

# Fall Canyon

Death Valley National Park  
California / Nevada



**Length:** 6 miles (9.6km) round trip, out and back.

**Difficulty:** Moderate with an elevation gain of 2,460ft (752m). The easy to follow unmarked route is up a consistent but gentle uphill slope over very rocky terrain.

**Location:** The two-way section of the unpaved Titus Canyon Road ends in a large parking area at the mouth of Titus Canyon. The road is typically passable in a sedan. From the parking area take the footpath behind the restroom north to the mouth of Fall Canyon.

**Highlights:** Towering canyon walls display their complex geologic history and rich color patterns while providing habitat for Desert Bighorn Sheep.

**Before You Go:** Check the weather and road conditions prior to your trip. There is no cellular coverage in the area. Carry water at all times. Bring a map, compass, and GPS device to assist with navigation. Get free GPX files for your GPS or smart devices:

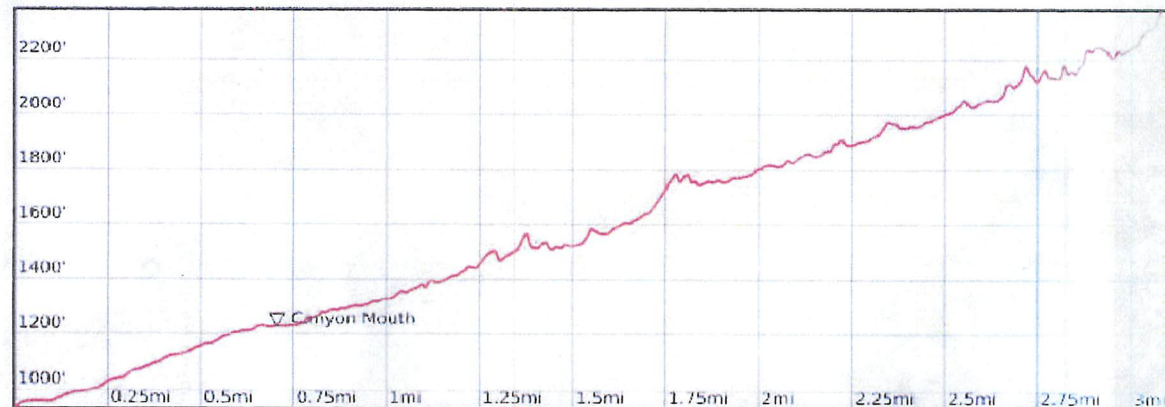
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**Route Description:** From the mouth of Titus Canyon, find the footpath behind the primitive restroom. While Titus Canyon is technically a road, it offers sightseers a chance to experience a deep canyon without a strenuous hike and is worth exploring either before or after your trek into Fall Canyon.

The path to Fall Canyon from the restroom runs northwest across alluvial fan deposits along the base of the towering Grapevine Mountains. Along the way, look for chuckwallas sunbathing on or hiding between boulders near the path. In just less than 1 mile (1.6km), the path drops steeply into a well defined wash. The rocky slope is composed of loose gravel. Use caution.

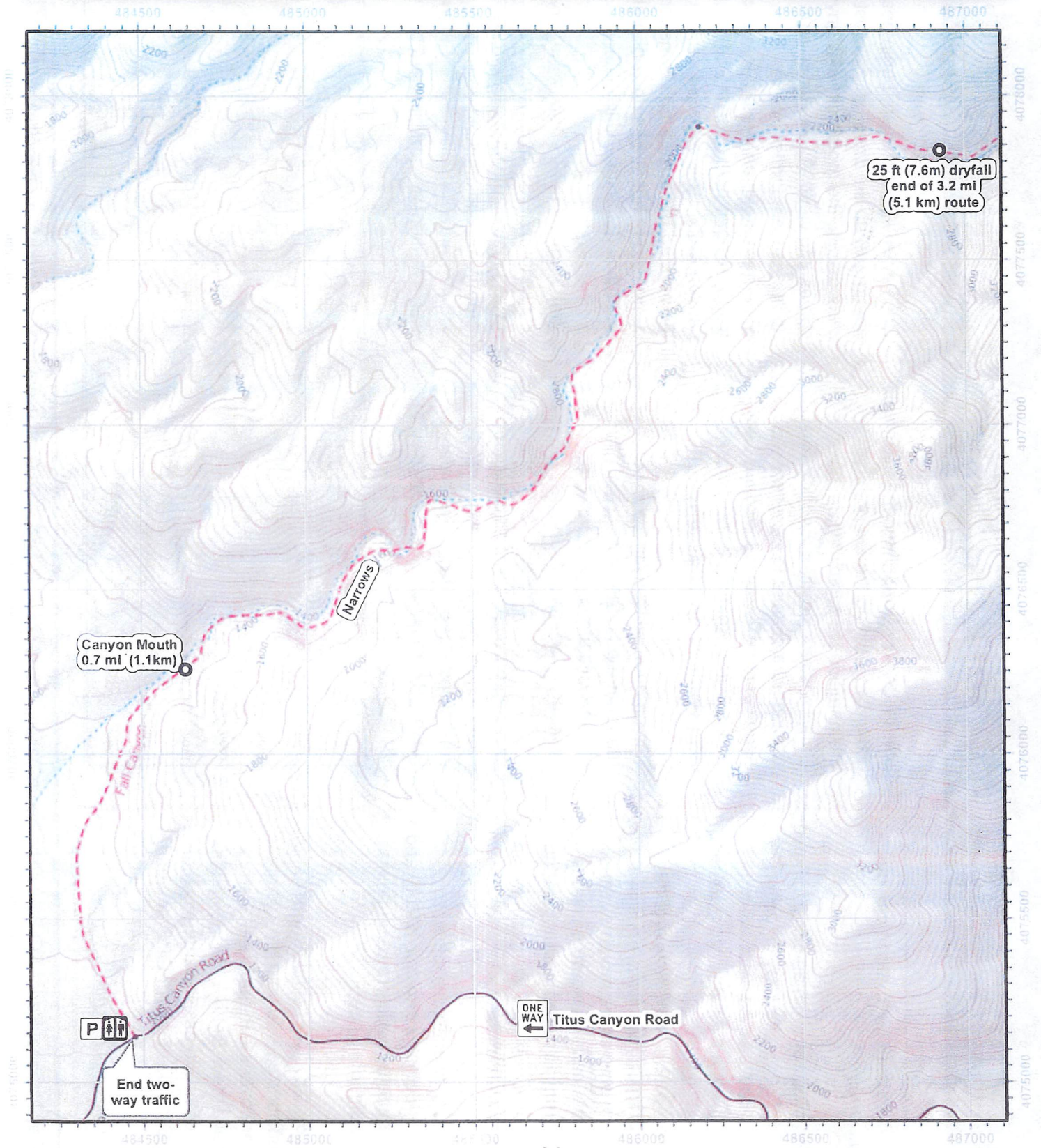
Once down into the wash, begin heading east (right) up the drainage. Almost immediately, the mouth of Fall Canyon comes into view. As you work your way up the canyon, farther into the wilderness, keep an eye out for desert bighorn sheep high upon the colorful canyon walls. This exposed section of the banded Bonanza King Formation is composed of beautiful stripes of orange and black dolomite and limestone.

After 3.2mi (5.1km) a 25ft (7.6m) dryfall blocks further passage up canyon. A bypass is possible for experienced climbers by backtracking down canyon 50ft (15m) and climbing the southern wall. Caution! Expert climbers only!



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Scale = 1:15,000 Datum = WGS84 / UTM Zone 11N



Contour Interval = 40 feet / 12 meters

