

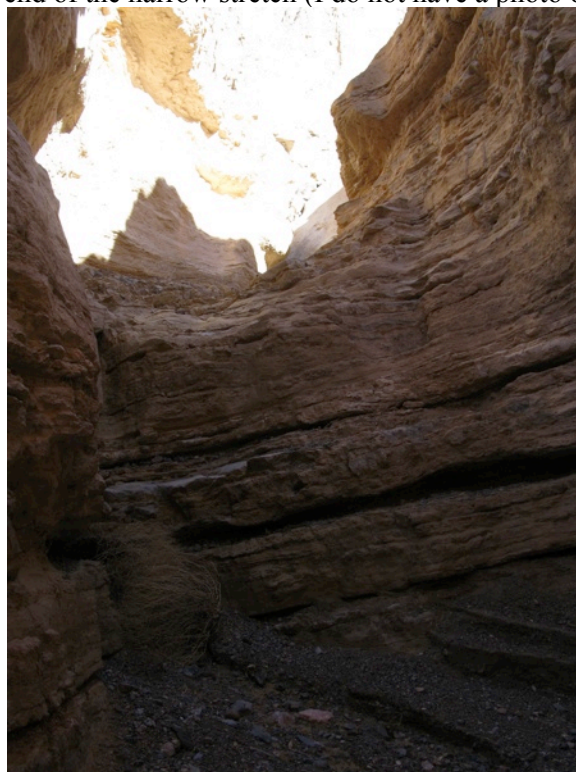
### LOWER TUNNEL BRIDGE CANYON

Due to the natural bridge in this canyon, along with other geological features, I cannot give out any clues as to the location of this canyon.

Having spent many hours researching the location of this canyon, based only on information from an excellent trip report, I was ecstatic to encounter these telltale narrows:



The first “impasse” in the canyon is very short and easy to climb; the more difficult second impasse is just past this and is a large boulder wedged in the upper end of the narrow stretch (I do not have a photo of this impasse):



Desert buckwheat was abundant in this canyon:



The next impasse is a little more difficult to climb, but it can be bypassed on the left side:





After climbing the second impasse, we checked out the area to the south of this impasse, where the canyon splits around a sort of fin of rock in the middle; this other side is more difficult to climb and is obviously not part of the main canyon, but we found a bighorn horn on the ground below a dryfall:



More desert buckwheat further up-canyon:



Around a couple more corners, we finally encounter the amazing Tunnel Bridge:



Tunnel Bridge from the other side:





Another interesting feature in this canyon:



The fourth impasse in the canyon can be seen in the crack in the center of this photo; we did not climb this impasse, we bypassed it on the right side:



After bypassing this impasse, we encounter another interesting feature in this canyon: White Slickenside:

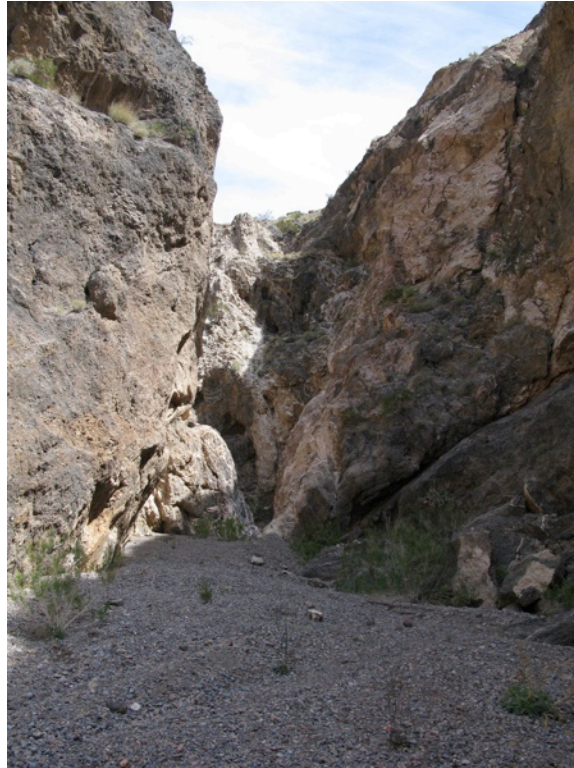


Just past White Slickenside is the fifth impasse, which can be climbed fairly easily on the left side (note that the first stage of the fall is shown in the photo below; the second stage is similar):





From here, the canyon changes from having mud/dirt walls to going through solid rock; the narrows here are very impressive:



All too soon, we encounter the sixth impasse, which we are unable to climb, so we turn around here; this impasse is about 18 feet in height:

