

AZTEC REGION DITCH CANYON

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NM-602 Octopus Arch (Map #1)



Type: Pothole Arch
Classification: Significant
Recorder: Robert Vreeland
Date: Unknown
Span: 29 ft
Height: 12 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.937148
Longitude: -107.860381
Comment: Note that the front leg (east side) has now collapsed.



NM-601 Cedar Hills Arch (Map #2)



Type: Alcove Arch
Classification: Significant
Recorder: Robert Vreeland
Date: Unknown
Span: 30 ft
Height: 20 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.936847
Longitude: -107.860703



NM-073 (Map #3)



Type: Alcove Arch
Classification: Significant
Recorder: NABS Group
Date: 2008 May
Span: 27 ft
Height: 6.5 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.936418
Longitude: -107.854806



NM-603 (Map #4)



Type: Alcove Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder: Edward Kotyk
Date: 2011 May
Span: 3.5 ft
Height: 5.5 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.935612
Longitude: -107.858098



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RANKING



Un-impressive in size or appearance. Not worth a hike.



Ordinary in size or appearance. Probably not worth the hike.



Standard in size and appearance. If in the area, maybe include it in the hike.



Exceptional either in size, appearance or photographically. Worth a hike.



Awesome in size, appearance, or photographically. A Must See!

ACCESSIBILITY



Can be seen from the road.



Easy Hike: Within 200 ft, relatively level ground.



Moderate Hike: Within 500 ft, may include slopes or hills.



Strenuous Hike: Within 1,000 ft, varied terrain may require minor climbing.



Very Strenuous Hike: Greater than 1,000 ft, steep slopes, climbing involved.

SITE ETIQUETTE

The arches are hundreds to thousands of years old. Some are very fragile and irreplaceable and your help is needed to preserve them for future generations to enjoy.

- Do not climb on the tops of arches.
- Pack out your trash.

TRAVEL ADVISORIES

- Maps and directions are for information only and are provided "as is" without warranty or any representation of accuracy, or timeliness of completeness.
- A 4-wheel drive, high clearance vehicle is highly recommended, with a full tank of gas.
- Pack a lunch and bring lots of water.
- Check the weather before heading out. Roads may become impassable when wet.
- Do not cross any washes that have water running in them. You may get stuck or swept away.
- The roads used to access the arch locations are oil & gas field roads. Be aware of large trucks and keep to the right of the road on hills and blind corners.
- Cell phone service is not available in some areas.
- Visit these arches at your own risk. The BLM, the City of Aztec Visitor Center and their employees are not responsible for injuries or damages to personal property.

REPORT VANDALISM

- Report any vandalism to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hot line at 505-564-7600.

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