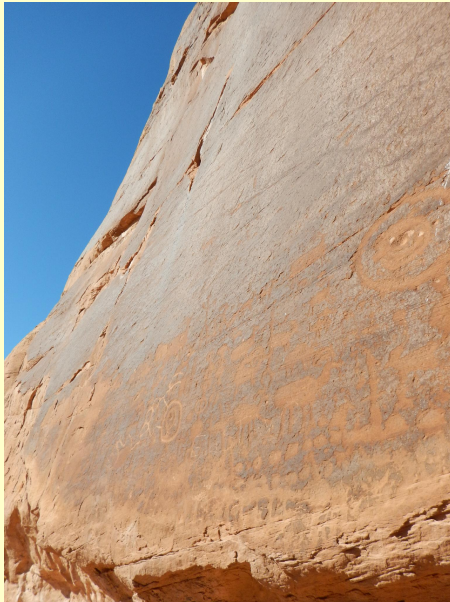




## COTTONWOOD WASH SPRING PANEL - EASTERN REEF



**Rating:** Easy Hiking

**Length:** Less than an hour (0.2 mile)

**Maps:** Crows Nest Spring, UT;

**Water:** None.

**Season:** Any, hot in the summer

**Waypoints:**

Trailhead

12S 552260mE 4282037mN  
N38° 41' 07" W110° 23' 57"

Panel

12S 552195mE 4281990mN  
N38° 41' 06" W110° 23' 60"

## Hype

This small panel is downstream from the Cottonwood Wash hike, though makes for a long hike if done as one loop. Visiting each separately is recommended. The panel is ok, but there are many other better panels in the Swell the visit. Save this one for a short visit if you happen to be in the area.

Note: The road to the Cottonwood Wash hike continues and can be used to access this hike, but is very rough in one dugway section near the spring. Not recommended except for 4x4s.

The approach road in this description has a couple of rough spots, but should be passable by most high clearance vehicles if carefully driven in a couple of spots.

**Tags:** *roadside, rock art, family friendly, access: 4x4*

## Trailhead

Reaching the trailhead starts by getting to mile post 145.7 on UT-24. If coming from I-70, this is about 15 miles south after taking exit 149 from I-70. If coming from Hanksville, this is about 30 miles north of Hanksville.

- Turn off highway and reset odometer. ( 12S 546546mE 4288674mN / N38° 44' 44" W110° 27' 52" )
- 0.9 miles - Stay left on main dirt road. ( 12S 547947mE 4288239mN / N38° 44' 30" W110° 26' 54" )
- 4.1 miles - Stay right. ( 12S 551158mE 4284669mN / N38° 42' 33" W110° 24' 42" )

- 5.5 miles - Stay left. The road begins descending into Cottonwood Wash ( 12S 552451mE 4282789mN / N38° 41' 32" W110° 23' 49" )
- 5.6 miles - Small road on the right. Take it. This can be walked if needed. ( 12S 552555mE 4282593mN / N38° 41' 25" W110° 23' 45" )
- 6.1 miles - Trailhead. Park at the fence. ( 12S 552260mE 4282037mN / N38° 41' 07" W110° 23' 57" )

## Route

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### 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, cross the fence and follow a side trail up to the cliff along the edge of the wash. The panel is here.

