

A wide-angle, high-altitude photograph of a desert canyon. The landscape is characterized by numerous mesas, buttes, and layered rock formations in shades of brown, tan, and grey. The terrain is rugged and arid, with sparse vegetation visible in the lower foreground. The sky is a pale, hazy blue, suggesting a clear day. The overall scene conveys a sense of vastness and natural beauty.

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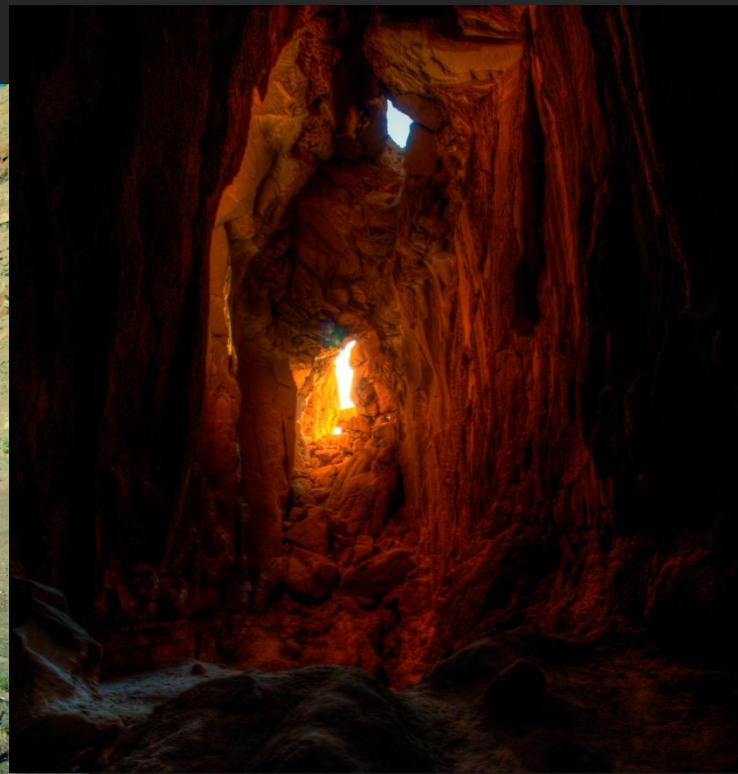
8/14/2015 Left the house at 5:05, crossed into Indiana, 6:45, Illinois at 9:24 and into Missouri at 11:40 AM (12:40 Ohio time). Hit Kansas at 10:30 pm and pulled over to catch a couple hours of sleep and then drove 2 more hours hitting Colorado at 2:30 AM. Stopped in Colorado and caught two more hours of sleep, up at 4:30 AM, hit Utah at 11:00 AM, (13:00 Ohio time)

Drove past the turnoff to the Canyonlands heading for Sinbad and the Lone Warrior panels. This is a great stop only taking a couple hours and with very nice artwork, and not a soul in sight; a special place. We headed to Hanksville and setup camp.



8/16 - Packed up camp at 6:30 and headed for Goblin Valley. Here we hiked early to find the Goblins Lair. We tried to find this on the last trip, but now have a map and some clues from Google Earth. Found it no problem, the scramble down was tricky, but fun and this is a cool location that people sometimes repel into. Left early, but already the sun was hot and the 2 mile hike was well planned for the morning.

Left Goblin heading for the Canyonlands and Panorama Point, Hans Flat Ranger Station at 2:00 PM, Panorama Point at 4:30 PM. This route was trickier than I thought, bumpy and tricky down, as usual, it was easier to get up and out. We hiked to the longest finger on the point, then back to camp and watched sunset







Panorama Point – Canyonlands National Park – Maze District







8/17 up at 3:00 AM and 6:00 AM due to rain and lightning, and photography. We left at 8:00 AM; back at Hans Flat at 9:40 and Hanksville at 11:00 AM. We checked back into Ricks Slickrock Campground and restaurant, showered then headed for supplies and lunch. Drove to Glen Canyon and back, it was 98F and felt hotter. Headed back to camp, so we could be up early to head into the Canyonlands and to the Land of Standing Rocks.











Panorama Point - Canyonlands



8/18 - Up at 5:00 gassed up at 6:00 and headed toward Hite at 6:20. 7:20 we were 45 miles of rough road to the camp. It's rocky in the Maze Section, and we developed a squeak which worried me. I always worry about strange sounds when your so remote. Found the squeak to be the sway-bar linkage which I was able to tighten with my emergency Wal-Mart crescent wrench. It's a bad setup due to my 2" lift kit, and I had to tighten this bolt every few hours; should have taken the sway-bar linkage off. 36 miles in we hit the park boundary; 10:00 AM and  $\frac{3}{4}$  tank of gas left. The drive in was good, didn't feel hot because it was breezy, and not too much trouble negotiating the big obstacles, probably because we had done it before, and it seemed familiar. 10:46 arrived at Teapot Canyon, Wall Camp at 1:30 PM. It was hot, but we found a real cool breezy spot behind the wall so we laid there and took a nap. It's good to nap when you can avoid the noon sun.

Got up and hiked to the balancing rock, found a rattlesnake doing its job, rattling so we avoided him and moved on. We took some photos then returned to camp and slept in the Jeep. It was windy, got up and took some night star photos.







In The Land of Standing Rocks – There is a rattlesnake behind that closest limb







Crypto-biotic Soil



The Dollhouse from Camp 3



8/19 - Got up early enough to see The Wall in morning light. Got a quick snack then headed back down the trail to balanced rock. We ate a lot of crackers and PB and headed to the Dollhouse at 10:30 arriving at 11:45. Odometer had 91miles on it. We checked out all the campsites, nobody else in the canyon. We hiked the Spanish Bottom trail until it split toward the granary, we walked the trail trying to see the Colorado River but it was several hours away so we hiked back to camp. This was a good hike with some sun coverage and a small cave. Then back out to set camp at campsite 3.

This was the deepest part of our trip and we still had more than ½ tank of gas 😊, 5 gal of gas in a can and 1 case of water. Camp 3 is the best but the sunset and sunrise were not spectacular. ☹️ There was no cell service. The motor light was off all the way to the Utah border, but had been on since then.







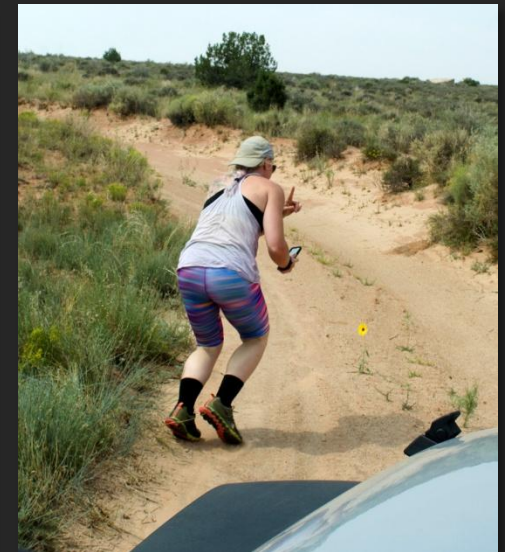
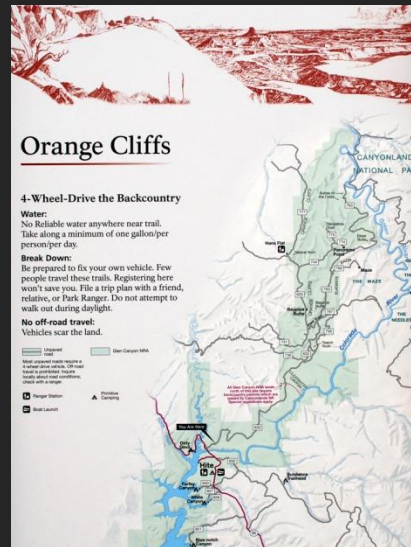


8/20 - 7:20 leaving the Dollhouse and 100.8 miles on the odometer. Arrived at the Wall 8:15 and stayed ½ hour and back at Waterhole flats at 11:50; we drove the last 22 miles in 4.5 hours which was a pretty good pace. We hit paved road at 2:30 PM with 151 total miles in and out. The last 51 miles (total) took 7 hours. Headed back to Hanksville arriving at 3:50 PM to setup camp, shower, and eat.

8/21 - Guy and gal on two V-stars roll into Hanksville, bikes were loaded with ... everything including animals. Despite my warning, they pitched their tent near a sprinkler that started up at 4:20 AM. They were soaked, and their cat “Avatar” got a shower and headed into the desert.

Twice we were up early and heading toward Glen Canyon, when on the Cedar Mesa, we passed miles and miles of rabbits, sitting next to the road and trying to commit suicide or flip me, not sure which. We headed to Tower Ruin, which was hard to find because we stopped at the wrong mile-marker but did eventually find, and it was worth the search (and the hike down). Stopped at the Moki Maiden, also took a nap at Hog Springs, then back to Hanksville.

We had more strange noises under the floor-boards (?) and we bought some washers to shim the ongoing sway-bar noise, which worked well.





8/22 - Up at 4:00 and heading to River House Ruin. This was a nice trip in a sandy river bed and running parallel to the river, until we found the wet-spot and stuck the Jeep to the axels. Was lucky enough to have cell service and called Ohio to have Rita and Nik find us a tow truck. Two hours and \$600 later we were unstuck. Out at 11:40 and we didn't bother to finish the trip. Drove to Bluff at 3:30 got gas, the jeep is absolutely trashed. Headed back to Hanksville







Tower House Ruin – Cedar Mesa near Blanding Utah



8/23 - Up at 4:00 and tried to find Caprock Ruin, we could not so we went to Mule Canyon and hiked to the House of Fire. We drove into Capital Reef and turned around and drove to Little Wild Pony slot canyon.











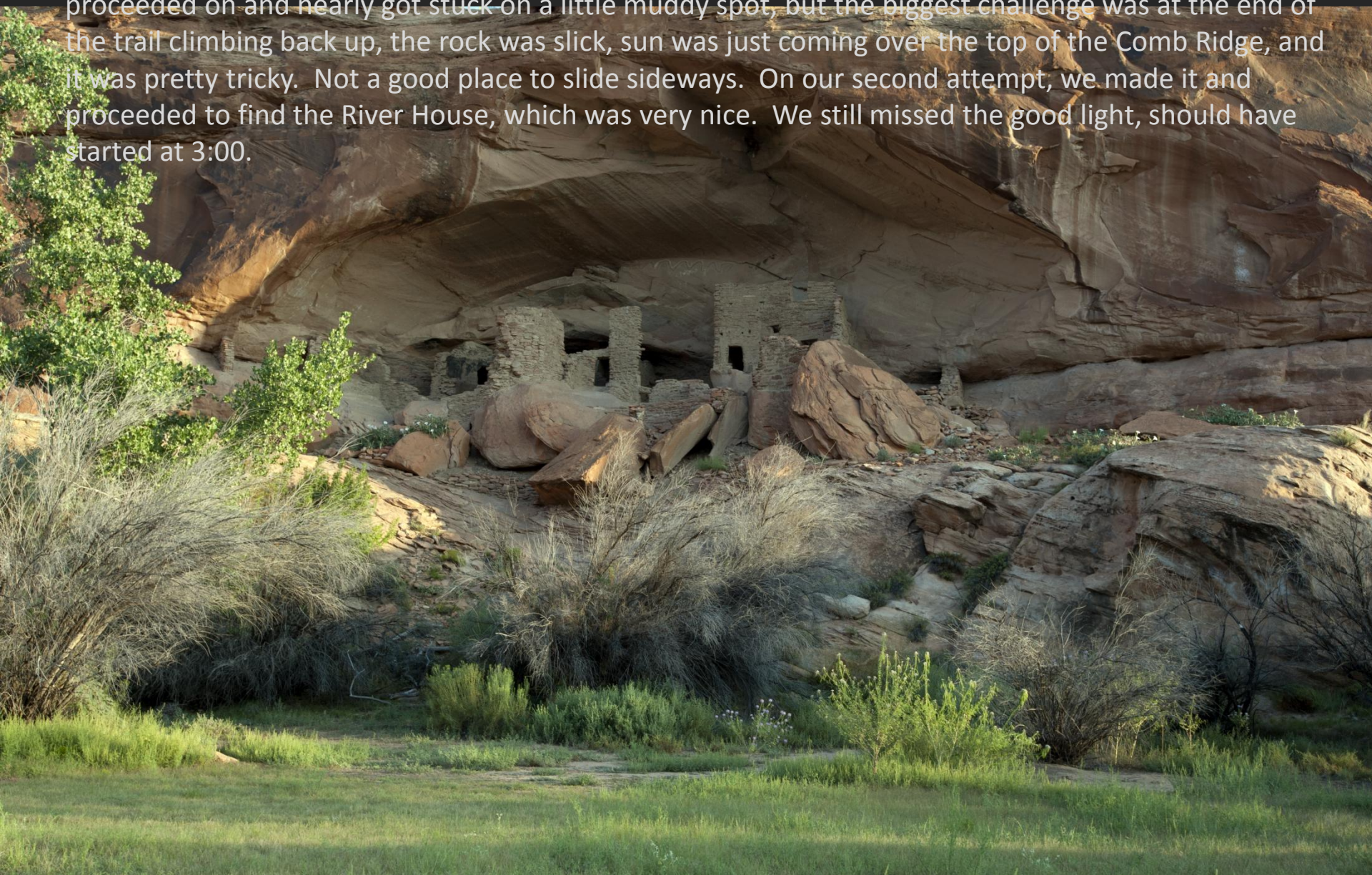
The House of Fire – In Mule Canyon on the Cedar Mesa







8/24 - Up at 3:30 (yep) because we wanted to try that River House Ruin again, more carefully, and the last time we missed the sunrise and got there late. Our timing was good, and we avoided the bad spot. We did see that someone else was stuck there, made a bigger mess and had to also be towed out. We proceeded on and nearly got stuck on a little muddy spot, but the biggest challenge was at the end of the trail climbing back up, the rock was slick, sun was just coming over the top of the Comb Ridge, and it was pretty tricky. Not a good place to slide sideways. On our second attempt, we made it and proceeded to find the River House, which was very nice. We still missed the good light, should have started at 3:00.





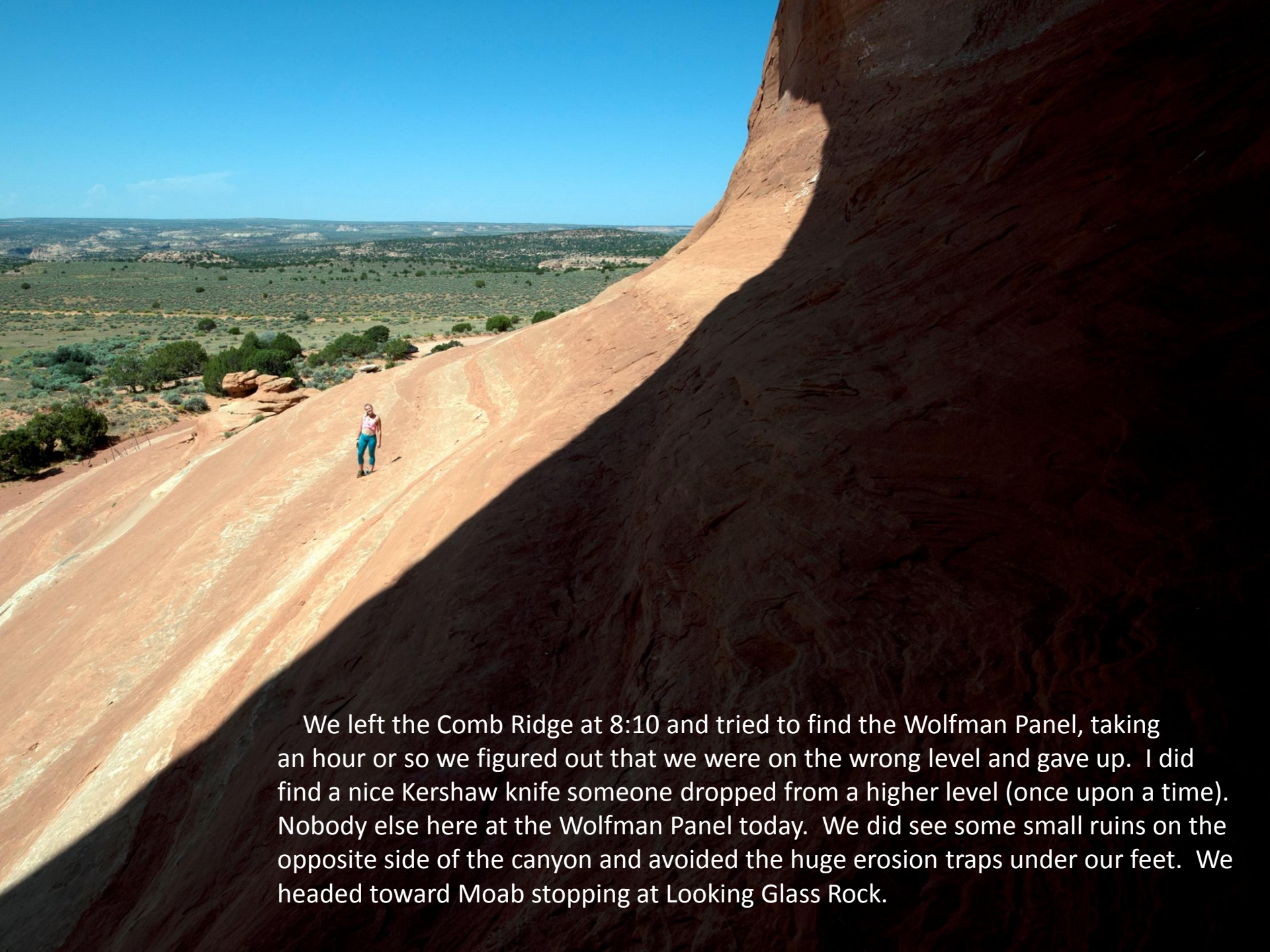


River House Ruin – Cedar Mesa near Bluff Utah









We left the Comb Ridge at 8:10 and tried to find the Wolfman Panel, taking an hour or so we figured out that we were on the wrong level and gave up. I did find a nice Kershaw knife someone dropped from a higher level (once upon a time). Nobody else here at the Wolfman Panel today. We did see some small ruins on the opposite side of the canyon and avoided the huge erosion traps under our feet. We headed toward Moab stopping at Looking Glass Rock.





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WE WILL SAVE THIS FOR ANOTHER DAY



8/25 - Up and on the road at 4:00 arriving at the White Rim Overlook to watch the sunrise. We drove to the touristy overlooks and made an easy day out of it. Saw Gemini Bridges, took a nap and then headed down the Shafer Trail into the Canyonlands at 12:30. It was a long bumpy hot trip and I got tired and turned around and headed back to Moab to setup the tent. We headed back that night to see False Kiva, but it was cloudy, and gray and we didn't get a great sunset so we headed back to Moab at about 8:00 PM.





- 8/26 - Breakfast at Denny's. We drove toward Chicken Corners, saw the Birthing Rock, but didn't make it all the way to the corner, I guess we got chicken. We did drive down Long Canyon to Jughandle Arch and took some more rock pics. We headed to Moab and visited the Rock Shop, went to Tom Till's gallery, Wendy's and then decided to head home at 2:30 PM. Heading home I could see rain in the Canyonlands and was tempted to reverse course. We were into Colorado at 5:30 PM, Denver at 9:30 (no traffic yay) and stopped to rest at 11:30. I got back up at 2:00 drove a couple hours then slept till 8:00 AM. Sometime in here we drove into Kansas.
- 8/27 - Missouri at 11:45, Illinois at 3:20 PM, Indiana at 7:50 PM and Ohio at 10:40 PM arriving home in Marysville at 12:15 AM. Our drive time on the way back (according to our GPS) was exactly 24 hours to the minute.











DOLLHOUSE CAMP 3



