



## 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

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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.

