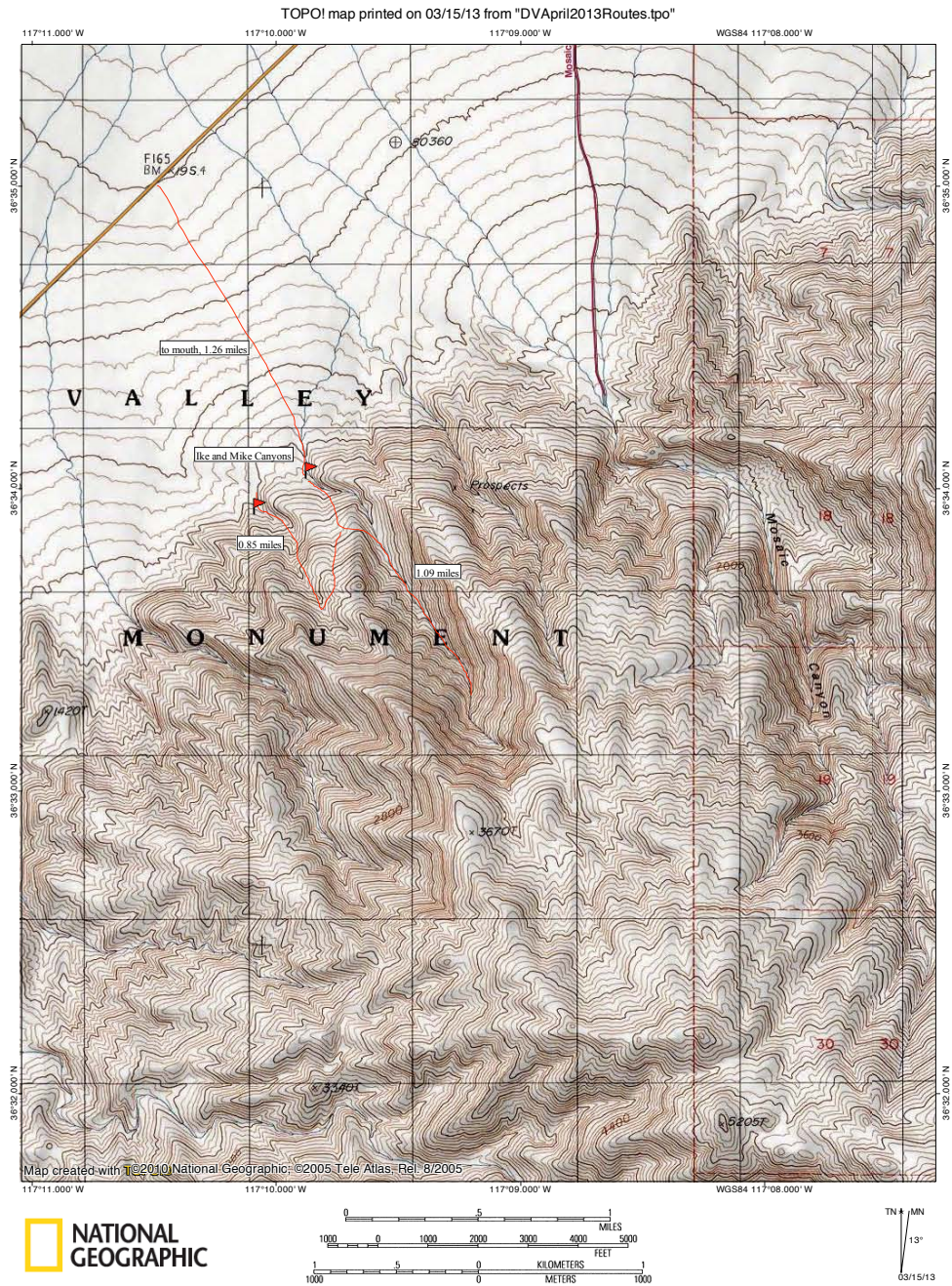


# Ike Canyon

TOPO map of this area:





Google Earth map of this area:



Parked for Ike Canyon; due to the sun angle I was unable to get many good photos looking towards the canyon:



There is a 50-foot impasse near the beginning of the canyon. It is possible to bypass this impasse on either the left or the right side; we bypassed it on the right side on the way out, and the left side (which is easier to hike but not as easy to find on the way out to the canyon) on the way back. This shows the bypass on the right side:





Panorama from the bypass route:



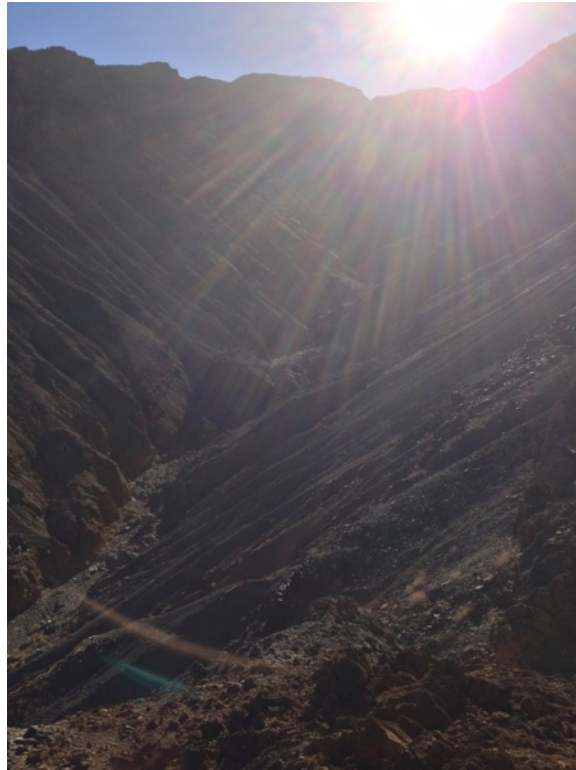
Looking down into the canyon near where the big impasse is, and where the other bypass route out of the canyon is (this appears to be the preferred bighorn route as can be seen by the number of trails):



Panorama looking down into the straight stretch of Ike Canyon:



Looking up-canyon (into the sun):



Panorama from the saddle before dropping into the canyon:



The next three photos show the steep and slippery talus which must be down-climbed on this bypass route:







Continuing up-canyon:





This is an easy-to-climb 8-foot impasse:



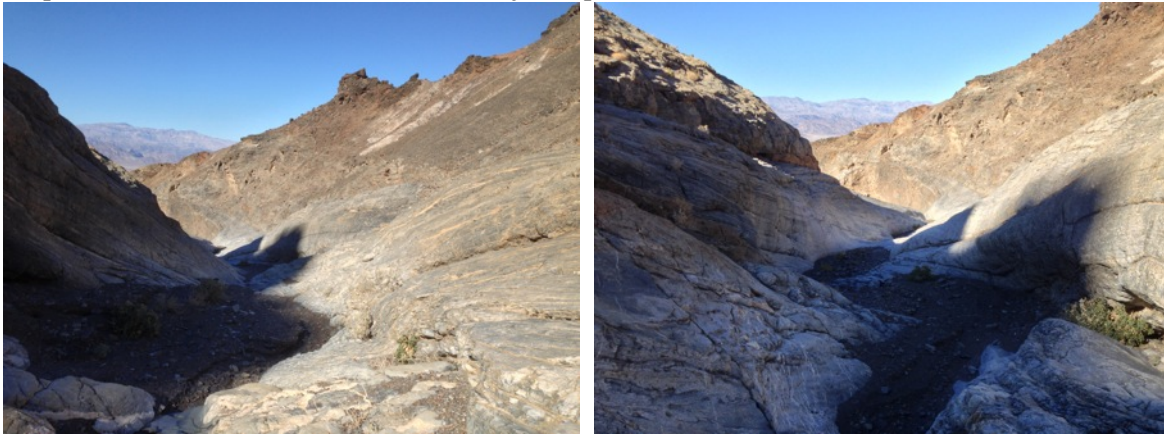
The canyon appears to enter a narrower section just ahead:



However, it reaches an impasse. It appeared to be possible to bypass the impasse on the right side, but the rock was very loose and it could happen that all hand- and foot-holds give loose at the same time, which would be quite dangerous. There was a side-canyon that took off on the right just before the 8-foot impasse, but the bypass route using that would be similar in difficulty to the one used to get into the canyon. Also, the TOPO map showed that the canyon appeared to get steep beyond this point. Therefore, we turned around and headed back down-canyon:



The next three photos show the nice rock above the major impasse:



Looking down over a smaller impasse to a short flat spot above the more major impasse; there appears to be a cairn anchor used to rappel over the impasse:





A view into the canyon from a ledge above the impasse:



A butterfly we saw in the canyon:



After a relatively easy scramble out of the canyon, we were relieved to see a much easier route back than we had done to get into the canyon:





Looking back up at this left-side bypass route:



Looking back at Ike Canyon from near the road, with a much better sun angle than we had earlier:

