

AREA BETWEEN ROCK NETTLE CANYON AND RED WALL CANYON

The area between Rock Nettle Canyon and Red Wall canyon contains three small canyons/washes, which are interesting to explore. I think that the most interesting of these washes is the one nearest Red Wall Canyon (“Canyon” 3), as it appears to have some narrows past the dryfall at the entrance, though the middle wash (“Canyon” 2) might also have some narrows/slots farther up.

Google Earth map of this area:



Panorama photograph looking at this cauldron-like area from the road:



“Canyon” 1 has some short almost-narrows early on, but it appears to end soon. Panorama photo of this canyon from the ridge between “Canyons” 1 and 2:



“Canyon” 2 also has a short stretch of almost-narrows:



Then, it opens up and goes through some boulders...



...before encountering a large impasse:



We bypassed the impasse on the left side (this is where the photo above of “Canyon” 1 was taken) and looked down over the impasse:



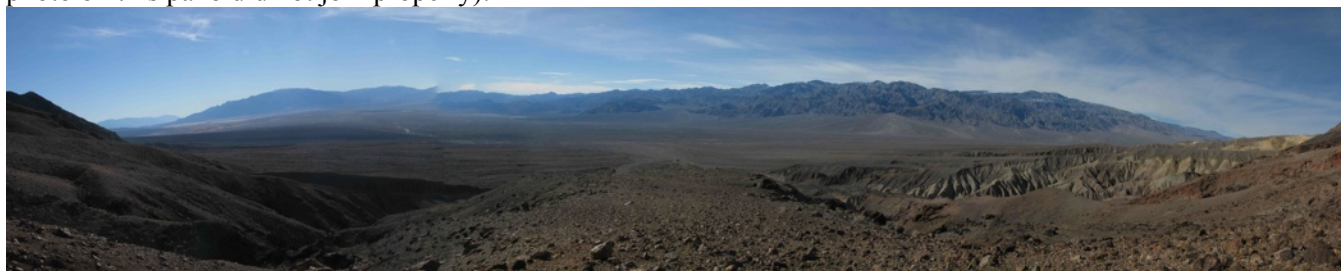
Then, we continued up the canyon, but it soon encountered another impasse, which can be seen in the distance in the center of this photo:



We then ascended the ridge on the right side, but it appeared a little difficult to continue up this canyon via a ridge bypass (though as this canyon looks interesting, it is on my future hikes list to see what is above the impasse):



Panorama photo of the Cottonwood Mountains from this ridge between “Canyons” 2 and 3 (yes, the leftmost photo on this pano did not join properly):



From here, we went down the ridge and dropped into the last wash, “Canyon” 3:



This canyon/wash ends abruptly at an approximately 30-foot fall:



We climbed up the right wall a little ways (it was too slippery to get very far, however), and took photos of what we could see of the upper canyon, which looked like it might have some very interesting narrows or slots just beyond the fall (the upper part of this canyon is also on my future hikes list). Zooming in on the area above the impasse:



From there, we decided to turn around and head back, as an adventure into the upper part of these canyons would require more planning than we had done for today. This photo is of a butterfly which we saw on the way back who posed for a photo:

