



BLACK TABLE CANYON - TRACHYTE



Rating: 3A

Length: 1 hour

Gear: Standard Technical Gear

Maps: Black Table, UT

Rappels: 1 - 12 m (40 ft.)

Water: None.

Flash Flood Danger: Low

Season: Any, no snow. Hot in the summer.

Notes: This canyon is best done with a short car shuttle.

Waypoints:

Trailhead

12S 535616mE 4195990mN

N37° 54' 39" W110° 35' 41"

Rappel

12S 536245mE 4196075mN

N37° 54' 41" W110° 35' 16"

Exit Trailhead

12S 537556mE 4195581mN

N37° 54' 25" W110° 34' 22"

Hype

Black Table Canyon is one of those canyons that any canyoneer worth their salt has wondered about as they drove by on the way to something else. I first descended the canyon several years ago and have had numerous people ask me if I had any information on it since then.

To be honest, though it looks kind of interesting from a distance, it is really not particularly good. One short rappel and a unique granite section are pretty much it. Overall, not one I would recommend, but since many have asked, here is the information.

Tags: *canyon, family friendly, beginner, access: 2wd*

Trailhead

Exit

The exit is at Maidenwater Spring, milepost 8.6 on highway 276. This is 1.6 miles past where you turn off the highway for the trailhead.

Start

Go south out of Hanksville on highway 95 about 26 miles to its junction with 276 to Bullfrog. Go on 276 toward Bullfrog/Ticaboo for 7 miles. Just before mile marker 7, a dirt road goes off on the right.

- This is the Ghost Ridge road, number 13800. Reset your odometer as you leave the highway. (12S 536622mE 4197929mN / N37° 55' 41" W110° 34' 60")

- Follow it for 1.5 miles to where a culvert goes under the road. Stay left at all junctions. The culvert is the trailhead, but there isn't a great place to pullout there, so you may need to go 0.1 miles further to a wide spot after a turn. (12S 535620mE 4195977mN / N37° 54' 38" W110° 35' 41")

Route

From the trailhead, the cut of Black Table Canyon is clearly visible. Hike down 5 minutes to where you enter an enormous granite bowl. This is easy to climb down into on the left. 2 minutes below this is a second dryfall. Traverse left to a gully to bypass it.

The grand finale comes up 2 minutes past the dryfall, a 12 m (40 ft.) rappel. You will need to build a deadman, or find another suitable anchor for the short rap. Once down, the geology changes from granite to sandstone. Follow the shallow canyon down 15 minutes or so to Maidenwater Spring.

Note: If you don't have two cars, you can exit left after the rappel and climb to the top on the right (looking up canyon, north) side of the canyon.

