

## NARROWS NEAR MUMMY CANYON

Note that I am using the informal names "Jackpot Canyon," "Halfmile Slot Canyon," and "Mountain Lion Den Canyon" for these canyons, but these names have not been approved by the park service and therefore are only used within this report to determine which canyon I am referring to. The name "Mountain Lion Den Canyon" will be explained further in a later report, but I will include the warning here that, as of the writing of this report (January 2015), there appears to be a mountain lion living in this canyon, and thus visitation is not recommended at this time.

Google Earth map of this area:



Looking over at Tucki Mountain on our way from Stovepipe to Furnace Creek; it's great to be back in DV again:



We parked just beyond the entrance station near Mummy Canyon, and ascended the ridges to the highest point seen in this photo:



From here, we dropped into the wash on the right (the one on the left would also work, I believe):



We followed this wash down-canyon to check out the first of the narrow sections which I had spotted on Google Earth, which we would later refer to as "Mountain Lion Den" Canyon:



Soon, the canyon enters a narrow trench:





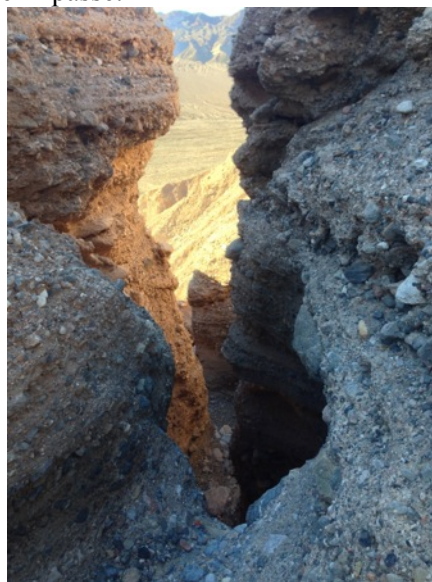
There were pools of water at the bottom of short dropoffs in this canyon, which needed to be carefully circumnavigated:



Three photos of the nice but short narrow stretch of the upper part of this canyon:



Unfortunately, we soon encountered a large impasse:



Looking back up-canyon:



We attained the ridge to the northwest and looked down-canyon:



There appeared to be multiple sections of narrows which could be explored:



Panorama looking down from here; it appeared possible to descend this ridge on the northwest side of the canyon to see more of the narrows, but we decided to check that out on another day and continue on to more potential narrows mapped on Google Earth:





Looking back at the short upper narrows of what we would later call "Mountain Lion Den" Canyon:



We then crossed over to above the wash behind Navel Springs (above the major dryfall just above the springs), which I'll refer to informally as "Jackpot Canyon" because we were not expecting to find many narrows in this canyon:



Looking up-canyon from the ridge:



This is the route we used to descend into this canyon:



Looking up-canyon, the narrows weren't quite as deep:



But looking down-canyon, the narrows were quite promising:



There was one open stretch of canyon:



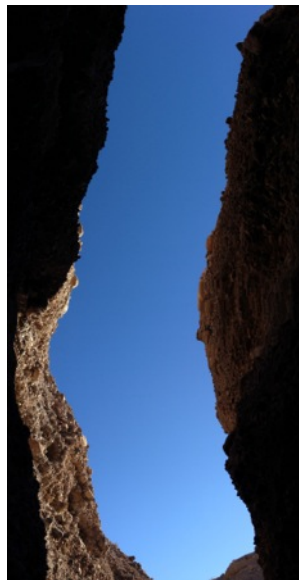
Then, we entered some surprisingly impressive narrows:







Looking up out of these narrows, which had much taller walls than I had expected from looking at maps of this area:



Two more photos as we exit these narrows:



Looking down-canyon, where we know we will soon encounter a large dropoff:



Looking back at this narrow section:



There is one very short dryfall:





Then, we encounter the major dryfall:



Panorama looking out towards the valley with Navel Springs below:



Looking back up-canyon:



From here, we decided to attain the ridge to get a view into the next canyon over and see if it would be possible to drop into it and check out the narrows there:



Looking back at the valley and "Jackpot Canyon" from the ridge:



Looking into this next canyon, which I'll informally refer to as "Halfmile Slot Canyon":



Looking at the upper part of "Jackpot Canyon":



View into a side canyon of "Halfmile Slot Canyon":





We ended up continuing along the ridge to drop into the canyon from above:



From the ridge, the narrows in this canyon looked incredible:



Another view from the ridge, this one showing (in the center) the route we used to cross over from "Mountain Lion Den Canyon" to "Jackpot Canyon":



Another view into the increasingly amazing looking narrows of "Halfmile Slot Canyon":



This side canyon appears to have a big dropoff with narrows just below it, before joining the main canyon:



Looking down and out at the valley from here:



Panorama near the top of this canyon:



We now found a place where we could drop into this canyon, and we continued up it a short distance:





The canyon does not appear to have any more narrows at this point:



Therefore, we next headed down-canyon:



This dropoff can be bypassed on the right side (when heading down-canyon):



Looking back at this dropoff from the bypass:



Looking into the beginning of the narrows from this bypass:



These narrows certainly looked interesting, and we hoped that we could at least see some of them before reaching an impasse that had no workaroud:





There were some interesting rock stripes in the canyon walls around here:



Looking up a short side canyon as we headed down the main canyon:



There were some bushes growing in this upper section of the canyon:

