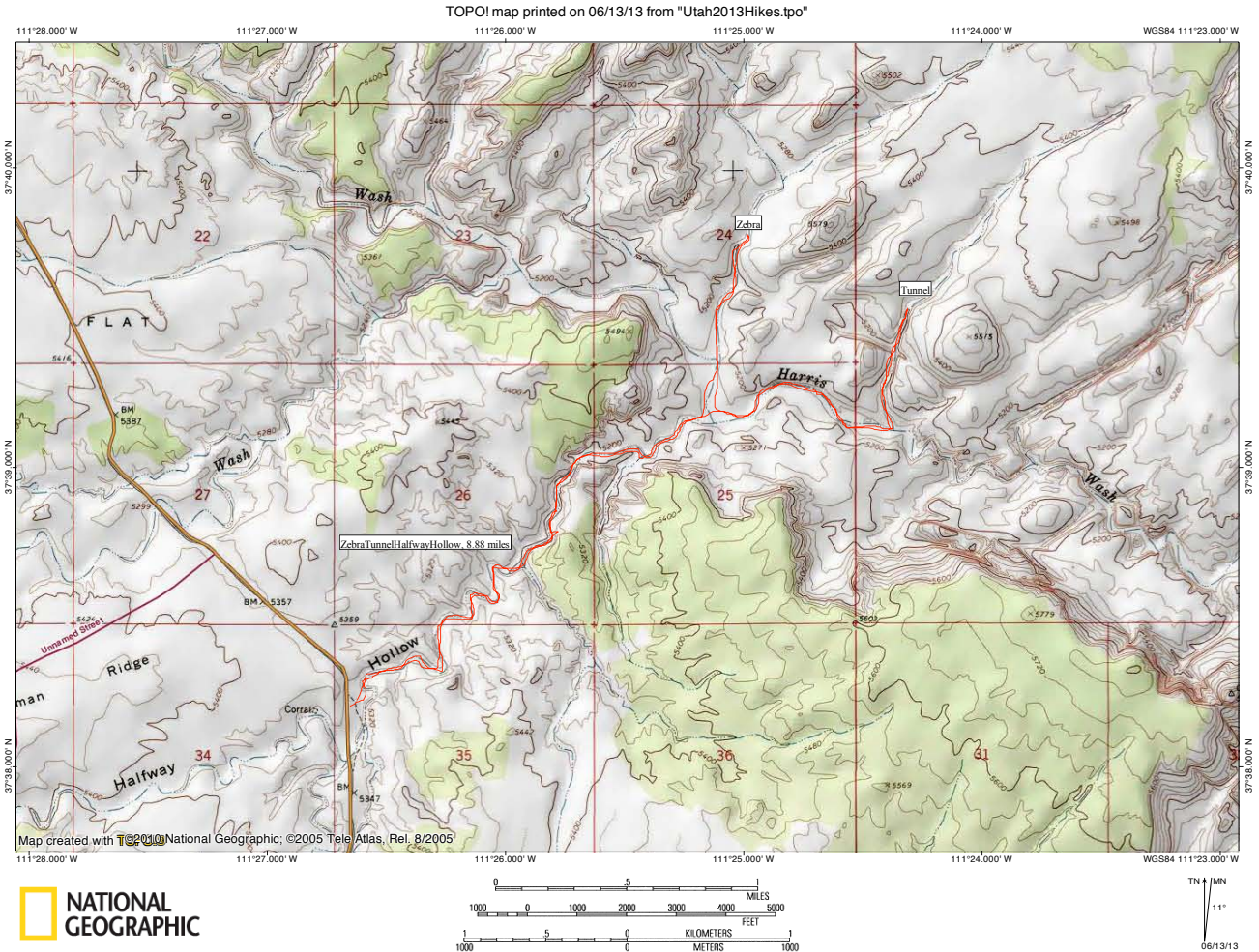


TUNNEL AND ZEBRA SLOT CANYONS FROM HALFWAY HOLLOW AND ESCALANTE VIEWPOINT IN GRAND STAIRCASE- ESCALANTE

Zebra and Tunnel slots can be accessed from Halfway Hollow, which is located about 8 miles down Hole-in-the-Rock Road. This appears to be a hike that is highly recommended to tourists by the BLM office in Escalante; however, according to groups also doing this hike, the handouts from the BLM office, which do not include a map, are unhelpful to the point of the slots being easier to find without them—having not seen this handout, I cannot comment, but I feel I should mention this.

TOPO map of this hike:



Photos of the trail down; there is a clear trail to Harris Wash from Halfway Hollow:





We saw many large lizards on this hike:



Panorama in Harris Wash; to the left is the Halfway Hollow trail and to the right is the side-wash which contains Zebra slot:

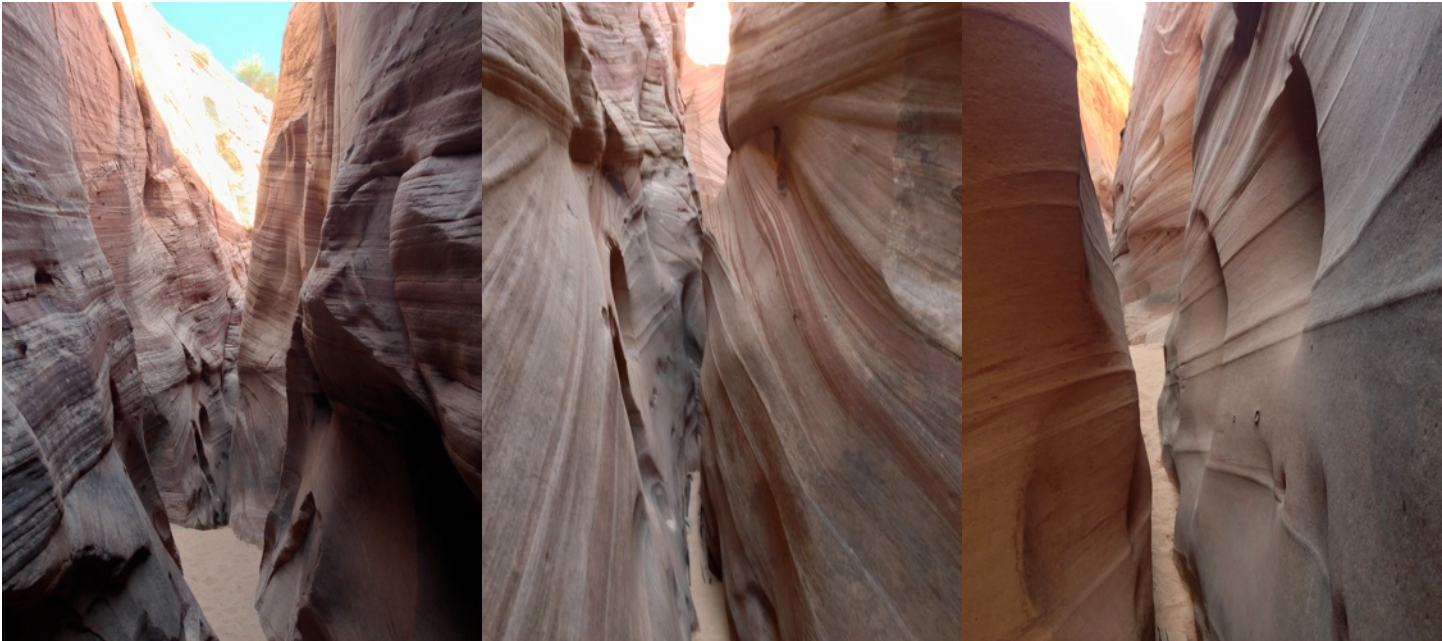


Looking towards Zebra slot from the side wash of Harris Wash:

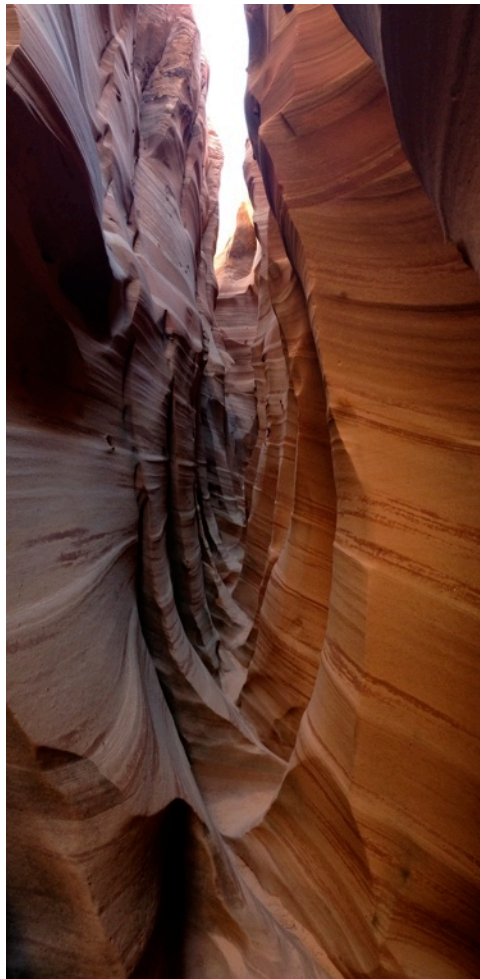


The next 8 photos show the incredible narrows of Zebra slot:





Vertical panorama near the end of the slot:



The impasse at the end of the slot; it was just too slippery for me to climb. Note the “zebra stripes” on the walls:



There was a nest of baby birds in this part of the slot:



Photos coming back out of the slot:





From here, we headed down Harris Wash to Tunnel Slot. Panorama photo of a trail which shortens the distance down the wash by cutting across some of the bends in the canyon:



Looking down Harris Wash from where the Tunnel slot cutoff trail takes off to the left:



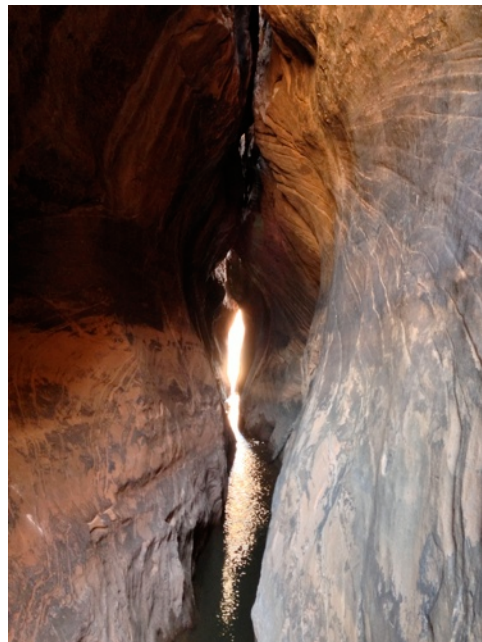
Two photos of heading up the brush-filled side wash to Tunnel slot:



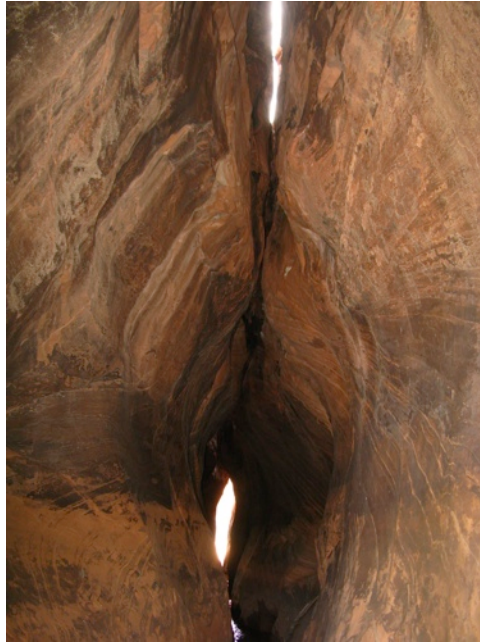
Tunnel slot in the distance:



Tunnel slot is a very short slot, only about 50 yards in length, and it often has water in it (the water was too murky to see how deep it was or what was in it, so we decided not to wade through). It appears like a tunnel as it is so narrow at the top, yet wider at the bottom:



Looking up while standing just inside the entrance to Tunnel slot:



Fence in Halfway Hollow on our way back:



After this hike, we headed back towards Escalante and drove out road number 105, which leaves UT 12 just before it drops down into the Escalante River Gorge. This road is not very passable by vehicle due to being very sandy, so we ended up parking and hiking out to get a view:



Panorama from the top of the larger (leftmost) of the hoodoos shown in the right side of the previous picture:



Looking over at the smaller hoodoos from here:



Looking northeast towards more of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Mounment:

