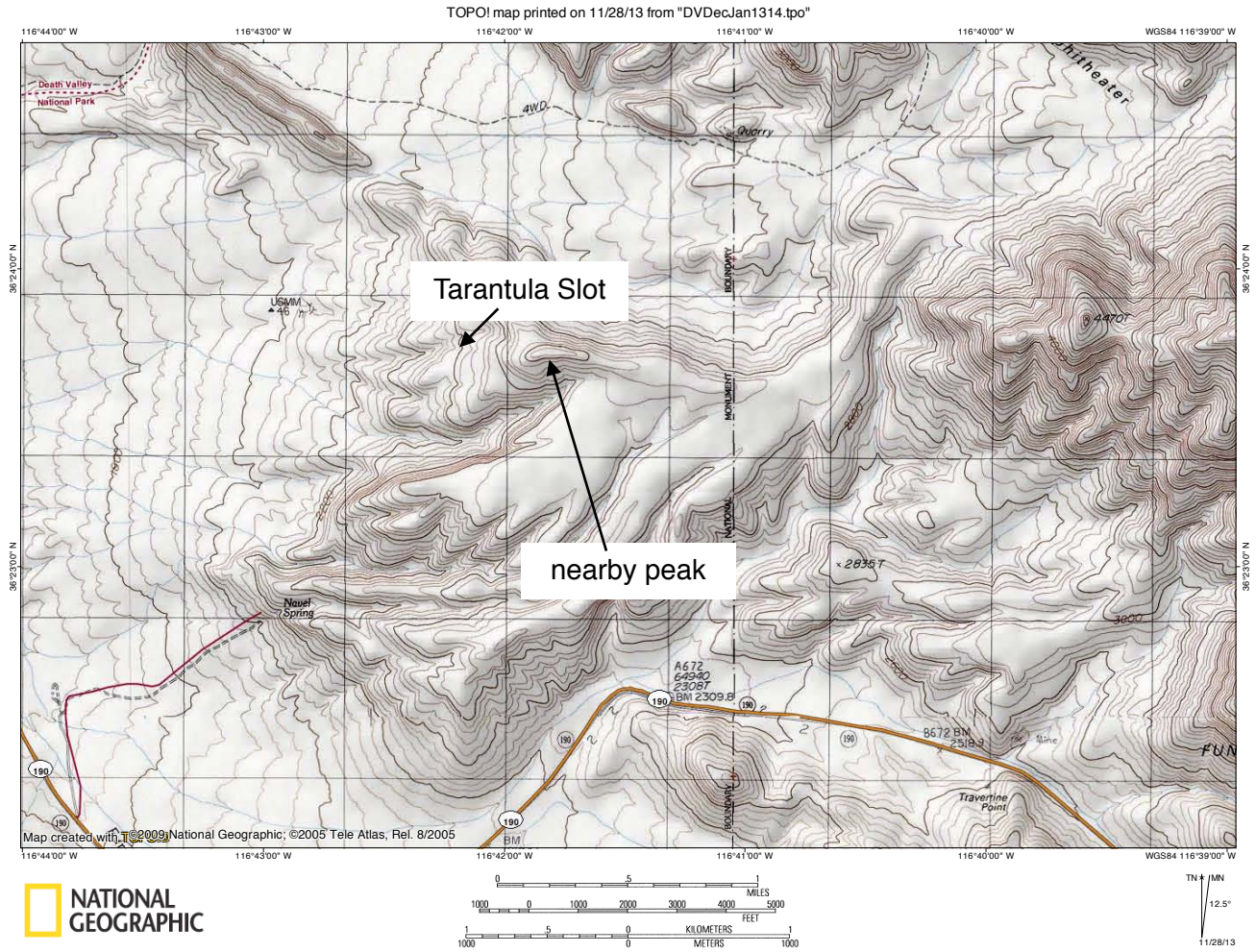


Tarantula Slot and nearby peak

Google Earth maps of this area:



TOPO map of this area:



Looking at our route towards this area from where we parked:



Looking towards this area from where we can actually see the canyon we are planning on checking out:



The mouth of the canyon which contains Tarantula Slot:



Heading up this canyon:



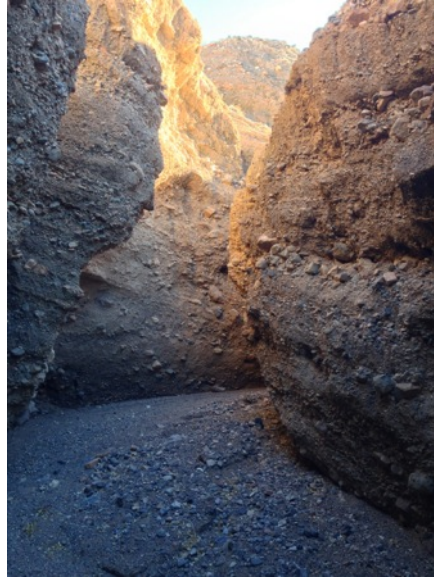
The next 8 photos show our progress up this canyon, which remains relatively wide and shallow, though it passes through rock which is likely to contain a slot:



Here we can see that the canyon indeed passes through a slot; however, this slot is not as spectacular as the main Tarantula Slot:



The next three photos show this slot before it reaches an impasse:



The impasse, which is about 10 feet tall and formed from very crumbly rock that is unsafe to climb:



From here, we attained the ridge on the left side of the canyon and followed it to the highest peak in this area. This photo shows the view into the canyon from the ridge, with the upper Black Mountains in the background:



Looking ahead to the peak we were going to climb to (the tallest one, seen in the center of the photo), with the canyon below:



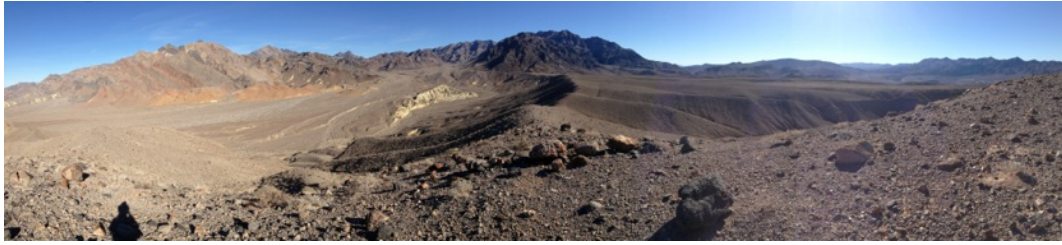
Looking up at the peak from above what turned out to be Tarantula Slot, with the upper part of this canyon below:



View into the Red Amphitheater area from the ridge:



Panorama towards the Red Amphitheater area from the top of the peak:



Looking towards the upper Black Mountains:



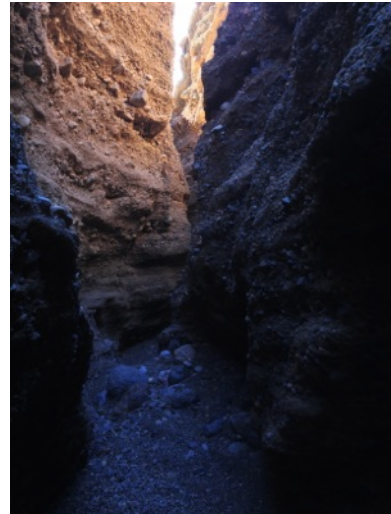
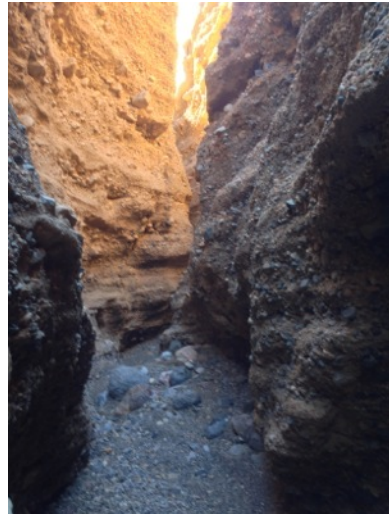
View into Tarantula Slot on our way back down the ridge:



We dropped into the canyon just above Tarantula Slot:



The next 11 photos show our walk through this very nice slot:





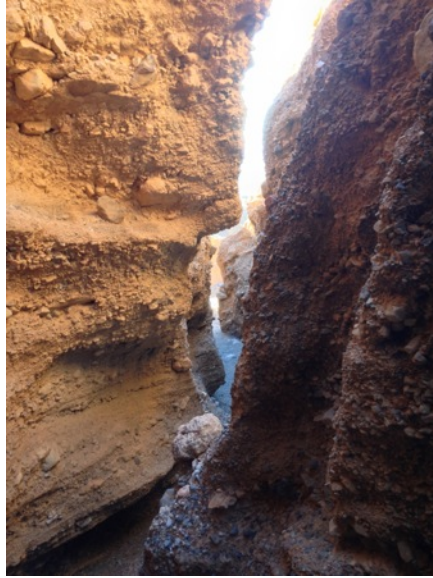
Panorama which shows the height of this slot:



Looking down from the boulder impasse, which is about 8 feet, that blocks progress through this slot:



View looking further down the slot from the top of the impasse; the slot appears to end shortly after this boulder jam:



The tarantula we spotted in the slot:



On our way back, we dropped into the canyon just east of the canyon with Tarantula Slot, and spotted some interesting formations:





We also passed by this mud-mound with a mining tunnel that was open on one side but closed off on the others:



This appears to be a miner-built wall made out of mud-moundy rock:



Some sort of boundary marker:

