site of the Childress rodeo, where Jack's overtures were more warmly received.

Should you find yourself in Rockyford in late July, why not enjoy the rodeo yourself? For information, call (403) 533-3950. See also:

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

Quotation:

"Send in the clowns!"

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 50 45



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 50 45

Location: Calgary, AB, King Edward Hotel, 9th Avenue SW and Fourth Street SE

GPS: 51d 2m 39.90s -114d 3m 12.48s

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

Site Name: Electra Bar (Jimbo's Bar)

Travel Directions:

On 9th Avenue SW, at Fourth Street SE, between Macleod Trail and Fort Calgary Historic Park.

Remarks:

In spite of his charms, Jack could not score here with Jimbo (played by Calgary local Tom Carey). Similarly, the King Edward (King Eddie) has been unable to lure enough of its SE Calgary neighbors to remain solvent. Run down and contaminated by "toxic mold," this century-old hotel and blues bar was boarded up two weeks after *Brokeback Mountain* filming was completed in August 2004. The area is now slated for redevelopment. See:

<http://www.friendsofthekingeddy.com>

<http://www.canada.com/calgaryherald/news/story.html?id=4f351573-43f6-4e94-bbbc-43e73da94295>

[http://cantos.ca/sites/default/files/Final_Five_Announcement\(May_21.09\).pdf](http://cantos.ca/sites/default/files/Final_Five_Announcement(May_21.09).pdf)

If you walk three blocks along 9th Avenue to the east, you will find Fort Calgary (or a reconstruction thereof) and a museum / interpretive center. At this juncture of the Elbow and Bow rivers, Calgary had its humble beginnings as a North-West Mounted Police outpost in 1875. As did their predecessors, today's Mounties always seem to get their man. See:

http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20060521/rcmp_marriage_060521/20060521/

Important:

Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property.

Quotation:

"So save your money for your next entry fee, cowboy."

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 52 29



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 52 29

Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Westwinds Baseball Area

GPS: 49d 42m 35.46s -113d 25m 0.66s

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

Site Name: Fireworks Area

Travel Directions:

East on Chief Red Crow Blvd., turn right (south) on Archie Maclean (3rd) Avenue. Go 0.9 km on 3rd Avenue, crossing the rail tracks. Take the second right turn (west) at Alberta Hardware. Go 0.3 km and turn left (south) at Collar Tire. Go 0.8 km and turn right onto gravel driveway. See map of [Fort Macleod](#).

Remarks:

Some 200 citizens of Fort Macleod were invited to watch the shooting of the fireworks scene. Caroline Boschman, a reporter for *The Lethbridge [AB] Herald*, wrote an interesting first person account of this long night; it can be read [here](#). Later, a local minister learned the nature of the film and wrote an op-ed piece in the Fort Macleod newspaper, claiming that the town's citizens had been deceived; it can be read [here](#).

Early plans called for this scene to follow a shot of a Fourth of July parade down Fort Macleod's Main Street, but it was not to be. We are informed that some of the town's merchants were unwilling to cooperate with the filmmakers. This is moviespeak for "they wanted big money."

Late summer visitors to this area will note a profusion of tumbleweeds (also known as Russian thistle and wind witch), some the size of a soccer ball, others much larger. Wheat farmers from the Ukraine and the Volga River Valley immigrated to western Canada during the early part of the 20th century, bringing along their prime wheat seeds which were often sewn inside the hems of clothing for protection. A few Russian thistle seeds got mixed in with the good stuff and, despite intensive efforts to eradicate the invasive plant, it is now very much at home throughout southern Alberta.

Even if you have never seen a tumbleweed, you probably recognize the song "Tumbling Tumbleweeds," a staple of cowboy music since the 1930s.

<http://www.cowboylrics.com/lyrics/sons-of-the-pioneers/tumbling-tumbleweeds-13413.html>

Quotation:

"Shouldn't we move a little closer?"

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 53 02



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 53 02

Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Westwinds Baseball Area

GPS: 49d 42m 35.46s -113d 25m 0.66s

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

Site Name: Fireworks Area

Travel Directions:

East on Chief Red Crow Blvd., turn right (south) on Archie Maclean (3rd) Avenue. Go 0.9 km on 3rd Avenue, crossing the rail tracks. Take the second right turn (west) at Alberta Hardware. Go 0.3 km and turn left (south) at Collar Tire. Go 0.8 km and turn right onto gravel driveway. See map of [Fort Macleod](#).

Remarks:

It takes more than a bit of searching to find this community baseball diamond located near an old airstrip south of Fort Macleod, but those who were energized by Ennis's manly silhouette against a backdrop of patriotic fireworks, or moved by Alma's reaction to her husband's fury, will want to visit this place as part of their Fort Macleod pilgrimage. See:

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

Quotation:

"Wanna swallow 'bout half your fuckin' teeth?"

Pictures of surrounding area:



Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 53 30



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 53 30

Location: Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds

GPS: 51d 14m 9.36s -113d 8m 14.52s

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

Site Name: Childress Rodeo

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. From Main Street, Rockyford (where you will find three *Brokeback* buildings), walk approximately two blocks northeast on 1st Avenue E to the rodeo grounds. See:

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

Remarks:

Though Jack had better luck at the Childress rodeo than the one at Electra, both were filmed here in Rockyford. You can see exactly where Jack retrieved that fateful red hat, and stand in the holding cage where he mounted Sleepy. (Watch out for the very real bull shit at your feet!) See also:

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

Quotation:

“Oh boy, look at her fly.”

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 53 36



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 53 36

Location: Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds

GPS: 51d 14m 9.36s -113d 8m 14.52s

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

Site Name: Childress Rodeo

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. From Main Street, Rockyford (where you will find three *Brokeback* buildings), walk approximately two blocks northeast on 1st Avenue E to the rodeo grounds. See:

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

Remarks:

Bruising from criticism by a Fort Macleod preacher over the fireworks scene, the producers decided to use a different public relations approach here in Rockyford. They told anyone who asked that the film contained “undertones which might be offensive to some.” They then teamed up with the Rockyford Lions Club and turned the rodeo shoot into a fundraiser, which netted \$6,000 CDN.

Most of Rockyford’s 318 citizens were there for a very long day that spilled into the evening and then into the next day. Over and over, as the production crew established different camera angles and perspectives, the local extras rose to the challenges of their assignments, which included mime conversations among themselves, waving, and cheering at stunt doubles.

Quotation:

“It’s Lureen Newsome, from right here in Childress, Texas.”

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 53 40



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 53 40

Location: Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds

GPS: 51d 14m 9.36s -113d 8m 14.52s

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

Site Name: Childress Rodeo

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. From Main Street, Rockyford (where you will find three *Brokeback* buildings), walk approximately two blocks northeast on 1st Avenue E to the rodeo grounds. See:

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

Remarks:

Barrel racing is a popular rodeo sport. Three barrels are set up in a triangular pattern. Riders then enter the arena at full speed, quickly rounding each barrel in a cloverleaf pattern before exiting where they entered. The fastest rider wins, so riders steer their horses as close as they can to the barrels, trying to shave precious seconds off their time. Knocking a barrel over results in a five second penalty. Leaving all the barrels upright and ripping through the course is the object of the sport.

Anne Hathaway said she learned a lot about barrel racing and that she enjoyed preparing for this portion of her diverse *Brokeback* role. But when it came time for the cameras to roll at Rockyford, it was veteran barrel racer Skyler Mantler in the saddle. The next contestant, “Chyanne Hodgson from Cody, Wyoming” is actually a native of Dorothy (the tiny hamlet where *Ennis’s Flashback* was filmed). Chyanne has now become something of a barrel racing poster girl and has continued to work in movies as a stunt performer and transportation captain.

Quotation:

“Let’s give her a big hand.”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 53 47



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 53 47

Location: Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds

GPS: 51d 14m 9.36s -113d 8m 14.52s

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

Site Name: Childress Rodeo

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. From Main Street, Rockyford (where you will find three *Brokeback* buildings), walk approximately two blocks northeast on 1st Avenue E to the rodeo grounds. See:

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

Remarks:

Climb the very narrow set of metal stairs. Welcome to the rodeo announcer's box! This is a great spot to look over the barrel racing and bull riding venues, the spectator stands, and the dropped-hat site. Even Jack and Lureen's parking spot can be viewed from this elevated perch.

In case you did not know, there is quite an art to rodeo announcing. Some rodeo announcers are themselves celebrities. If you doubt it, take a look at <http://www.rodeoannouncer.com>

Brokeback's rodeo announcer was Duval Lang. Lang was already versed in Larry McMurtry's work, having played a small role in the television miniseries *Lonesome Dove*.

Quotation:

"And the time is 16 and 9."

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 55 11



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 55 11

Location: Calgary, AB, Ranchman's, 9615 Macleod Trail South

GPS: 50d 58m 15.54s -114d 4m 19.62s

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

Site Name: Childress Bar

Travel Directions:

Ranchman's is located at 9615 Macleod Trail on the west side of the road, south of downtown Calgary.

Remarks:

This is the authentic watering hole for Calgary's very real rodeo cowboys. Enjoy a meal or a drink in this temple of testosterone. As you nurse your beer, and perhaps a fantasy or two, don't forget to look above you to see an incomparable collection of well-worn prize rodeo saddles.

Jack did his financial research, and Lureen sounded her matin' call, in the left rear bar area of Ranchman's.

Special kudos to affable owner Harris Dvorkin, and marketing executive Wendy Daniel, who agreed to make Ranchman's available for a "gay cowboy movie." See:

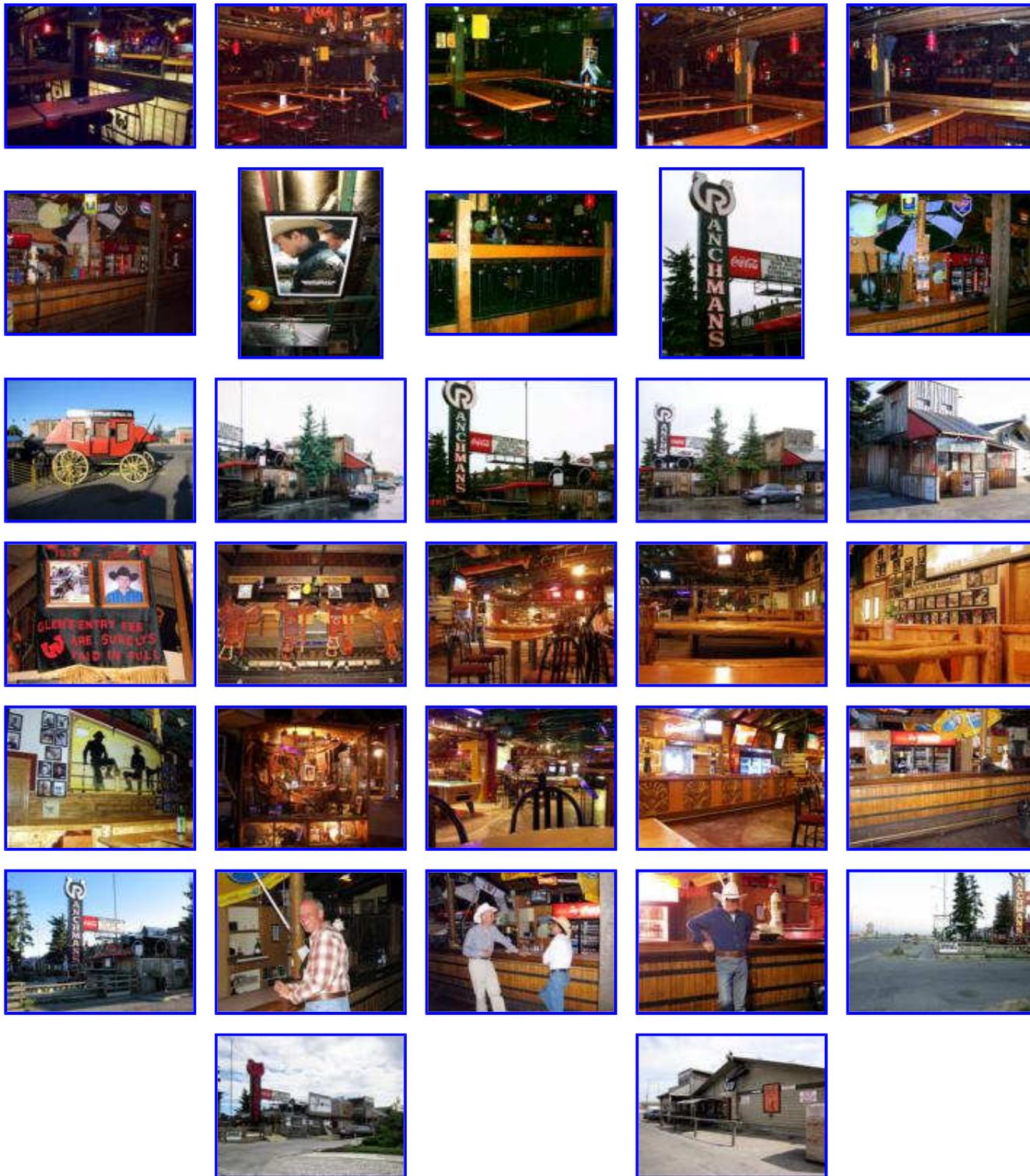
<http://www.ranchmans.com/>

Our fellow site searcher and director of Calgary's noted GLTBQ theatre company Teatro Berdache, Steve Gin, worked as an extra in this scene and later in the Electra Bar scene at the King Eddie. Steve tells us that after lagging behind the others in wardrobe and, quite naturally, makeup, he had to rush to set for filming. Passing a "cute guy" he assumed to be a production assistant, Steve asked for directions. "Cute guy" kindly pointed the way. Minutes later on set, it became apparent to Steve that the helpful fellow had been none other than Jake Gyllenhaal. During a break in filming, Jake turned to Steve and started a conversation, saying "Glad to see you got here all right!"

Quotation:

"What are you waitin' for cowboy, a matin' call?"

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 56 57



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 56 57

Location: Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds

GPS: 51d 14m 6.72s -113d 8m 14.22s

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

Site Name: Jack and Lureen's Parking Spot

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of 263 and Range Road 233. From Main Street, Rockyford (where you will find three *Brokeback* buildings), walk approximately two blocks northeast on 1st Avenue E to the rodeo grounds. Pass the long beige metal building and turn right. The site is 150' ahead to the right. See:

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

Remarks:

Hours after the Childress rodeo was over, Lureen did some impressive bull riding in L.D.'s T-Bird. Like Ennis's dad, she proved to be a fine roper.

Quotation:

"You don't think I'm too fast do you?"

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 58 07



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 58 07

Location: Crossfield, AB, Railway Street at Nanton Avenue

GPS: 51d 25m 38.22s -114d 1m 41.46s

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

Site Name: Grocery (Exterior)

Travel Directions:

On Hwy 2, north from Calgary, take the Crossfield exit, which leads to Highway 2A. Turn left onto Laut Avenue at the Crossfield Country Inn and then right onto Railway Street. The site is at the corner of Nanton and Railway Streets. See:

<http://www.crossfieldalberta.com/aboutus.php#tourism>

Remarks:

Empty now, Monroe's Riverton Grocery Store still bears its authentic "Choice Meats / Fresh Produce" signage. Crossfield is an otherwise unremarkable setting for the contrasting images of masculinity offered by Ennis and Monroe.

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 10 - Roped In - 00 58 20



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 00 58 20

Location: Crossfield, AB, Railway Street at Nanton Avenue

GPS: 51d 25m 38.22s -114d 1m 41.46s

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

Site Name: Grocery (Interior)

Travel Directions:

On Hwy 2, north from Calgary, take the Crossfield exit, which leads to Highway 2A. Turn left onto Laut Avenue at the Crossfield Country Inn and then right onto Railway Street. The site is at the corner of Nanton and Railway Streets. See:

<http://www.crossfieldalberta.com/aboutus.php#tourism>

Remarks:

The store is now empty, although the shelf footings and some fixtures remain. Interested in being Monroe's successor? Local real estate agent Don Jackett, (403) 946-5657, wants to talk with you. Beware. The place, like so many *Brokeback* shooting venues, needs lots of work!

Quotation:

"She's in the condiments aisle." "The what?" "Ketchup."

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 11 - Drop Me a Line - 01 00 23



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 00 23

Location: Fort Macleod, AB, 3rd Avenue at 25th Street

GPS: 49d 43m 34.9s -113d 24m 19.8s

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

Site Name: ELKS Lodge

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 Elks Lodge, now the “Fort Macleod and District Community Hall,” is on the NE corner of Archie Maclean (3rd) Avenue and Jerry Potts Boulevard (25th Street). If you find the Laundry Apartment first, face it and turn left. See map of [Fort Macleod](#).

See also:

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

Remarks:

The building no longer has its distinctive brown cornice and the ELKS sign is gone, but it is unmistakable.

Fort Macleod’s savvy Economic Development Commission, and its helpful chief executive Gordon MacIvor, went all out to make this town attractive to the BBM production team. Was it worth their trouble? Apparently so. On the morning we were there, a busload of tourists from Japan were busy snapping photos of the former Elks Lodge and the nearby stairs. See:

<http://www.fortmacleod.com>

Besides its connection to *Brokeback Mountain*, Fort Macleod is notable for being the birthplace of Joni Mitchell. See:

<http://www.jonimitchell.com>

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 11 - Drop Me a Line - 01 00 28



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 00 28

Location: Fort Macleod, AB, 3rd Avenue near 25th Street

GPS: 49d 43m 33.24s -113d 24m 20.82s

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

Site Name: Laundry Apartment

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 Laundry Apartment, which is also the site of The Source (Photo Plus), is on the SE corner of Archie Maclean (3rd) Avenue and Jerry Potts Boulevard (25th Street). If you find the Elks Lodge first, face it and turn right. See map of [Fort Macleod](#).

See also:

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

Remarks:

A *Brokeback* icon, the Laundry Apartment now proudly bears a “2004 *Brokeback* Filming Location” plaque. The “Entrance in Front” sign, which Ennis so routinely ignored, covers an inconvenient window.

Oh, the laundry? The steam vent, the steam, and the hot water heater were all props; the business downstairs is an electronics and photo store. Friendly Harley Brown, who, with his wife Cindy, owns the building and runs the business, enjoys recalling the summer of 2004 when his property was “*Brokeback* Central.”

Important:

Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property.

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 11 - Drop Me a Line - 01 01 00



DVD capture



Contributed photo *

DVD Time Code = 01 01 00

Location: Fort Macleod, AB, 3rd Avenue near 25th Street

GPS: 49d 43m 33.24s -113d 24m 20.82s

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

Site Name: Laundry Apartment Kitchen

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 Laundry Apartment, which is also the site of The Source (Photo Plus), is on the SE corner of Archie Maclean (3rd) Avenue and Jerry Potts Boulevard (25th Street). If you find the Elks Lodge first, face it and turn right. See map of [Fort Macleod](#).

See also:

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

Remarks:

Those who embrace Alma's symbolic connection to water are well versed in the "three sinks": The Lonesome Ranch (anticipation), the Laundry Apartment (deception), and Monroe's House (retribution).

Darryl Solly, the film's locations manager, tells us that they spotted the Laundry Apartment early on in their search for filming locations. Its tenant was skeptical of the entire proposal to make her austere apartment center stage for some of the most important scenes of a major motion picture.

"Everything she asked for, she got. She was taken care of," says Solly, artfully avoiding mention of dollar amounts.

Important:

Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property.

Quotation:

"You know somebody name a Jack?"

Picture of surrounding area:



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Chapter 11 - Drop Me a Line - 01 01 34



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 01 34

Location: Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue

GPS: 51d 14m 0.78s -113d 8m 28.32s

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

Site Name: Post Office

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 Riverton Post Office building is on Main Street at 1st Avenue. See:

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

Remarks:

It was here, on simple postcards, that Ennis wrote "You bet" and later read the word "DECEASED." Though the neighboring brick structure has been demolished, the Riverton Post Office stands and reminds us of the power small words have to change lives.

Look over your shoulder and see JT's Bar, and to the left of it, the exterior of the Childress Dance Hall. And by all means, don't leave town without seeing the site that was both the Electra and Childress Rodeo Grounds. It is two blocks away, near "Lureen and Jack's Parking Spot."

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 11 - Drop Me a Line - 01 01 52



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 01 52

Location: Rockyford, AB, Main Street at 1st Avenue

GPS: 51d 14m 0.48s -113d 8m 24.18s

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

Site Name: JT's Bar

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. JT's Bar, now "The Pub on Main" (previously Dun Rovens Pub) is on Main Street at 1st Avenue, opposite the Riverton Post Office building. See:

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

Remarks:

It was once a mute witness to motion picture history in the making. Today, the owners of the edifice known around the world as "JT's Bar" sell prepared sandwiches, beer, and sodas under the far less recognizable name, "The Pub on Main." Its owners are plainly in need of customers who, like its former namesake did, "drink a lot."

Look next door and see the exterior of the Childress Dance Hall. The street to your left leads to the Electra and Childress Rodeo grounds, approximately two blocks away.

Important:

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Pictures of surrounding area:



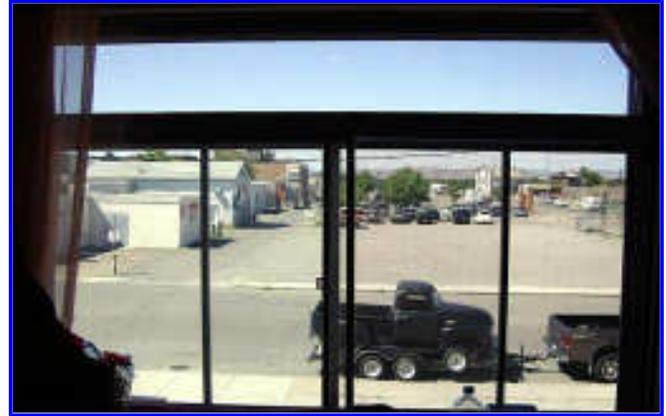


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Chapter 11 - Drop Me a Line - 01 02 07



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 02 07

Location: Fort Macleod, AB, 3rd Avenue near 25th Street

GPS: 49d 43m 33.24s -113d 24m 20.82s

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

Site Name: Apartment View

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 Laundry Apartment, which is also the site of The Source (Photo Plus), is on the SE corner of Archie Maclean (3rd) Avenue and Jerry Potts Boulevard (25th Street). If you find the Elks Lodge first, face it and turn right. See map of [Fort Macleod](#).

See also:

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

Remarks:

The empty lot in front of the Laundry Apartment looks even emptier without Jack's red truck. Residents of the building begrudgingly tolerate the hoards that march up their steps to see what Alma saw. Please be respectful of their privacy. A poster in the parking area incorporates some photos of the 2004 filming activity. A complete set of these great pictures can be found in **Albums**; look for Harley Brown Laundry Apartment Pre-Production Photos.

To the right is a reconstruction of the 1874 North-West Mounted Police fort that is the town's namesake. To the left is a well-maintained historic downtown, its crown jewel being one of western Canada's oldest vaudeville houses, The Empress Theatre. For more information, see:

<http://www.empresstheatre.ab.ca>

Still operational and lovingly restored, The Empress has recently hosted the likes of Buffy Sainte Marie and Judy Collins. In January 2006 it screened *Brokeback Mountain* in a premiere gala that had townspeople lined up around the block to get in (even with tickets a whopping \$15). The enthusiastic turnout was all the more interesting considering that the area's provincial and federal politicians have consistently voted against all forms of gay and lesbian equality. See:

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

Finally, approximately 18 km northwest from Fort Macleod is the UN Heritage Site “Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump.” See:

<http://www.head-smashed-in.com/>

This is the remarkable location where, for more than 5,000 years (!), aboriginal peoples chased buffalo off of a cliff and developed sophisticated systems of harvesting their meat, hides, and bones.

Important:

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Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 11 - Drop Me a Line - 01 03 42



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 03 42

Location: Fort Macleod, AB, 3rd Avenue near 25th Street

GPS: 49d 43m 33.24s -113d 24m 20.82s

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

Site Name: The Stairwell

Travel Directions:

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See also:

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

Remarks:

The steps! There is a great deal of logistic confusion over the steps. Examine the photos of the laundry apartment here and you will see that the building has two sets of steps. The steps that lead to Apartment 1 are the ones that Ennis and Jack found so handy. They are not the same steps that lead to Apartments 2 and 3. (To make matters even more complicated, Apartment 3 became the film's Apartment 2. Of course, before they became the subject of worldwide *Brokeback* attention, the apartments had no numbers at all!)

Is there a tabloid editor alive who could refuse a candid shot of Jake Gyllenhaal and Heath Ledger kissing? One of the producers' biggest concerns surrounding the filming of the stairwell scene was privacy. Keep in mind that the details of the story were not widely known when this scene was shot and that the apartment is next to a busy public street.

We are told that Ledger, Gyllenhaal, and Williams arrived and departed the set in PT Cruisers equipped with tinted windows. Note in the photographs that the sloped "pony" wall next to the steps was modified to further shield the smooching area from public view.

Important:

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Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 05 17



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 05 17

Location: Hwys 9 and 72, just east of Beiseker, AB

GPS: 51d 22m 53.04s -113d 31m 34.38s

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

Site Name: Motel (Exterior)

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 9 north to the intersection of Hwy 72. The motel is on the left next to the Esso station.

Remarks:

Friendly Joanne, (403) 947-2555, runs this simple but spotless refuge for frustrated husbands and their devoted fans. Though only the exterior was used in the making of the film, there is certainly no harm in bringing someone dear to you and reliving some of Jack and Ennis's happiest moments inside. See:

<http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/beiseker/2000191.html>

Quotation:

"Swear to God I didn't know we was gonna get into this again. Oh yes I did. I redlined it all the way ..."

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 05 29



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 05 29

Location: Calgary, AB, Springbank Park For All Seasons, 32224 Springbank Road

GPS: 51d 4m 3s -114d 20m 54s

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

Site Name: Motel (Interior)

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Exit 169 South. Proceed south on Range Road 33 (181 St.) 2.4 km to intersection of Springbank Road. The building is on the NE corner of the intersection, attached to Springbank Community High School.

Remarks:

The motel interior was filmed on the same sound stage that was used for the tent interior: a curling rink west of Calgary. Aside from obvious privacy advantages, a sound stage affords opportunities for lighting, camera placement, and audio recording which are not feasible, for instance, in an actual motel room.

A second, but decided, advantage of this filming location was that it did not stink “of semen and smoke and sweat and whiskey, of old carpet and sour hay, saddle leather, shit, and cheap soap.” [1]

See also DVD Chapter 5, [00 27 45](#), Tent Interior.

Quotation:

“Brokeback got us good.”

[1] *Brokeback Mountain - Story to Screenplay* by Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana (Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4, page 12.

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 09 16



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 09 16

Location: Hwy 1A, Morley area

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

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

Site Name: Flat Highway

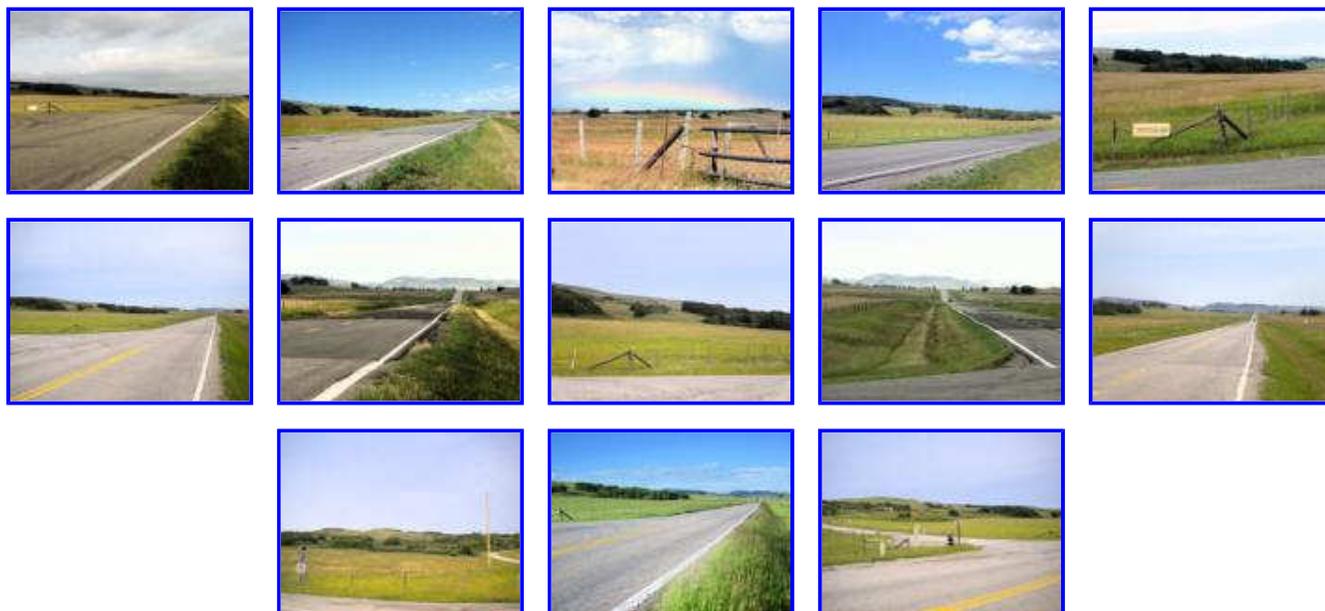
Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Morley Road, Exit 131, north 3.6 km to Hwy 1A, turn right (east) go 6.9 km to the site, which is at the corner of Hwy 1A and Jamieson Road.

Remarks:

Though Ennis and Jack were probably not concentrating on scenery as they drove down this road, you might find time to appreciate the rolling hills that typify the scenic foothills region of Alberta.

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 09 19



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 09 19

Location: Hwy 742, approaching Mount Foch, northbound

GPS: 50d 41m 57.96s -115d 8m 5.64s

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

Site Name: Mountain Highway

Travel Directions:

The Mountain Highway (Mount Foch) is on Hwy 742, 59.5 km south of the Three Sisters Drive intersection in Canmore, or 11.0 km south of the Sawmill Day Use Area (Jack Ascending); it is also 0.2 km north of the Riding Lake (Spillway Lake).

[Alternately, this location is 2.6 km north of the intersection of Hwy 742 and Kananaskis Lakes Road.]

To reach Hwy 742 (also known as Spray Lakes Rd. / Smith-Dorrien Rd.): From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), use Exit 91 “Hwy 1A - Canmore.” Follow Bow Valley Trail 2.2 km, turn left (northwest) onto Railway Ave. Proceed 0.5 km and turn left (west) at Main St. (also known as 8th St.), go 0.6 km and turn left (south) onto Bridge Rd. (also known as 8th Ave. / Rundle Drive). At the “T” intersection, turn left (south) on Three Sisters Drive, proceed 0.6 km and turn right (west) at Spray Lakes Rd. (also known as Hwy 742). (Or simply follow the helpful “Kananaskis Country” signs throughout Canmore.) See map of [Canmore](#).

Remarks:

Named for the Supreme Commander of Allied Forces during the later stages of World War I, Mount Foch rises 3,180 m (10,434') to welcome travelers on Hwy 742. See:

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

http://tpr.alberta.ca/parks/kananaskis/parks_lougheed.asp

The contributed photo shows Hwy 742 while driving north after passing the Lower Kananaskis Lakes to the south. Perfectionists will want to park on the west side of the road and possibly stand on something to get the elevated perspective used in the film.

Just 0.2 km to the south you will find the Riding Lake site (see Chapter 15, [01 29 55](#)).

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 09 28



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 09 28

Location: Hwy 1X, Seebe

GPS: 51d 6m 27.78s -115d 2m 48.18s

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

Site Name: Diving Cliff

Travel Directions:

Access to this site is no longer possible due to road closure. To reach the general area: From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Seebe Exit 114A, pass the "Leaving Bow Valley Provincial Park" sign, cross the bridge, and take an immediate right (hairpin) turn, cross the one-lane bridge and go as far as the security gate.

[Alternately, from Buffalo Paddock, turn left (west) onto 1A, proceed 8.8 km, turn left (south) onto 1X, go 2.1 km, turn left at the "Seebe" sign, cross the one-lane bridge, and proceed as above.]

Remarks:

You did not expect a place where Jake Gyllenhaal (a double) and Heath Ledger (the real thing) frolicked in the nude to be readily accessible did you? Be certain to obtain appropriate permission before visiting this site.

If you crave the diving / whitewater experience, one established local rafting and cliff diving guide is Chinook River Sports, (866) 330-7238. See:

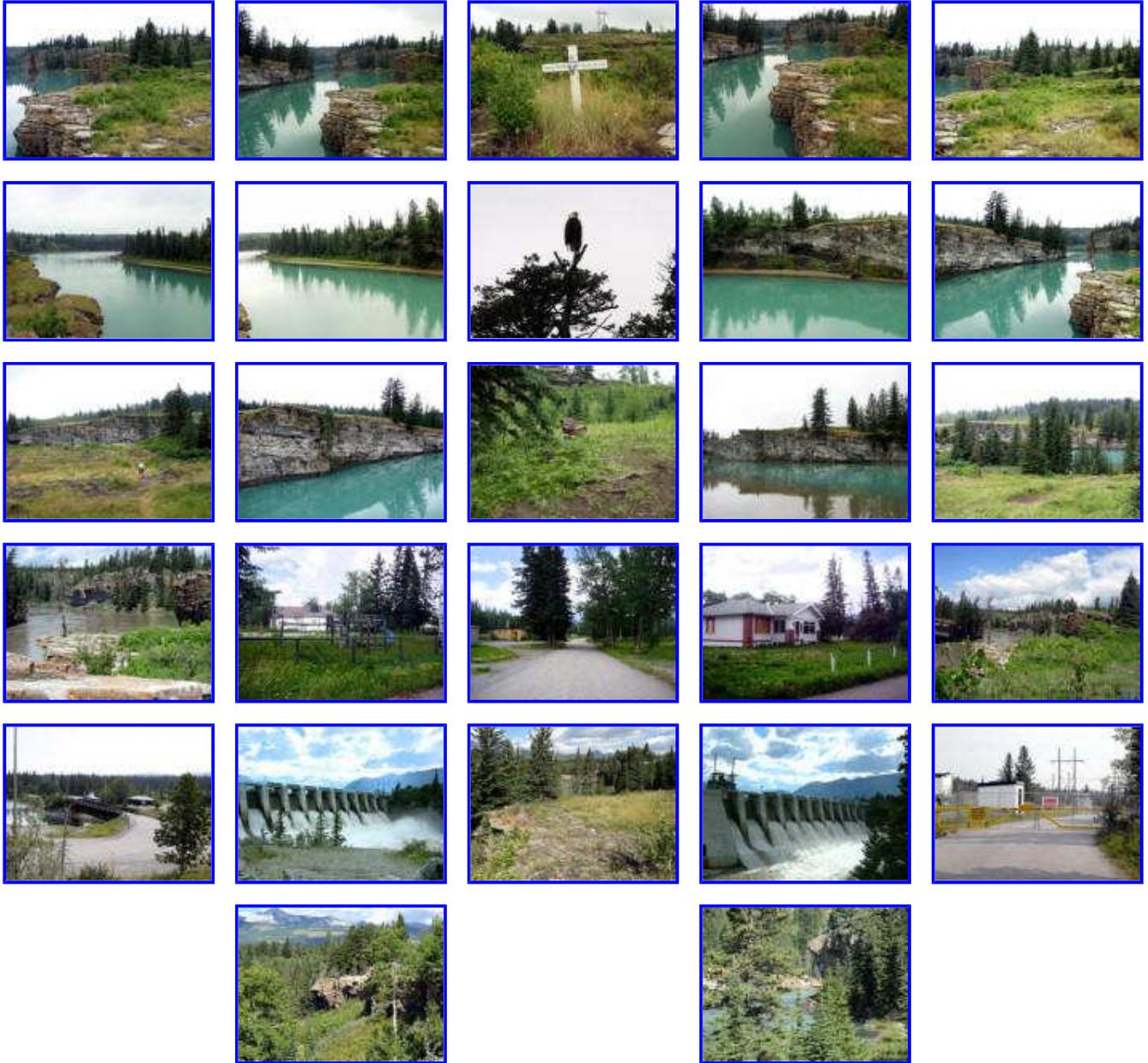
<http://www.chinookraft.com>

This site is guarded, though not on a full-time basis. The guard generally stays at Gate 1. If a guard is helpful to you, a gratuity may be in order. The (very real) memorial cross at this site reminds visitors that this is an extremely hazardous place. The danger of a concussion when diving varies with the level of the water, which is controlled by the operation of the adjacent hydro power plant. Equally dangerous is the fierce undertow created by the hydro turbines which can start and stop without notice. Let it be!

Important:

Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property. **Under no circumstances should one attempt to dive from the cliff or swim at this site.**

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 09 38



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 09 38

Location: Hwy 1X, Seebe

GPS: 51d 6m 31.2s -115d 2m 48.42s

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

Site Name: Diving Cliff

Travel Directions:

Access to this site is no longer possible due to road closure. To reach the general area: From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Seebe Exit 114A, pass the “Leaving Bow Valley Provincial Park” sign, cross the bridge, and take an immediate right (hairpin) turn, cross the one-lane bridge and go as far as the security gate.

[Alternately, from Buffalo Paddock, turn left (west) onto 1A, proceed 8.8 km, turn left (south) onto 1X, go 2.1 km, turn left at the “Seebe” sign, cross the one-lane bridge, and proceed as above.]

Remarks:

The tiny town of Seebe was located on land owned by Canadian hydroelectric giant Trans Alta Utilities since 1909. In 2004 Trans Alta decided to exit the real estate business and it sold the town, houses, a church, a schoolhouse, and a store to Moondance Land Company, displacing about 100 Seebe residents.

What are Moondance’s plans? Through a business partnership with The Stoney Nation, which owns land on the opposite side of the river, a mixed use development including condominiums, a golf course, and retail venues has been proposed. Various regulatory and environmental reviews are underway. See:

<http://www.horseshoelands.ca/index.html>

Important:

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Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 09 57



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 09 57

Location: Hwy 66, Elbow Falls Day Use Area

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

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

Site Name: "Sweet Life" Riverside

Travel Directions:

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

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

Remarks:

This location served two scenes. Ennis and Jack returned here as older men in the "Maybe Texas" scene. The same proposal was made then; the response was no different. See:

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

The rock beside which Ennis rested his head in thankful prayer is a great spot to relax and ponder the beauty of this place, or the details of any cow and calf operations you may be contemplating. While you are here, don't miss the lovely Elbow Falls which is downstream approximately 250 yds.

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

Quotation:

“You know it could be like this, just like this, always.”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 11 39



DVD Capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 11 39

Location: Dorothy, AB, Hwy 848

GPS: 51d 16m 33.90s -112d 20m 18.96s

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

Site Name: Ennis's Flashback

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 9 north to Drumheller and then Hwy 10 / Hwy 56 southeast from Drumheller towards Dorothy. Continue southeast on Hwy 10 to Hwy 570 East in Dorothy. Turn right (south) on Hwy 848, and cross the yellow bridge. The site is 0.5 km southwest of the bridge on the west side of the road.

[Alternately, take Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy) to Hwy 21. Go north to Hwy 564 and turn right (east). (Or, go south from Rockyford to Hwy 564 and turn left.) The pavement ends at approximately 57.3 km (Township Road 260, Range Road 182) but Hwy 564 turns left and becomes a gravel road. At the stop sign (6.3 km) turn right onto Hwy 848 North (or follow the sign to Dorothy).

Park and climb the hill on the curve at 8.3 km for an overview of Dorothy and the valley of the Red Deer River. (Beware of cactus growing on the hill!) Continue driving 0.7 km to Earl's ditch (at 9 km), on the left side of the broken wood fence rails.

Note: Although this is a very direct way to Dorothy, some of these roads are little traveled and farm houses may be several kilometers apart. If your vehicle can't stand it, the highways through Drumheller may be a better choice.]

Remarks:

If you want to trace nine-year-old Ennis's steps, make a side trip to Alberta's exotic "Badlands" region. Dorothy is a tiny picturesque hamlet with inspiring, decaying western prairie buildings of every description. Nearby Drumheller (say "drum Heller") boasts the world's largest collection of dinosaur fossils at its celebrated Royal Tyrrell Museum (which, quite naturally, is surrounded by the world's tackiest collection of commercialized dinosaur kitsch). See:

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

After tirelessly searching BBM shooting locations for a week, Canadian philanthropist and *Brokeback* truck owner Rob Freeman (see: www.thebrokebacktruck.ca for information) noted that Earl's life ended in "Dorothy," while Jack met his fate on "Rainbow Road." Coincidence, Judy?

Important:

Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property. The road is unpaved, so use caution.

Quotation:

“They took a tire iron to him ...”

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 12 07



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 12 07

Location: Dorothy, AB, Hwy 848

GPS: 51d 16m 33.90s -112d 20m 18.96s

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

Site Name: Ennis's Flashback

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 9 north to Drumheller and then Hwy 10 / Hwy 56 southeast from Drumheller towards Dorothy. Continue southeast on Hwy 10 to Hwy 570 East in Dorothy. Turn right (south) on Hwy 848, and cross the yellow bridge. The site is 0.5 km southwest of the bridge on the west side of the road.

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Remarks:

Brokeback locations manager Darryl Solly remembers asking Ang Lee what setting he envisioned for Ennis's flashback. "I would like it to be very dusty," Lee replied with characteristic brevity. Solly immediately thought of Dorothy, a tiny picturesque hamlet with lots of worn, decaying, and somewhat romantic buildings.

Dorothy violated one of executive producer Michael Hausman's location rules. It was too far from other locations to be filmed efficiently. But this unforgiving, lifeless gulch in Alberta's Badlands region was the irresistibly perfect place in which to depict the childhood experience that would dictate Ennis's fate.

Given that the town's population is approximately 12 people, it is an interesting coincidence that

Dorothy is also home to star barrel racer Chyanne Hodgson, who served as Anne Hathaway's competition in the Childress Rodeo scene.

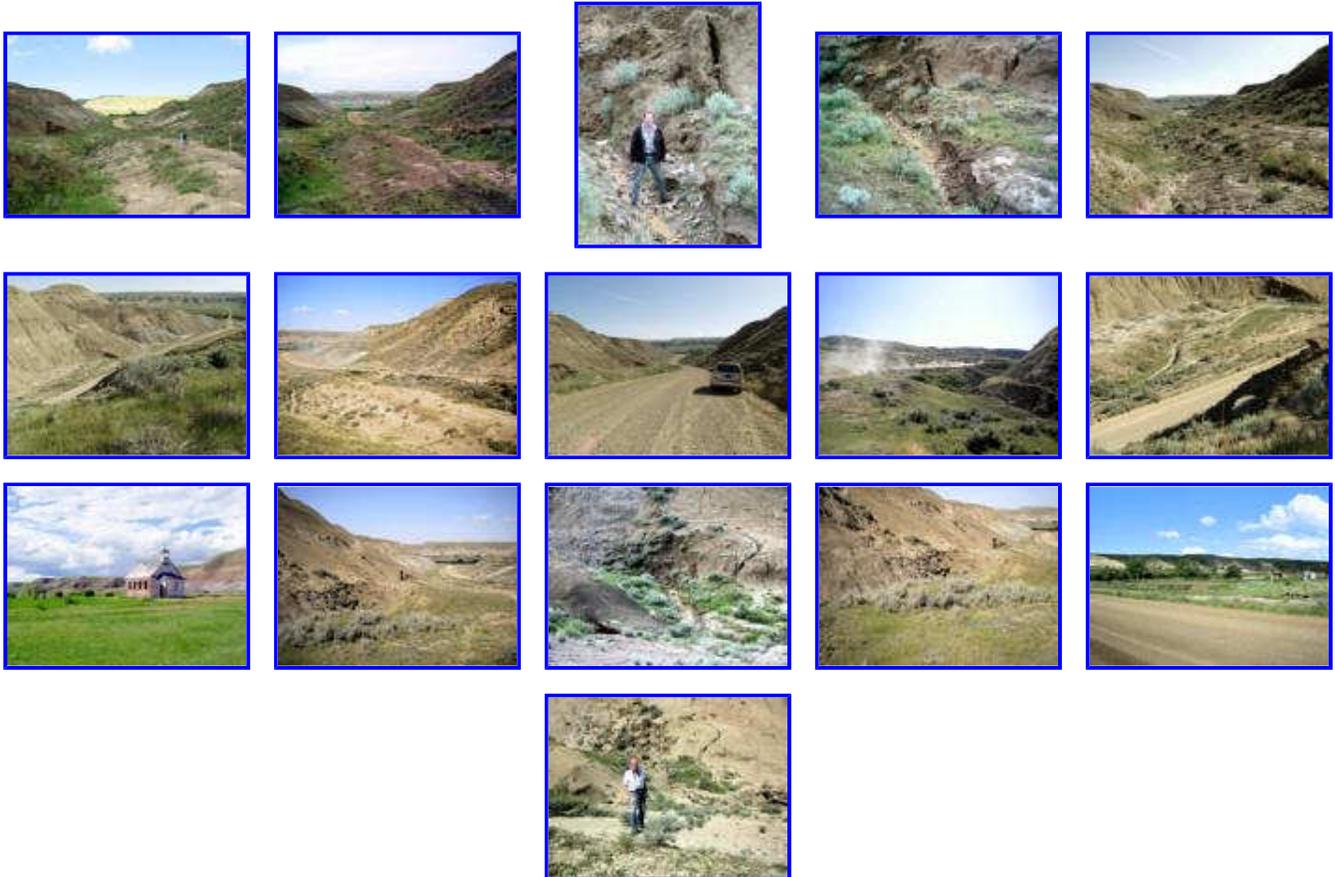
Important:

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Quotation:

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

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 12 - What Now? - 01 12 09



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 12 09

Location: Dorothy, AB, Hwy 848

GPS: 51d 16m 33.90s -112d 20m 18.96s

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

Site Name: Ennis's Flashback

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 9 north to Drumheller and then Hwy 10 / Hwy 56 southeast from Drumheller towards Dorothy. Continue southeast on Hwy 10 to Hwy 570 East in Dorothy. Turn right (south) on Hwy 848, and cross the yellow bridge. The site is 0.5 km southwest of the bridge on the west side of the road.

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Remarks:

Annie Proulx begged Lee to leave Ennis's flashback where she had placed it in her story, in the motel room. In her essay "Getting Movied," she writes, "During their few hours in the Motel Siesta, Jack's and Ennis's paths were irrevocably laid out. In the film that Ang Lee had already shaped in his mind, the emotional surge contained in that scene [was] shifted to a later point ..." [1] Upon seeing the film in 2005, she acknowledged the wisdom of Lee's decision.

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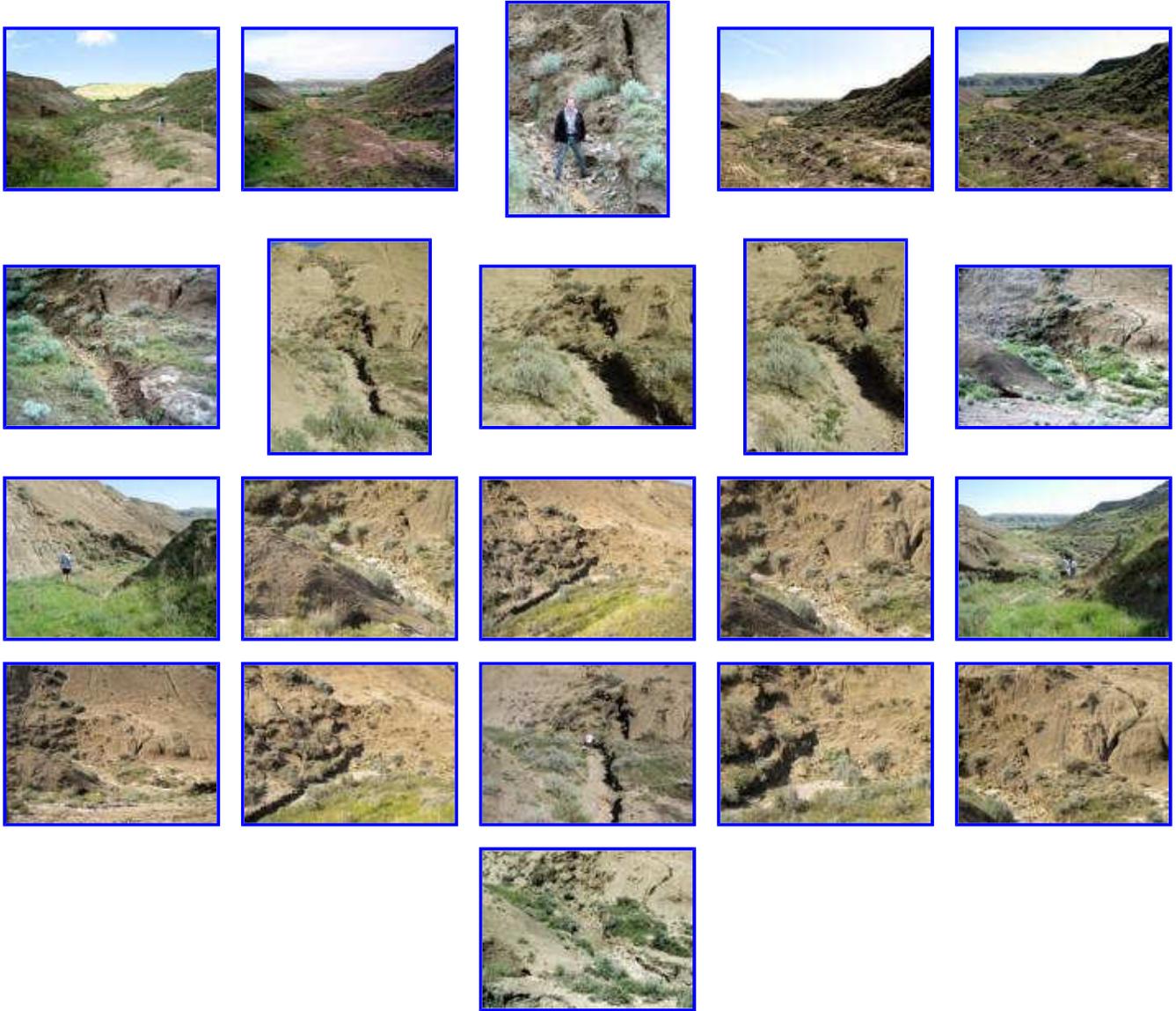
Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property. The road is unpaved, so use caution.

Quotation:

“Hell, for all I know, he done the job.”

[1] *Brokeback Mountain - Story to Screenplay* by Annie Proulx, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana (Scribner) ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-9416-4, page 136.

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Chapter 13 - Divorce Granted - 01 14 13



DVD capture

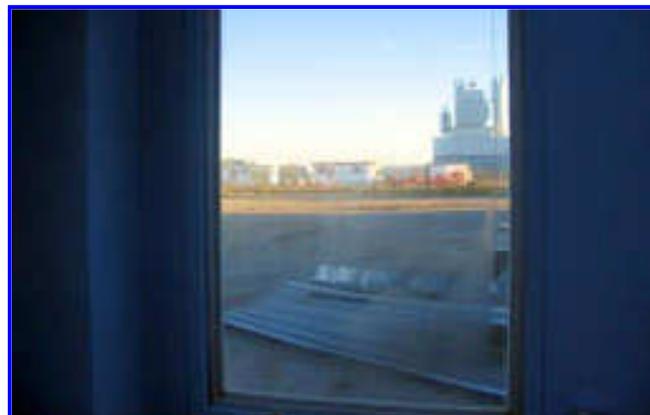


Photo courtesy "MarkC."

DVD Time Code = 01 14 13

Location: Calgary, AB, Now-demolished building, 52nd Street SE

GPS: 50d 58m 27.72s -113d 57m 31.62s

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

Site Name: Newsome Farm Equipment

Travel Directions:

Glenmore Trail east to 52nd St. SE. Turn right (south) on 52nd St. SE to intersection of 52nd St. SE and 86th Ave. SE. Site is just ahead to the right at 8815 52nd St. SE.

Remarks:

Jack searched for his parka here and eventually he found it. Similarly, FindingBrokeback.com volunteers spent days looking for this spot. There were precious few clues to go on. Then in July 2006, after tracking down many false leads, we were relieved to find it in an industrial area not far from the Calgary Airport. Sadly, in September 2006, the building was torn down.

A jet airplane can be seen taking off behind Jack (DVD time code 01 14 03). Nitpickers have observed that no such aircraft frequent the dinky Childress, Texas, airport.

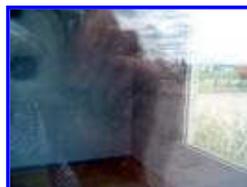
Important:

Always obtain appropriate permission before entering private property.

Quotation:

"Didn't that pissant used to ride the bulls?" "He used to try."

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 13 - Divorce Granted - 01 14 52



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 14 52

Location: Calgary, AB, Now-demolished building, 52nd Street SE

GPS: 50d 58m 27.72s -113d 57m 31.62s

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

Site Name: Newsome Farm Equipment

Travel Directions:

Glenmore Trail east to 52nd St. SE. Turn right (south) on 52nd St. SE to intersection of 52nd St. SE and 86th Ave. SE. Site is just ahead to the right at 8815 52nd St. SE.

Remarks:

If you are able to pry your eyes from Lureen's ever-expanding hairdo, note the wall decorations which incorporate mounted rodeo buckles. Undoubtedly, these are intended to memorialize a simpler and happier time in Jack's life. They seem to be very much out of place on the wall of mirrored foil wallpaper, just as Jack must have felt himself a stranger in that town, that job, that family, and that bed.

Quotation:

"Why can't your buddy come down here to Texas and fish?"

Pictures of surrounding area:





Revised 28 January 2014

Chapter 13 - Divorce Granted - 01 17 32



DVD capture

DVD Time Code = 01 17 32

Location: Hwy 742, Goat Creek

GPS: 51d 3m 38s -115d 25m 52s (estimate)

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

Site Name: Mosses

Travel Directions:

The Mosses (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:

While filming at Campsite #2, Ang Lee became entranced by the images of horse hoofs sinking into the verdant, spongy ground. He told a colleague that this was a “magical place.”

You won’t find these mosses in Wyoming; indeed after some searching we are still trying to find them in Alberta! But we know they were photographed in the dense wooded bogs just north of the tent site at Campsite #2. We hope your luck will be better than ours. If you find this spot, please send us a picture! (Water-resistant boots are very helpful for this adventure.) See:

<http://www.albertaparks.ca/spray-valley/information-facilities/day-use/goat-creek.aspx?id=st-day:8158>

Pictures of surrounding area:

None available.

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Chapter 13 - Divorce Granted - 01 19 33



DVD capture



Contributed photo

DVD Time Code = 01 19 33

Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Town Hall building, 236 23rd Street (Hwy 3 east)

GPS: 49d 43m 28.44s -113d 24m 26.34s

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

Site Name: Courtroom

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 Town Hall building, which is the site of the Town Council chambers used in the film, is on 23rd Street (also known as “Chief Red Crow Boulevard”) near the corner of 3rd Avenue (also known as “Archie Maclean Avenue”). See map of [Fort Macleod](#).

See also:

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

Remarks:

After you have visited the bus station café location, take a short walk to the Town Hall building and ask helpful clerk Brenda for a peek at the Council chambers upstairs.

See:

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

Quotation:

“del Mar divorce granted ...”

Pictures of surrounding area:





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