

Here the canyon enters a colorful and narrow area; it is likely that very soon we will reach an impasse:



The canyon first cuts through this relatively narrow "slot":



We were surprised to see this small arch in the canyon wall through here:



Another view of this nice arch, which is about 1.5 feet tall and is located on the left side of the canyon:



Around the corner is the expected impasse; we were surprised at how much greenery there was in this part of the canyon, below the dryfall:



Since the Google Earth imagery indicated that the canyon would continue as a wide open wash for some distance, before encountering a major impassable dryfall, we decided to follow "Canyon E" back to the main Telephone Canyon:



Looking back at the ridges to the north and the south of this canyon from further down-canyon:



Shortly past where we had originally dropped into the canyon, we encountered this slanted dryfall, which is easily down-climbed:



Looking back at this impasse from below, one would probably not expect to find such a nice canyon just beyond:



From further down the wash, we looked back at Canyon E and the ridges (seen to the left) that we had hiked up that morning:



The "Canyon E" wash cuts through some nice reddish sandstone formations, which seem to be common but not particularly prominent in this area:



There were increasingly large numbers of flowers in the canyon wash through here; at first the most common were the Broad-Flowered Gilia:



As we continued down-canyon, the walls of this side canyon began to increase in height:



As we continued down the canyon, the variety of flowers increased, with the most common one now becoming the Desert Star. Here is the Lesser Mojavea (bottom) and Desert Star (top; one of these has a purple tinge—I'm not sure why that is):



Golden Evening Primrose (top) and Desert Star (bottom):



Lesser Mojavea (left) and Desert Star (right):



Eventually we reach the Telephone Canyon Road, having done less elevation change than the route we'd taken to Canyon E this morning. This is the view looking up "Canyon E" where it joins the main Telephone Canyon Road (it's probably most proper to consider Canyon E a side canyon of Telephone Canyon, but it can be deceptive from Google Earth imagery as to whether or not Canyon E should be considered a canyon on its own):



Desert Gold Poppy in the Telephone Canyon Road:



Heading down-canyon along the road, where it enters some "nice narrows":



There were numerous Notch-Leaf Phacelia in the wash through here; last spring (at about the same time of year) we'd driven to the Tucki Mine and saw mostly Desert Paintbrush (of which there were many, but only at higher elevations):



We decided to briefly re-visit the major southern side canyon of Telephone Canyon, which contains Telephone Arch, before driving back out the Telephone Canyon Road:



I hadn't visited this arch for many years (I'd estimate over 10 years):



The arch somehow looked smaller on this trip than I had remembered it being:



Further up-canyon, the tall cliffs caught our attention:



Off to the right in the canyon is Telephone Spring:



These are some of the ruins from the old mill which was once here (see Digonnet's *Hiking Death Valley* for more info):



Looking across this side canyon at the tall cliffs on the other side:



I had hoped to continue further up this side canyon, but we were running out of time (on previous trips we had always stopped here):





Heading back down the side-canyon towards the main canyon:



One of the many Notch-Leaf Phacelia in the canyon wash through here:



On the drive back out the Telephone Canyon Road, the lighting was excellent for photographing the surrounding area:



Looking over at the southern Cottonwood Mountains and the Ten Canyons region:



Looking north up the valley, with the Niter beds visible off to the right:

