

RETURN TO MOONLIGHT BRIDGE

* See my trip report on Moonlight Bridge for more information on this geologic feature.

On the last day of our 2013 Spring Break trip, we decided to hike back out to Moonlight Bridge to see if we could get past the mud-boulder impasse which blocks progress just past the bridge. We decided that the impasse was not safe to climb, because its crumbly nature would make finding solid hand- and foot-holds difficult, and, additionally, an attempt to climb it would likely cause erosion. Therefore, we found a route up to the ridge above the bridge, from which we could look down on the bridge. One member of the group continued on into the area above the bridge, which involved some talus scrambling, to get a view of the bridge from its other side, while the rest of the group stayed behind and admired the view of the bridge from the ridge.

An interesting side-slot just before we reached the bridge, which I hadn't taken a photo of on our first trip:



View as we approach the bridge; we discovered that the sun angle for photos of the bridge is better earlier in the day:



HDR panorama of the bridge (the striping effect is due to different camera settings for each piece of the panorama—it is not due to rock coloration!):



Panoramic photo of the mud-boulder impasse:



Looking down at the bridge from the ridge:



Looking down at the side-slot from the ridge:



Panoramic photo of the bridge from up-canyon:



The short mud-narrows stretch above the bridge:



A boulder which must be climbed a little further on:

