

Hiking up this canyon became very slow and tedious, as there are many rocks and plants (and places where snakes could be hiding) to work around.



The nature of the canyon changes dramatically here, from a narrow slot-like canyon to a boulder-choked wash.



We quickly got tired of the slow progress, so we headed back and found a route up the north side of the canyon.



The route was steeper and slipperier than it had appeared, but it was certainly shorter than retracing our steps to get to below the upper narrows, and then climbing out on the other side.



Looking back down-canyon from here at the entrance to the upper narrows.



Upon reaching the ridge, we found a nice ledge we could follow to get a view of the upper canyon. Notice the interesting leaning-rock cairn in this photo, which must have been placed by a previous hiking group, maybe recent or in the more distant past.



Looking back across the narrows of this canyon towards the northern Black Mountains.



To get to the plateau area on the northern side of this canyon which we had explored last year, we would need to cross this ridge.



But first, we decided to get a view into the upper part of this canyon. Here, we are looking down at an interesting rock formation far below.



This panorama is of the view up-canyon.



This interesting formation near the canyon floor caught my attention. It almost looks like it could be an arch or natural bridge up on the hillside.



I ascended the hillside to try to get a better view up-canyon and at this formation.



Zooming in on it again, it appears to be a conglomerate column that the drainage goes around. I strongly doubt water goes through it, but looking at the photo again after the trip I'm still not entirely sure.



From here, we headed back to the ridge we would need to cross to get to the northern fork of this canyon. Panorama from this ridge looking down at this very scenic and convoluted area.



Looking across at the upper part of "More Slots" Canyon, which is between this canyon and Funeral Slot Canyon, and the ridge above Funeral Slot Canyon (to the right in this photo).



There are many false natural bridge formations in this area.



This is a chimney-like formation, where water apparently pours down a funnel-shaped depression in the ground and comes out a hole in the bottom.



Looking down this strange wash which we had explored the previous year.



This is one of the bridge-like formations we had found the previous year.



This photo is looking across at another interesting formation. Since we had already seen these the previous year and our goal for the day in the north fork of this canyon was further up-canyon, we didn't stop to take more photos.



The north fork of this canyon splits into many smaller drainages, just like the upper part of the "More Slots" Canyon does. Our plan was to follow the most major one further than we had on our previous trip.



This is another false bridge we had seen last year. Notice how part of the canyon wall has broken off and is leaning against the other side.



A short distance up-canyon, we turned off into a side drainage on the right side. I had seen what appeared to be more interesting formations on Google Earth.



There are three false-bridges, each around 4 feet high. But what is really interesting in this area is the mud formations which look like stalagmites of sorts.



Here is a photo of one of the bridge-like formations.



Unfortunately, due to their location, it was quite difficult to photograph these odd formations, especially while taking care not to damage any of the other nearby interesting formations.





This is another of the false natural bridges.



This area seems to have a lot of natural sinkholes, where water must drain from the hillside and run underground before coming out again somewhere.



From here, we headed back down-canyon to check out another potential interesting formation, this one which we had spotted when descending from the ridge above the southern fork. Interestingly, this false bridge had looked larger from a distance, but when we got to it we found that it is only about a foot tall.



Panorama looking back out at the northern fork from here.



One last photo of this area on the way back, looking south at the ridge between this canyon and Echo Canyon. I've noticed that there are many bighorn sheep trails on the hills around here.



Here is a photo of the well (or "pseudo-well") near where we parked. (I'm not really sure what it is, although it looks like it could be a well.)

