

Another view of these interesting hoodoos; notice that one has a small arch:



There was another arch we spotted on these hoodoo formations, this one very delicate-looking:



Here a small fork joins this side-canyon:



Looking back at this hoodoos area from a short distance down-canyon; the arch barely visible in the leftmost hoodoo is the same one seen three photos previously:



Continuing down-canyon, we were hopeful that we'd see more nice narrows:



This is a very nice hoodoo in the main wash of the side canyon; I'd estimate it's about 18 feet tall:



Looking back up-canyon at this hoodoo after having hiked past it; interestingly, there weren't any similar hoodoo-like formations all that close to it:



Up ahead, we see that this side-canyon begins to narrow, and that we are entering another colorful area:



There is a short dropoff (about 8 feet tall) at the entrance to these small narrows:



Shortly thereafter is another dropoff:



This dropoff is also probably about 8 feet tall:





Looking back at the first dropoff, and the view up-canyon:



I was surprised at the reddish color of these narrows, which reminded me of the narrows just down-canyon from Crown Bridge (northernmost fork of Funeral Slot Canyon):



Looking back at the second impasse; both of these impasses were relatively simple to climb:



Continuing down-canyon through these colorful but shallow narrows:



This conglomerate rock fin divides the side canyon we've been hiking in from the more major fork/main canyon:



Looking back up-canyon; I think the colors in this area make it a very worthwhile hike, although they are probably more noticeable in these photos because it was a cloudy day:



There are a few nice arches in this rock fin:



There certainly are a lot of nice formations in this canyon:



View up this main canyon:



We briefly headed down the main canyon to see if there was anything we missed between this fork and the fork we had been at earlier in the hike:



Just ahead is the major fork:





Looking back up-canyon from here:



This is the fork we'd just been at; we came down the left fork, and were continuing up the right fork. The main canyon actually doesn't go up the slot seen to the right in the photo; instead, it curves around (and the slot daylight just past the entrance seen in the photo):



Continuing up-canyon, we spotted more nice hoodoos:



I think this one might classify as a rock pinnacle rather than a hoodoo. Notice the interesting cave-like formation to the left in this photo:



The wash through here was fairly flat and made for easy walking, and the scenery was quite nice:



Up ahead the nature of the canyon is starting to change from reddish conglomerate rock to more yellowish, mud-mound-y formations:



Here we see that we are approaching a very interesting part of the canyon:



This formation is about 4 feet high:





Panorama with this formation on the far left and two more interesting formations up ahead (to the right in the photo):



The interesting formations we'd spotted up ahead appear to have been water-carved, but it's difficult to determine for sure. Currently they are being classified as arches. This is the formation on the right (down-canyon):



This is the formation on the left (up-canyon):



It certainly is an impressive span of this wash, and it's just tall enough to walk underneath:





Note that both formations are very delicate:



Looking through the down-canyon formation from above:



Both formations are located in small "tributaries" of this main canyon we were hiking up:



Panorama from above these two formations, and looking down into the main canyon; the ridge we'd been on earlier when we were looking into Funeral Slot Canyon can be seen in the far back:



The two formations are located in two nearby small washes which join the main canyon:



One last photo of these two formations from below, which shows how close they are:



From here, we continued up-canyon. There was a small boulder pile that we needed to navigate through:



The canyon began to get less narrow:





Looking back down-canyon:



From here, we decided to hike up to the ridge and cross over into the next canyon south:



Panorama from the ridge, looking into the upper reaches of the southern of the two major canyons between Echo and Funeral Slot:



Looking up at some colorful areas on the peaks behind these canyons:



Looking up at the rock formations high above us on the southern of the two large mounds near these canyons:



Zooming in on an interesting formation high up on the walls above us:



Next, we dropped into the nearby fork of the southern of the two major canyons between Echo and Funeral Slot, and began to follow it down towards where we had dropped into it on the other hike in this area that we'd done earlier in the trip:



Looking over at the interesting formation we'd found at this fork on our previous hike:





This is yet another interesting formation in the area:



The water appears to go through this hole, then drop down a dryfall and come out the larger hole seen to the right in the above photo. Daylight can just barely be seen through this hole, but only, say, a kangaroo rat would have an easy time getting through this hole:



Panorama from here of the upper reaches of the southern of the two canyons between Echo and Funeral Slot. We had just hiked down the left fork, seen to the far left of this photo. We next hiked up the middle fork, seen just left of center in this photo. The right fork, which contains the interesting formations/bridges that we'd previously found, can be seen in the center of the photo, and the slot goes behind the grey ridge to the right in this photo:



From here, we began hiking up the middle fork, towards a colorful formation we'd spotted:

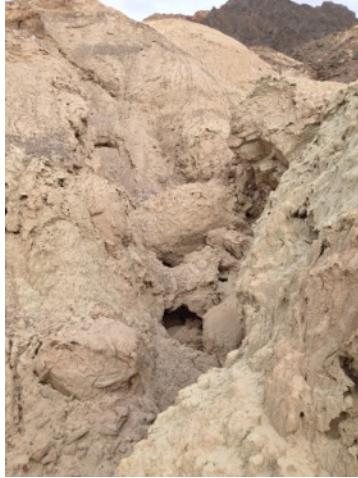




What appears to have happened here is a mud flow coated a boulder pile, resulting in a castle-like formation (see the formation in the lower left of the above photo, which looks more like a castle than does the down-canyon side of the formation which is shown below):



Heading up a small side-canyon into the colorful mud-mound-y area, we found some more interesting formations:



Looking down-canyon from here, and out towards the ridges above 20 Mule Team Canyon:



Looking over at the southern of the two large mounds in this area on our way back down-canyon:



Hiking down-canyon on this day was a lot nicer than it had been on our last hike through here, because the clouds kept us from looking directly at the sun while we were hiking:



Interesting hoodoo-like formations above us on the walls:



Up ahead we are approaching the single narrow section in this part of the canyon:



Notice how much better the lighting is for taking photos through here than it was when we had hiked through here a few days earlier:



Finally we are out of the boulder-filled wash and are heading down the easy-walking stretch of the hike:



Panorama looking out towards the canyon mouth; the ridge to the right is the one we had ascended earlier in the day, on our way to the canyon just north of this one:



There were a lot of these little flowers blooming in the wash through here; I think they are called Bigelow Monkeyflower:



I think this one is a Golden Evening Primrose:





The sun rays were coming through this break in the clouds while we were hiking across the Echo Canyon alluvial fan, making for some very nice photos:

