

Gallery (“Rococo”) Canyon

Due to the difficult nature of accessing the narrows of this canyon, I will not be including a map of its location in this report.

These four photos show the difficult workaround to bypass the lower dry-falls of this canyon. Note that the photos do not give indication of exactly how steep and slippery the terrain is:



Looking into this canyon just above the second impasse:



Panorama of a flat spot on this bypass ridge:



Looking into the narrow section of this canyon:



After dropping into this canyon, we looked down over the second major impasse:



A short impasse just above the second major impasse that can be easily bypassed:



There is a piece of webbing at the top of this impasse, so it appears that canyoneers have rappelled down this canyon:



From here, we headed up-canyon. The next eight photos show progress up-canyon, before the narrow section:



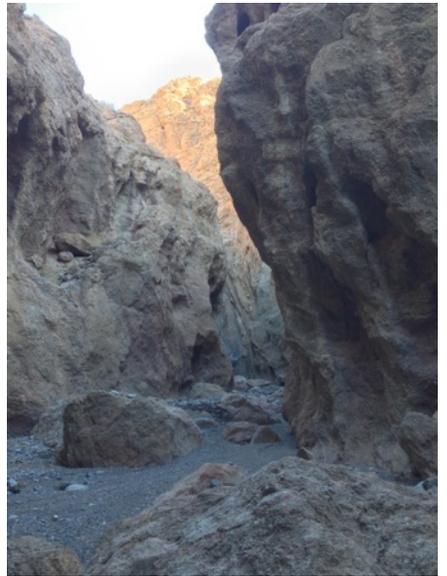
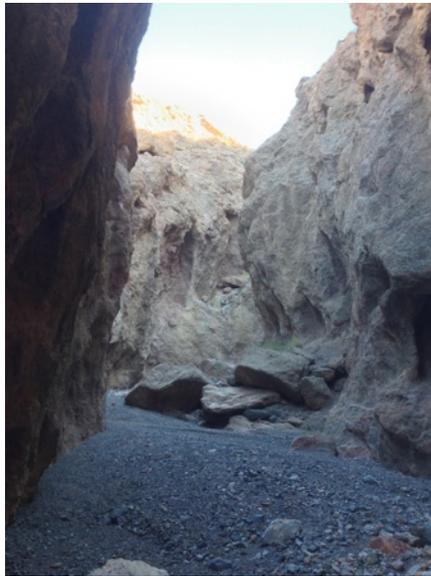
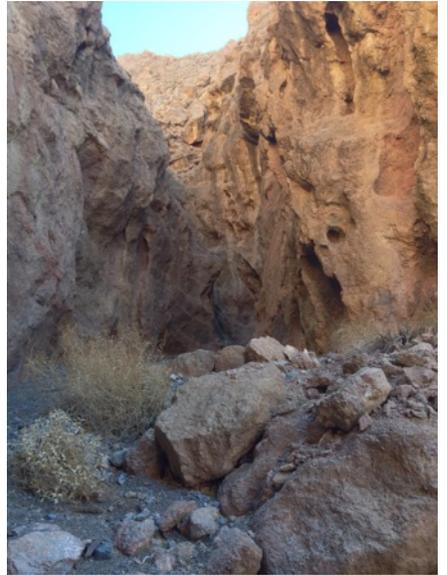
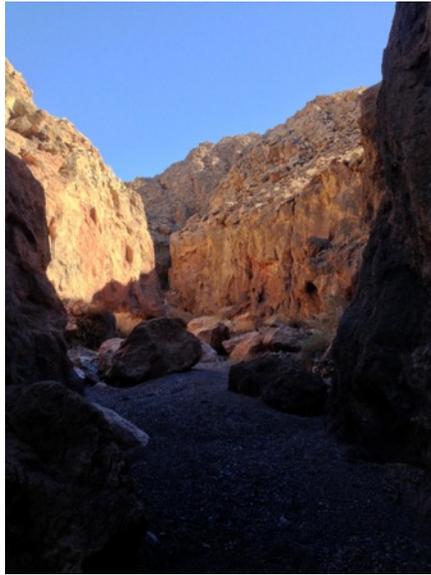


We see that up ahead the canyon is going to get narrow:

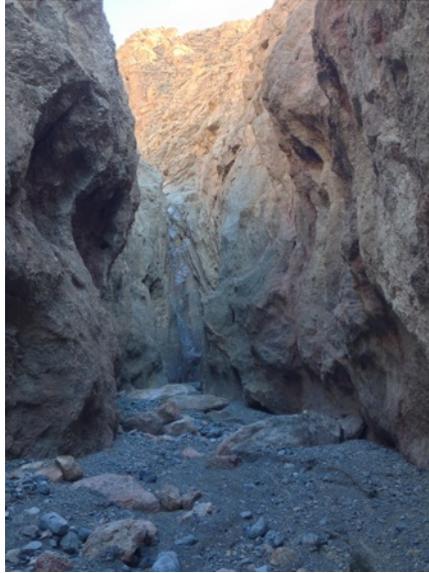


The next eleven photos are of the impressive narrows of Gallery Canyon:





Amazing colors in the canyon, with the third major impasse in the distance:



This impasse prevents further progress up-canyon through these narrows:



More colors of Gallery Canyon as seen on our way back down through these narrows:



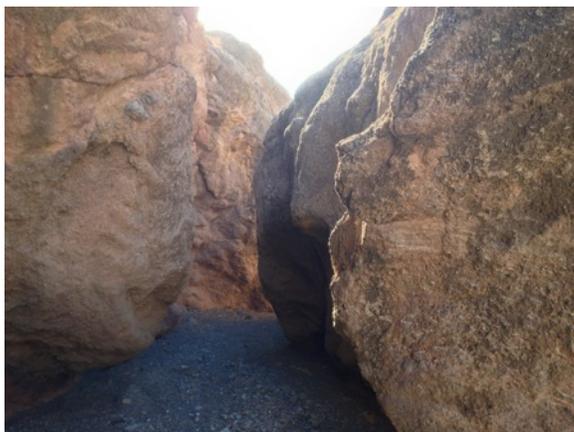
We climbed back out to the ridge and continued on, to bypass the third major impasse of this canyon. Looking into a short narrow section near where we dropped back into the canyon:



This is the upper end of the narrow section:



The next six photos show these shallow narrows:





The top of a boulder jam:



Webbing jammed in a rock above the boulder jam:



We were able to bypass this boulder jam. Looking back at the jam:



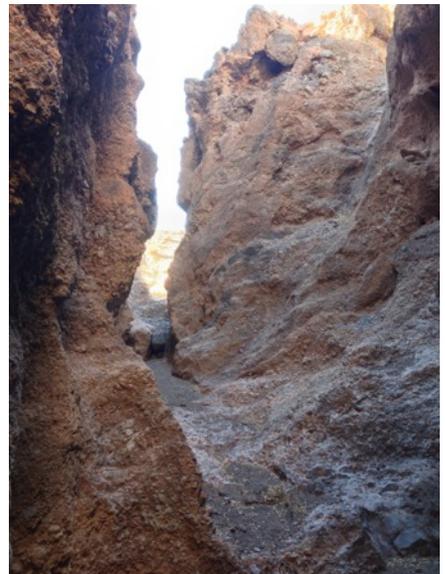
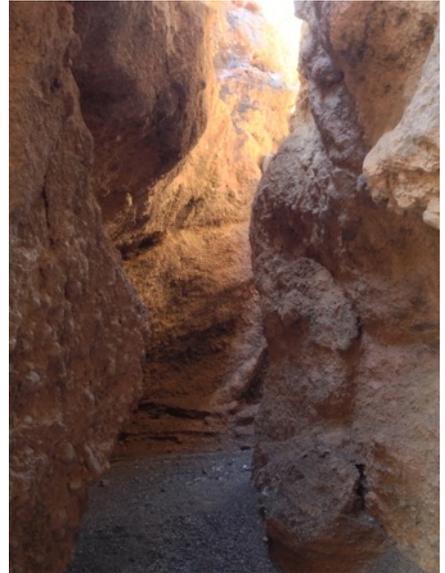
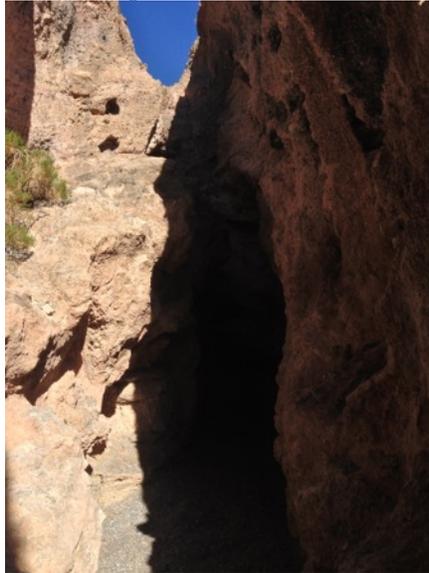
However, we were stopped by another boulder jam, this one too tall and slippery to climb, and the canyon walls too steep for a bypass:



We decided to head back up the canyon. This is the fourth major impasse of this canyon:



A very nice narrow section above the fourth major impasse:



The canyon opens up briefly:



Then, it enters another narrow area, though this one not quite as narrow:



As we were running out of time, we decided to turn around here:

