

Here another side canyon joins with the main side canyon:



The main side canyon soon encounters this long straight stretch; I was quite surprised at how much this side canyon reminded me of so many of the areas just south of Hole-in-the-Wall (this straight stretch is reminiscent of the narrows above Navel Springs, in what I informally referred to as "Jackpot Slots"):



The next four photos show our continued progress down this very nice side canyon:





However, the best slots were still yet to come. This photo shows the entrance to the best slots, looking up the main canyon from where the side canyon joins it:



Looking down the main canyon from here; we did not end up having time to check out this part of the canyon:





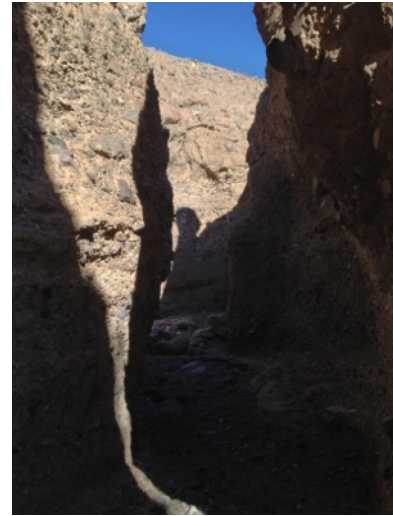
Panorama of the fork, with the main canyon to the left and the side canyon to the right:



We had already found a much nicer slot canyon than we'd expected to find, so the incredible slots of the main canyon were a bit of a surprise:



The next nine photos show our progress up the lower part of this slot:





There were some bighorn bones spread out throughout the canyon, which I'm guessing must have washed down from somewhere up-canyon:





Three more photos of this slot canyon as it gets narrower and the walls get taller:



This seemed to be the most slot-like part of the lower section of the canyon, where the walls were tallest and most convoluted:



Here's the bighorn skull, quite a distance up-canyon from the backbone:





At this point, we were astonished at how long this slot had continued uninterrupted, and how it seemed to be getting narrower:





Finally, the walls start to get shorter and the canyon starts to get less narrow:



Up ahead we see that the canyon is starting to get more open:





But from looking at Google Earth maps, we knew that there would be one final section of narrows, this one with the tallest walls. Below is a photo of a fork in the canyon, where the tallest slot is off to the left:



We first decided to briefly check out the side canyon to the right:



It didn't start out at all narrow, but up ahead we could see an interesting-looking section of canyon:



The walls are starting to get taller again here:





Although not nearly as narrow as previous parts of the canyon, this narrow stretch was still very impressive:



In the middle of this narrows there was a small boulder-jam to be navigated through:



Around a corner, we could see the end of this slot:



Looking back down this short narrows:



This side canyon looked like it would continue into the mountains up ahead, but there didn't appear to be any more narrows:



From here, we headed back down to the main canyon and checked out the final slot, up ahead:







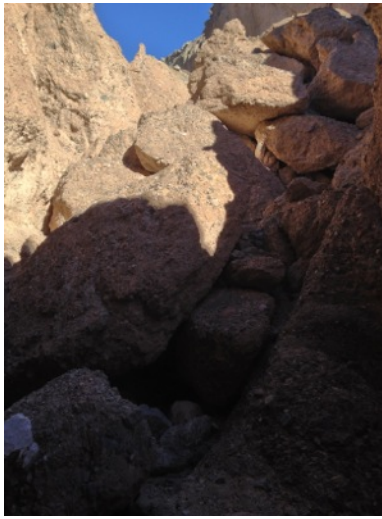
There were two small impasses in this slot, the first a short but crumbly dryfall around a bend which was too dark to get a good photo, and the second this chockstone fall which was also fairly straightforward to climb:



The slot widened briefly around a corner:



Then, we encountered a major impasse:



The lower part of the boulder jam wasn't difficult to climb, but this part looked too steep and slippery:

