

CANYON NORTH OF RED WALL CANYON

We had briefly checked out the area between Red Wall Canyon and Rock Nettle Canyon on a previous trip, but as the canyon just north of Red Wall Canyon was the last one we hiked up to, we did not have much time to explore it. All we found is that it is immediately blocked by a 30-foot tall impasse. This trip, we hiked directly up to where the canyon enters the mountains from the cauldron-like area which is between Red Wall and Rock Nettle Canyons, and looked into what I will call the first narrows of this canyon from the small “ridge” above the canyon wash. These “first narrows” are inaccessible from the canyon wash as the 30-foot impasse is right before these narrows. Next, we hiked back down this “ridge” far enough to drop into the wash. Then, we hiked up the wash until we could ascend the ridge north of this canyon. Note that this next part of the hike is steeper and slipperier than just about anything I have a trip report of so far on this website, so, due to this, it is not a hike which I will highly recommend or post details of the route we took. From the ridge, we were able to look into the middle section of this canyon, and one member of our group dropped into the canyon from the ridge and took some photos.

Google Earth Map of this canyon:



Looking towards the Cottonwood Mountains as they are illuminated by the rising sun:



Zooming in on the “first narrows” of this canyon north of Red Wall Canyon:



Interesting wind caves which we passed by on the way to the ridge above this canyon:



Looking into the canyon from where we reached a saddle on the ridge:



Another view looking into this canyon:



Panorama looking into the canyon from further up the ridge:



This portion of the canyon seems to have many short dryfalls, some of which appear more difficult to climb than others; this is a view looking down the canyon:



View looking up-canyon:



Looking back at this interesting canyon from the road:

