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We're in Bluff Utah, in close proximity to Cedar Mesa which is home to some unsupervised Anasazi ruins and little else. (Works for us!)



Bluff is recognized for its unique geologic formation named after the Navajo Twins, heroes of Navajo mythology. Their names in the Navajo language are Naayéé'neizghání and Tóbáíshchíní, which translate roughly to Nathan and Beckett.

Today we hiked the south fork of Mule Canyon. Our specific objective, other than being in a wonderful place on a beautiful day, was to see House On Fire ruin. But before you can hike it you have to find it. The trailhead is marked with this skinny 3-foot post along some endless dirt road in the middle of Cedar Mesa.



After driving past it a few times we did the unthinkable and asked some guys where it was. Oh, of course.



The hike itself was typical canyon bottom stuff: Up a little, down a little, left bank, right bank, straight up the wash, wave at bugs, push through scrubby plants, repeat, repeat.



This shot cries out for audio and video. Sheila whoops and barely stays vertical on her way down a sandy hill.



Indeed we found House On Fire ruin. We who are notorious for not finding anything we're looking for along the trail. We backtracked, we fronttracked, we retracked. When we had almost given up we saw an orange plastic flag on one of the scrubby plant things. Bless someone. Looking up, there it was.



Awesome.



We eventually hiked to a hideous and incredibly creepy skull rock and decided we weren't supposed to go any farther. And we didn't.

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