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The day started grim and gray and the ground was wet and the juniper needles were dripping and the weather website said a 40% chance of scattered thunderstorms. We're still not quite sure what 40% of scattered is.



But we dodged the bullet and stayed dry on our hike up the Broken Arrow trail. The movie Broken Arrow was made in 1950, starred Jimmy Stewart and Jeff Chandler, and was largely filmed around Sedona. Hence the name.

There was an abundance of red rocks. We like red rocks.





And a bevy of birds. We like birds.



Western Bluebird



Townsend's Solitaire

We took the trail to Chicken Point. To my knowledge there is no movie with that name. Chicken Point is a slickrock prominence at the end of the trail and it supposedly got its name because Jeep off-roaders would play chicken along its abrupt drop-offs. We wondered if there were rusted mufflers and burnt shells of old Wranglers over the edge but we wouldn't get that close. We got this close.



Instead of backtracking the trail we took the Jeep road down to Submarine Rock. As you will see later, Submarine Rock bears more resemblance to the proverbial turd in a punch bowl than, say, the USS Nautilus. But that's its name and we're stickin' to it.

The Jeep road is used mostly by the Pink Jeep outfit in Sedona. For cash they churn passengers over boulders and chuck holes and up or down steep grades while the captives hoot and grin or grimace and grip.





The first driver who passed said: "You know you're not on the trail" (sub-text – get off my road) to which we replied: "Yeah, we're just walking down to Submarine Rock" (sub-text – screw you).

The next 4 or 5 drivers said "good morning".

Got to the Sub. That's it at the end of the slickrock.



Ascended the top on 2 feet, did a 5-point descent, found the hiking trail to return.

We started passing the folks who had just begun the hike.  
Our favorites:



Yes, in case you weren't sure, that's 3 adults, 2 infants in carriers, a toddler walking and a stroller.

Tonight leftover pizza. Tomorrow rain, or so it was told to us. Who knows?

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