

Guads Trip: October 2004

Black Cave: *by ET*

Kristen Nielsen, Randy Waslien, Hank Boudiont, ET, Doug Noel

Next day we headed back up through dragon's teeth with Doug's truck to Blacks cave. We all laughed at the directions to it. It was in so many steps this many degrees, then so many steps in that direction or degrees, on and on, and all they really should have said was follow the trail to the rock cairns, then follow the trail to the cave. This was a gated cave and we had permit and key from the National Forest Service. The cave formations in this cave are very dark or almost black. The one area had a lake that was pretty high so some of us did not go past it. There was area of whiter and orangey formations back there and I suppose no one took pictures of the black stuff much. I went into several areas on another level, which had several small holes by my standards. I did not feel like crawling. Doug was always looking for crawly holes to go into and one time the four of us were waited quite a while for him to come back from a crawly foray. Randy had just gone in to look for him when he came back. Lucky too because where we thought he had gone he did not, and Randy would not have been happy to have gone crawling in vain to find him. Black was a fun cave. Normally it is a fairly dry cave but this time it was slippery and wet from all the recent rains. We were done and back in camp by about 2:30 which suited Doug just fine since he had a date in Albuquerque that night-so he left right away.