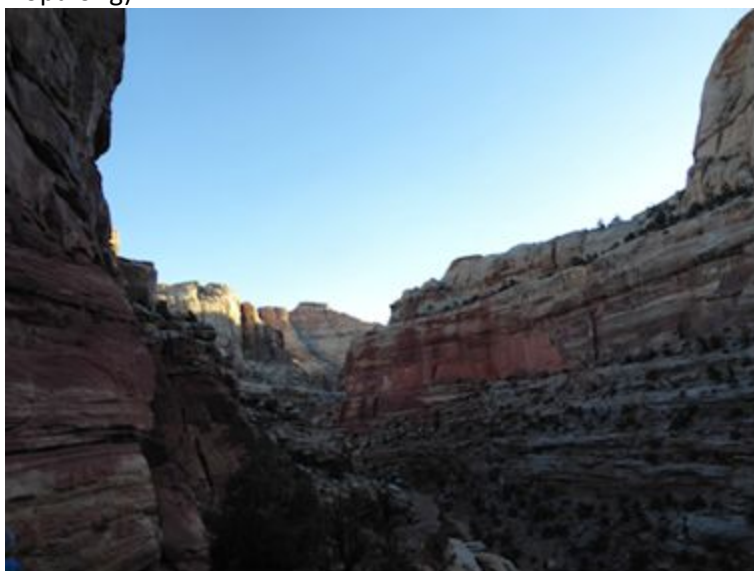


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Last night we ate at a nearby restaurant that had a pasta dish on the menu called *Sergio Leone's Pesto Fettucine*. Sounded good. I told our waitress Alicia I'd order it if she could tell me who Sergio Leone was. She said he was an early settler here in Wayne County, Utah. OK. Weird, but OK. I ordered. I ate. It was good. Then I googled Sergio Leone. In truth he was an Italian film director known for making Spaghetti Westerns. So we went back to our room – happy in the knowledge that there wasn't actually a Mormon named Sergio – and left Alicia a fistful of dollars.

This morning we hiked to Cassidy Arch (named after Butch, not Hopalong).



First we couldn't find the trailhead. We were halfway down Grand Wash before we shrewdly realized that we were wandering in a wash, not climbing to an arch. Backtracked. We had missed the sign. Found the trail, up we went.





The trail topped out on an expanse of slickrock. The challenge of slickrock is that there's no discernable trail unless you leave markers. Typically, those are cairns (stacked stones) that work effectively when the next one is always in sight from the last one.



Not here. We wandered around. Occasionally we would spot a pathetic stack of tiny rocks (see above) that could have been cairns or could have been accidents.

In spite of it all, we arrived at the end of the trail (as in the next step you fall off the cliff). No arch.



Suddenly, across the flat expanse of rock, arrived two more hikers. They agreed that there should be an arch here somewhere but they didn't see it either. We smiled. They smiled. We left. They stayed.

We had gone 50 yards back onto the slickrock and were doing our best impression of hiking morons – "I think it's over here". "No I think it's this way".

Then a shout: "We found it!"

Once again we backtracked, and there it was. Cassidy Arch.



Thank you Bill and Frauke...



...you made our day.

After lunch we drove to Hanksville. It is very rural.



D&S

PS – we're in the boondocks for the next 4 days – Wi-Fi uncertain.

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