



## MOLEN SEEPS PANEL - WESTERN SWELL



**Rating:** Easy hiking.

**Length:** less than an hour

**Gear:** Standard Hiking Gear

**Maps:** Molen, Ut;

**Water:** None.

**Season:** Any

**Waypoints:**

Trailhead

12S 494343mE 4318629mN

N39° 01' 00" W111° 03' 55"

Panels

12S 494173mE 4318495mN

N39° 00' 56" W111° 04' 02"

Panels

12S 494123mE 4318514mN

N39° 00' 56" W111° 04' 04"

## Hype

This is a short hike to a pretty good set of panels. It is a must do if you are in the area, and accessible to most. The panels are not nearly as intricate or impressive as the nearby Ferron Box panels, but are still interesting. It is fascinating to consider the Indians visiting and likely inhabiting the seemingly desolate and harsh edge of the Swell. Perhaps this was their winter range when the nearby mountains were snowy and cold.

**Tags:** *roadside, rock art, dog friendly, family friendly, access: high clearance*

## Trailhead

From Ferron, UT, head east on 100 S (Molen Road). This is across the road from the Millsite Recreation Sign. Reset your odometer as you turn off main street and onto 100 S.

- 3.0 - 4 way junction. Go right, toward Dutch Flat Desert.
- 3.3 - Road turns to dirt.
- 4.3 - Stay straight on main road through 4 way junction. The road begins heading east.
- 5.6 - Go right, just BEFORE the fence (on the west side of the fence) and reset your odometer.
- Follow the good road, staying right at 2.1 miles, and continuing on to the roads end at 3.2 miles. This is an overlook and offers OK primitive camping.

## Route

### **Rock Art and Historic Site Etiquette**

Rock art and historic sites are fragile, non-renewable cultural resources that, once damaged, can never be replaced. To ensure they are protected, please:

- **Avoid Touching the Petroglyphs:** Look and observe, **BUT DO NOT TOUCH!**
- **Stay on the Trails:** Stay on the most used trails when visiting sites, and don't create new trails or trample vegetation.
- **Photography and Sketching is Allowed:** Do not introduce any foreign substance to enhance the carved and pecked images for photographic or drawing purposes. Altering, defacing, or damaging the petroglyphs is against the law -- even if the damage is unintentional.
- **Pets:** Keep pets on a leash and clean up after them.
- **Artifacts:** If you happen to come across sherds (broken pottery) or lithics (flakes of stone tools), leave them where you see them. Once they are moved or removed, a piece of the past is forever lost.

From the trailhead, find a way off the cliff top and down to the bottom of the wash. There is a social trail here that descends a very interesting crack to the canyon floor, but several options exist. Once down, turn right (west), and head up stream. There are several panels on the right, less than 10 minutes from the trailhead. Aside from the garbage at the base of the cliff, this is a stark and beautiful place in its own way.

