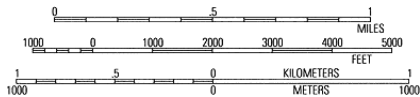


## HELLFIRE CANYON

Hellfire Canyon is the canyon just north of Natural Bridge Canyon. This canyon appears to be popular with canyoneers, as are many canyons in this area; however, the lower portion of this canyon, as far as is accessible by hikers, is a very nice place to check out for a short day-hike.

TOPO map of Hellfire Canyon:





Looking towards the mouth of Hellfire Canyon:



After hiking up the alluvial fan, we found that the canyon narrowed soon after for a short while:





Farther up canyon, after exiting a nice stretch of narrows and passing an interesting-looking side canyon (which appears to be short on the TOPO map, but looks like it might have some nice narrows after a 8- to 10- foot crumbly dryfall is climbed), we see that the canyon will get steep once it enters the mountains:



The canyon continues around a couple of turns and there are some short and easy-to-climb dryfalls; then, progress is stopped by this 15- to 20-foot tall impasse:





Looking down towards the valley from an unsuccessful workaround attempt on this dryfall; according to canyoneering reports, the canyon has multiple high falls past this one, so even if we had been able to bypass this dryfall, we would likely be stopped again just after it:



Looking at the upper sections of Hellfire Canyon (on the left) and Natural Bridge Canyon (on the right) from the ridge:

