



WOLFMAN PANEL - CEDAR MESA



Rating: Easy Hiking

Length: 1 hour

Gear: Standard Hiking Gear

Maps: Bluff SW, UT

Water: None

Season: Any

Waypoints:

Junction

12S 620448mE 4126388mN

N37° 16' 35" W109° 38' 29"

Trailhead

12S 620179mE 4126380mN

N37° 16' 35" W109° 38' 40"

Panel

12S 620026mE 4126199mN

N37° 16' 29" W109° 38' 46"

Hype

Wolfman Panel is a unique petroglyph panel in Butler Wash, about a mile from the highway. The panel is unique and well defined in the dark sandstone patina, with several other figures near the main panel. If you can overlook the bullet holes, the panel is well worth the side trip if you are in the area. There are some ruins just upstream and downstream from the panel in Butler Wash, but most just visit the panel. The ruins are in quite poor shape and not recommended.

Tags: hike, rock art, indian ruins, family friendly, access: 2wd

Trailhead

Leave Bluff heading west toward Mexican Hat on US191, which becomes US163 shortly.

- About 5 miles west of Bluff, at milepost 40.5, turn right (north) onto county road 262, which is the Butler Wash road that continues north to highway 95. (12S 620428mE 4125047mN / N37° 15' 51" W109° 38' 31")
- Just shy of a mile from the highway, right before a fence and cattle guard, take the left (west) road. (12S 620443mE 4126385mN / N37° 16' 35" W109° 38' 29")
- Follow it about a 1/4 of a mile, or as far as comfortable and park. (12S 620204mE 4126392mN / N37° 16' 35" W109° 38' 39")

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.

Follow the old road and occasional cairns across the slickrock, heading west, slightly southwest to a slick rock ramp that has been improved and angles down into Butler Wash. You can see a ruin across the wash from this vantage point, before dropping down the trail/ramp. At the bottom of the ramp, a panel is on the left. Continue on the social trail another 2 minutes down canyon to the main Wolfman Panel, also on the left (east) side of Butler Wash. If time permits, wandering up or down Butler Wash a bit leads to a few poorly preserved ruins.

