

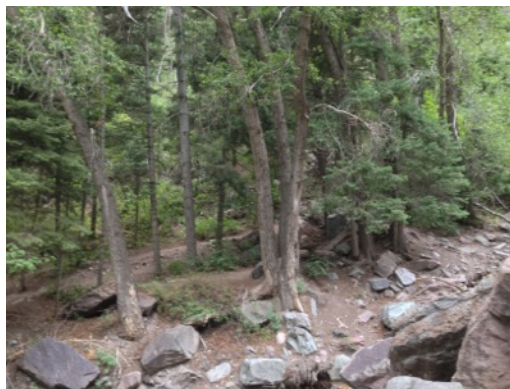
Here is Cascade Falls.



The Ouray Perimeter Trail continues to the south, towards the Amphitheater Campground.



It also descends to the north.



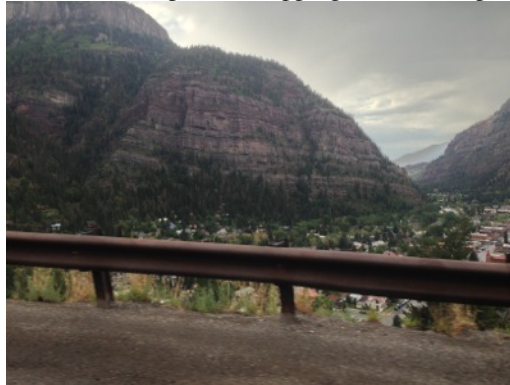
While in Ouray, we briefly checked out FJ Summit XI.



Looking back at Ouray and north towards Ridgway from the switchbacks heading south out of town.



The Twin Peaks Trail ascends to the top of the beehive-shaped outcropping seen in this photo, then on to the top of the peak.



I think this photo is of the Camp Bird Mine Road, but I can't recall.



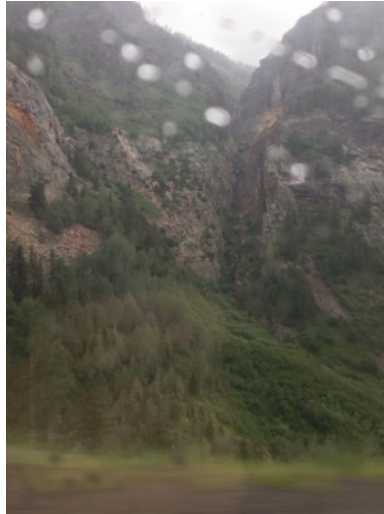
Heading south towards Silverton.



Two photos looking back towards Ouray. Notice how this incredible shelf road has been cut into the mountainside.



Looking across at some nice waterfalls here .



The scenery was very green through here. We were also getting quite a bit of rain at this point on this drive.



Here is the turnoff for the Black Bear Pass Road. When we had visited Ouray in June of 2015, this part of the road had been under a few feet of snow.



Now we are descending the big switchback at Mill Creek.



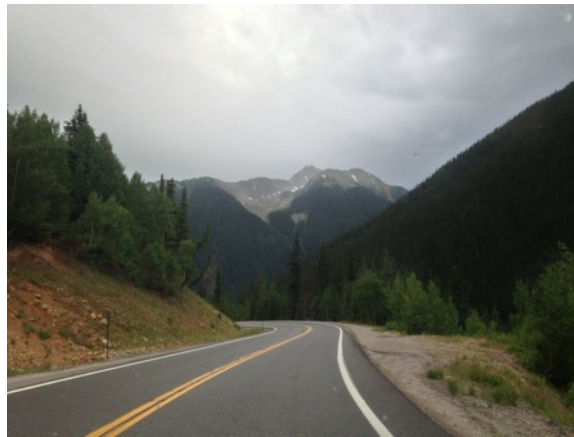
Looking up Mill Creek from the main road. Columbine Lake is beyond the cliffs seen in this photo.



This is near the turnoff for the Ophir Pass Road, which heads up the middle fork of Mineral Creek.



One last photo of the Ouray area, as we descended towards Silverton.



The next six photos are of the road between Monticello and Moab. Notice the impressive rock formations in this area; I'm not sure how much of this area is private property. I had tried to get some photos of Mesa Verde from near Dolores on our drive to here, but they didn't turn out very well.



Moab Brewing's incredible veggie burrito.



The next six photos were taken somewhere between Moab and Hanksville. I think the first three were just north of Moab.



Interesting formations near Goblin Valley.



Here we are heading towards Hanksville again, with the Henry Mountains prominently visible. And, again, there are large clouds threatening to rain on us.



Looking west towards Capitol Reef, where we are heading.



The rock formations began to get very interesting again as we approached Caineville.



There is certainly much to explore in this part of Utah.



The colors here reminded me of those at the Pahreah Townsite, in the Grand Staircase–Escalante National Monument. They were probably more vivid here because of the rain.



The grey colors in the landscape here were almost unreal. These photos were taken near where the road to Goblin Valley State Park rejoins the road from Hanksville to Caineville. With the evening stormy lighting, the views from that road would have been incredible.





This is where the (dirt) road from Goblin Valley joins the road we are on. I am not sure what the conditions of that road are beyond the parking area for Little Wild Horse Canyon.



Three more photos as we approach Capitol Reef National Park.



This is near the turnoff for Cathedral Wash Road into Capitol Reef's Cathedral Valley, which I hope to visit someday.



There is certainly some very nice scenery along this road.



Here is the junction with the Hartnet Road, which is another route into the Cathedral Valley. We drove this road a short distance to check out the river ford for future reference.



Due to the recent rains, the river was flowing swiftly, and the entrance to the ford was quite muddy.



One exits the ford a bit upstream (see the center of the photo).



Here I have walked along the riverbank to get a better view of the exit of the ford. Note that the river bottom is going to be soft.



From here, we drove through Capitol Reef towards Torrey. This is the Behunin Cabin.



This is a nice rock formation near the Capitol Reef Visitors Center, which was closed because we arrived too late in the day.



Notice these two rocks balanced on top of the cliff here (left of center in the photo) .



Two more photos of the impressive red-colored rock formations here, which were even more impressive because of the rain bringing out the colors.



The next two panoramas were taken in the evening behind the motel where we were staying.



This panorama was taken from the same place as the panorama two photos above, but it was taken the following morning. Notice how foggy it was there; we had little visibility on the drive out of Torrey and through the Fishlake Mountains.



One last photo of the Capitol Reef area.



The next three photos were taken in the Fishlake Mountains, before reaching Sigurd, during the rare opportunities we had to see some scenery despite the low fog and clouds.



This nice valley we drove by shortly before reaching Sigurd had a small patch of sunlight. I was very surprised how cloudy and wet it was in this area in July.



Near the town of Sigurd there are some colorful hills similar to those we had seen east of Capitol Reef.



Two more photos, from the drive between Sigurd and Aurora.



The reddish hills between Salina and Scipio certainly look interesting to explore. If I recall correctly, we spotted a road near here heading up to a camping area in these hills.



Zooming in on a neat dirt road heading up into the mountains which form another part of the Fishlake National Forest, just west of Scipio.



The next four photos are from the drive between Scipio and Skull Rock Pass, through Delta, UT.



These two photos are of some of the nice rock formations encountered on the drive through Skull Rock Pass. If I recall correctly, we spotted Skull Rock on a previous drive through here many years ago, but we weren't able to see it this time.



Nice mountains near the Great Basin National Park.



These mountains are part of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, and are located just northeast of Great Basin National Park, on the other side of the main highway. The most prominent peak appears to be called Mt. Moriah, with an elevation of 12,050 feet (to compare, Mt. Wheeler is 13,063 feet).



A sign welcomes visitors at the state line to Nevada's Highway 50.



Looking west at Mt. Wheeler. It was incredibly clear, though a bit windy, when we drove in, but the clouds soon came in to cover the peaks.





The Hickison Petroglyphs can be found along Nevada's Hwy 50. We had hoped to check them out on this drive, but we didn't have time.



Looking over towards the cliffs where the petroglyphs are located.



I think this photo was taken near Hickison Summit.

