Hike: Anniversary Narrows — route Trailhead: Along Callville Wash North Road — not marked Distance: 4.5 miles — up and back Elevation gain: 200 feet Elevation of peak: none Time: 3 hours – up and back + exploring time Difficulty: 1 Danger level: 1 Class: 2 How easy to follow: 1 Children: Yes Waypoints (WGS-84): See Page 3 Fees: \$10.00 per car; \$30 for a yearly pass. All National Park Passes accepted Best Season: Winter

**Driving directions**: From the Mirage on Las Vegas Boulevard (the Strip) go north and turn left (west) onto Sahara. In less than one mile, turn right (north) onto I-15. Take I-15 four miles to Lake Mead. Turn right (east) onto Lake Mead. Drive 17.2 miles on Lake Mead until it dead-ends into Northshore Road. Go left, drive 12.7 miles to mile mark 16 and make a left onto the signed Callville Wash North Road (94). Park in the gravel parking area. Waypoint 1

Currently (1-2011), the gravel road is closed to vehicles. It was destroyed by rain and needs to be repaired. **Comments**: The Narrows is something that has to be seen. Cutting almost 200 yards straight through a 100-foot high mountain, the Narrows is a miracle of nature. The hike also passes by the remnants of Anniversary Mine. You can follow an old ore track through two tunnels, which was active during the 1920s.



Photo 1

The Hike: From where you parked head east on the gravel road about 50 yards to a four foot drop-off. Descend just before the drop off and continue to the sign that reads: 94A. Follow gravel road 94A 1.3 miles (staying out of washes) and past the old unsigned parking area into Lovell Wash (Waypoint 2). Head north (right) into the wash. The wind and rain have created fantastic sculptures

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Photo 2

into the sides of the wash. As the wash curves to the left you can see remnants of Anniversary Mine (1922-1928) on the right bank. A side journey up along the right side of the wash follows an old ore car track through two short tunnels. (See **Photo1**.) Once past the tunnels, follow the path 30 yards as it bends to the right and drops back into the wash.

In about 100 yards beyond the

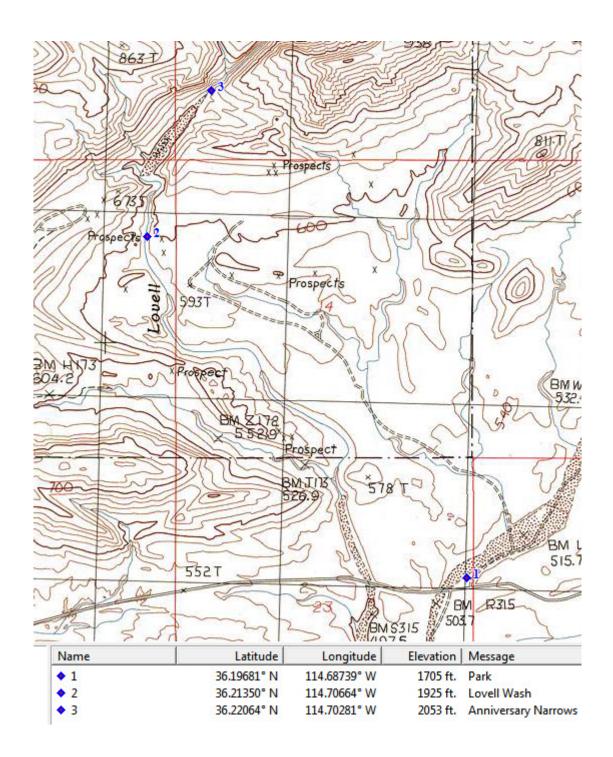
tunnels, the wash narrows and you'll enter the locally named "Anniversary Narrows" section of the wash. (See **Photo 2** - Waypoint 3) It's unbelievable that thousands of years of wind and rain created the narrows. At times the walls are only five feet wide, but tower 100 feet above. This is a special place. After 150 yards the walls recede and the wash widens again. **Photo 3** was taken inside the narrows.



**To Return:** Retrace your steps through the narrows and into the wash. Follow the wash past the mine. The road you take back to your car lies about 200 yards from the mine. It will be on the left side of the wash. Another road, on the right side of the wash, comes in just before the road on the left. It's another landmark to look for. Turn left and walk up the road 1.3 miles back to your car.

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Photo 3



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