

### TOWNE'S PASS SLOT #1

This canyon can be accessed from the Towne's Pass road, by parking at the 4000-foot elevation marker. We checked out this canyon on our drive in to DV in April 2014, so we did not have time to completely explore the area; therefore, we plan to make a return visit. Also, this area had one of the best varieties of wildflowers I had seen in DV on recent trips! My thanks to Gowergulch42 from the Death-Valley.net Forums for first reporting on these canyons in the Towne's Pass area!

Google Earth map of this canyon



Parking at the 4000-foot elevation sign:



Looking ahead to the canyon mouth, with some nice wildflowers:



The next six photos show close-up photos of some of the flowers we encountered on the hike to the canyon mouth:





Panorama on the way to the start of the narrows:



Entering the narrows:



Soon after entering the narrows we encounter a boulder jam which we cannot climb; the difficulty is that there are no good holds to get over the smaller boulder at the top of the jam:



View from the top of the workaround for this impasse:



Looking back up at the route down into the canyon from the bypass:



Continuing up-canyon, we encounter some nice narrows and some easy-to-climb small boulder jams and falls. The next nine photos show progress up-canyon:





This is the largest dryfall in the narrows, and it is much easier to climb than it first appears:



Looking down-canyon from the top of the fall:



The canyon opens up a bit after this dryfall, so we continue for a little while longer before heading back as it is starting to get late; the next nine photos show the rest of this canyon that we explored:





Looking down-canyon in one of the best sections of narrows, as the sky is starting to get cloudy:





The next three photos show the spectacular wildflowers we saw in this area; with the evening clouds, the lighting was excellent for photographing these flowers:



A nice rainbow we saw later in the evening from Stovepipe Wells:

