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Cottonwood Canyon road is a nicely maintained track through Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument. It follows Paria River then Cottonwood Creek until it hits pavement somewhere near Cannonville, Utah. Our B&B host and hostess were so excited we were going to drive it, they loaned us their geological guide to Cottonwood Canyon. With mileages to each feature. Oh man, East Kaibab monocline here we come!



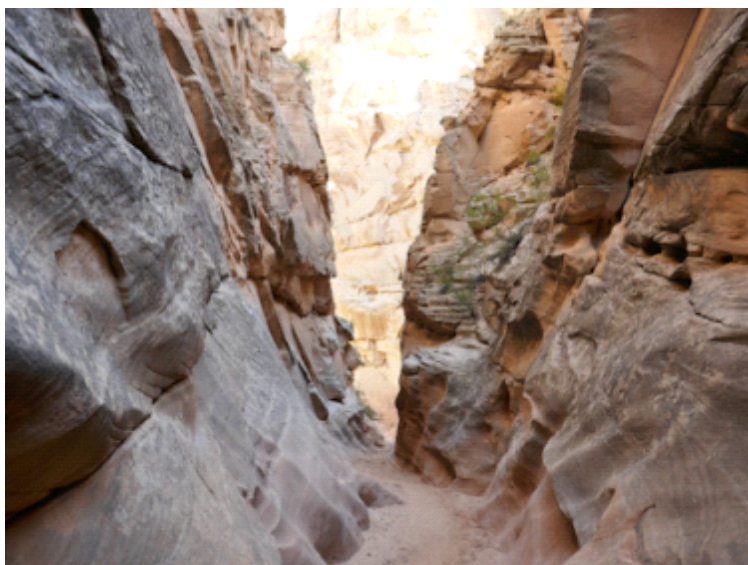
The main object of our adventure today was the slot canyon called Cottonwood Narrows. It tracks along the road for a few miles somewhere around the 25 mile mark.



It was still desert cool when we got underway at the South trailhead. Sheila channeled her inner-pterodactyl as she led us down into the Jurassic Layer.

The sun rose late in the narrows. We stayed cool.





When we got to the North trailhead we reversed course and redid the canyon. A couple who had passed us from behind (that happens more often now) on our return leg chose to go back along the road. They learned the meaning of *true grit* with the first car to pass them.

Back in the car we headed north, passing a pillar of basal Entrada sandstone that bears a significant resemblance to Santa Claus. See? Geology is really fun.



Our next stop was Grosvenor Arch. It has elaborate geology and a fascinating historical narrative, both of which presently escape me. We can assure you it was cool to look at.





Right after we got to the pavement we encountered some belligerent cattle, stopping traffic. They let us pass when we promised to eat mor chikin.



Had lunch with Conway Twitty and Chubby Checker in Hatch, Utah.

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