

Spring Break Death Valley Trip!

Here are some photos from my spring break Death Valley trip; more detailed trip reports to follow.

Day 1: Alabama Hills



Mobius Arch

Day 2: Petroglyphs



These are the petroglyphs found by Trudge Report, which I was able to find given the clues in the trip report.

Day 3: First Side Canyon of Grotto Canyon



Overlook of Little Bridge Canyon from the end of the first side canyon of Grotto.

Day 4: Telescope Peak



Due to the 100 degree weather in Grotto we had the previous day, we decided to attempt Telescope Peak in hopes of cooler weather (it was very cold and windy up on the peak!). Having not acclimatized to the elevation (we drove up from Stovepipe early in the morning), I was worried I would be affected by the altitude, but we all made it to the top just fine. The views were definitely incredible!!

Day 5: Titus Side Canyon



Photo of the impasse in the major side canyon to the south just before the main stretch of narrows in Titus Canyon. Originally we had planned to drop into upper “Fall 2” Canyon (see my trip report from January 2012 for photos on the impasse in this canyon) from this side canyon; however, the talus proved to be too steep for me (I would have needed to actually climb the talus, meaning I climb with my hands, not just hiking poles). It had not looked this way from Google Earth and the topos, so it was discouraging to not get into upper “Fall 2.” One member of our group was able to ascend the talus and attain the ridge, but due to inclement weather he did not continue down into the canyon. If anyone is interested in attempting this hike, I would be happy to post my research for the descent into “Fall 2.”

Day 6: Upper Crescent Bridge Canyon



Photo of the narrows of upper Crescent Bridge Canyon. The original plan for this hike was to go up the major canyon south of Crescent Bridge, ascend the ridge, then follow the ridge up for some views. However, due to SteveH’s excellent report on the upper canyon, we decided to drop into the main canyon from the ridge to see

these narrows. When I had hiked Crescent Bridge Canyon earlier (December), I hadn't bypassed the boulder jam in the first set of narrows, so I had missed out on the upper narrows. The upper canyon is definitely as spectacular as the lower canyon! My thanks again to Robbie for discovering this amazing canyon!

Day 7: Room Canyon



The room of Room Canyon. Because of all the talk about this canyon on the forums recently, and of course its incredible narrows, we decided to attempt to find it this trip. And this canyon didn't disappoint! The narrows and pinnacles definitely made the long drive from Stovepipe worthwhile! On the way back from the hike, we encountered rain (the most we had ever seen in this park), and on the drive out the next day there was a lot of snow on Wildrose:

