

ASH MEADOWS AREA

On our way back from our trip out to Pahrump to resupply on jalapeño bagels and burrito supplies, we stopped at the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge to check out the Point of Rocks boardwalk and Devil's Hole.

Looking out at the trees, which I believe are ash and cottonwood (unfortunately, it was very cold that day and therefore it was difficult to take pictures outside the vehicle, hence the dirt spots in the pictures):



Our first stop was at the Point of Rocks Boardwalk; this is the information sign and map at the parking area:



King's Pool:



We were able to spot a few fish in this pool:



Panorama from the end of the boardwalk:



There were some nice cliffs in the distance here, but it was way too cold to walk any further beyond the end of the boardwalk:



Very nicely maintained loop trail back to the parking area:



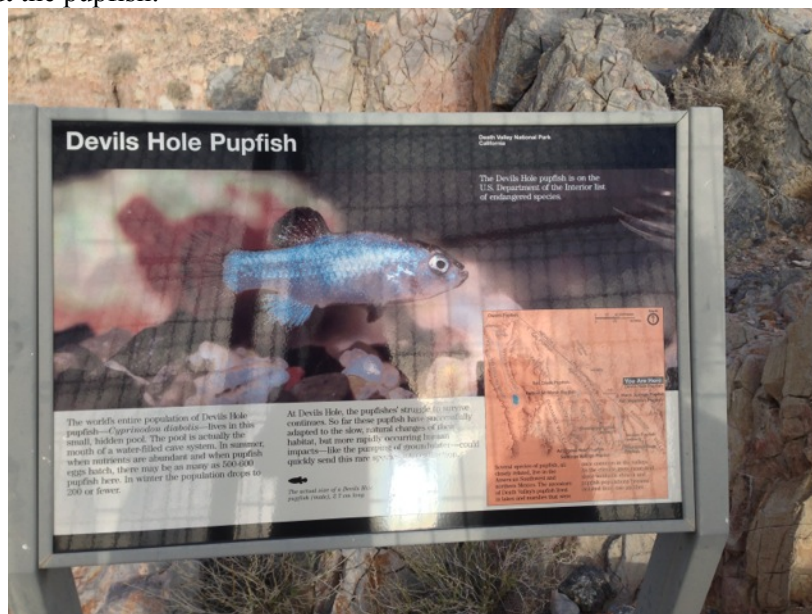
From here, we continued on to Devil's Hole; this appears to be some sort of weather equipment. There also appears to be a trail which circles around the fenced in area that has a spur trail heading off to the right, but again it was too cold (and windy) to spend much time outside:



Restricted Area sign at the Devil's Hole; the fencing appears to have been improved since the photos I had seen of the area were taken:



The interpretive sign about the pupfish:



Looking down into the Devil's Hole:



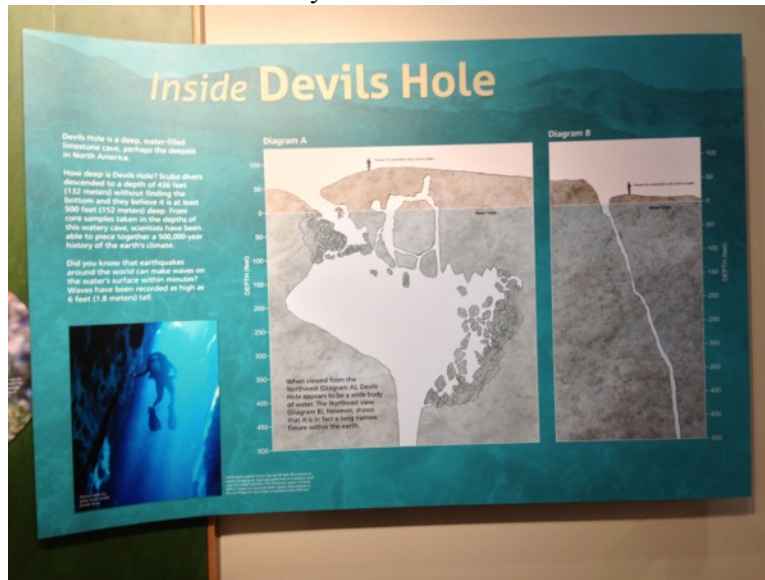
There is a small parking area at the entrance to the access road:



From here, we checked out the new Visitor Center, which had just recently opened. This is the very nice map of Ash Meadows and Death Valley:



This rendering shows that Devil's Hole is wide but very narrow:



An explanation why the springs in Ash Meadows are such a strong blue color:



We saw a lot of greenish stuff on the ground while driving through Ash Meadows; this sign tells us that it is Zeolite:

