

CANYONS 3 AND 4

Panorama looking towards the Ten Canyons region from the Cottonwood Canyon road:



Panorama looking back towards the Grapevine Mountains and Tucki Mountain, which are partially obscured by blowing sand and dust as it was a windy day:



Heading up Canyon 3; both canyons had interesting entrances, with a not-very-wide-nor-tall passage cutting through the mud-rock where the wash enters the start of the mountains:



Canyon 3 stays somewhat open and straight for a little while, then encounters an impasse:



We stopped at this impasse as it appeared much more difficult to climb back down than to go up; we were not able to find a workaround back into the canyon that didn't cliff out. Therefore, we decided that it would be safest to stop here:



Looking back down Canyon 3:



From here, we headed over to Canyon 4:



Like Canyon 3, Canyon 4 has a somewhat narrow, but definitely not tall, entrance at its mouth:



As we round a corner, we get a better look at the large slab of rock which makes up the western side of this canyon:



Up ahead, the canyon splits into three; the side canyon straight ahead continues directly up to the big rock slab, then climbs it in a series of tall, steep dryfalls:



The side canyon to the left appears to hit impasse quickly and then daylight out to the ridge:



To the right, the main canyon continues on, looking quite similar to the early part of Canyon 3:



The next two photos show the canyon getting closer to the rock slab as it continues into the mountains:





Panoramic closeup of the slab where it forms the wall of the canyon:



After a while, the canyon gets steep and boulder-filled:



As there starts to be a lot of impasses in the canyon, we decide to turn around; the next two photos show grotto-impasses just past the boulders in the left side of the last picture:

