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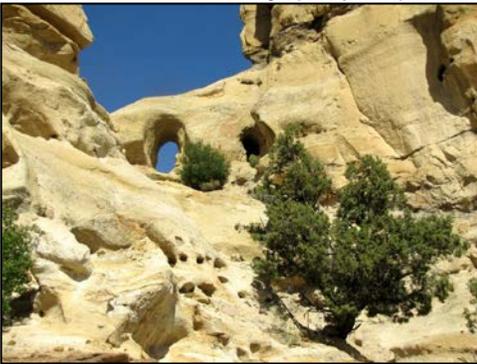
NM-212 The Court Jester (Map #1)



Type: Buttress Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder: Larry Beck
Date: 2009 July
Span: 6 ft
Height: 15 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.785897
Longitude: -107.832439



NM-213 The Doorway (Map #2)



Type: Fin Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder: Larry Beck
Date: 2009 July
Span: 3 ft
Height: 6 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.776518
Longitude: -107.839139
Comments: Two smaller openings on each side of doorway.



NM-214 (Map #3)



Type: Fin Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder: Larry Beck
Date: 2009 July
Span: 3 ft
Height: 7 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.775397
Longitude: -107.850208



NM-215 (Map #4)



Type: Fin Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder: Larry Beck
Date: 2009 July
Span: 14 ft
Height: 3.5 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.776078
Longitude: -107.846653
Comments: Small window also located above this arch.



All photos courtesy of Edward Kotyk.

(NM-###) is the arch numbering system used by Larry Beck, for the Natural Arch and Bridge Society (NABS).

www.flickr.com/photos/archseeker/albums

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NM-216 Skull Arch (Map #5)



Type: Pillar Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder: Larry Beck
Date: 2009 July
Span: 6 ft
Height: 3 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.77564
Longitude: -107.84592



NM-527 (Map #6)



Type: Fin Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder/Photo: Larry Beck
Date: 2016 June
Span: 4 ft
Height: 2 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.775516
Longitude: -107.823254



NM-528 (Map #7)



Type: Pothole Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder/Photo: Larry Beck
Date: 2016 June
Span: 4 ft
Height: 5 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.7738
Longitude: -107.823504



NM-530 (Map #8)



Type: Pothole Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder/Photo: Larry Beck
Date: 2016 July
Span: 14 ft
Height: 3 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.780616
Longitude: -107.842249



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NM-531 (Map #9)



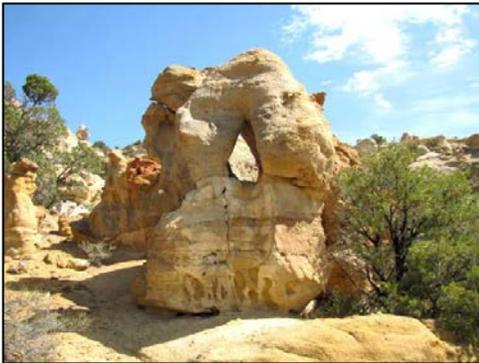
Type: Pothole Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder/Photo: Larry Beck
Date: 2016 August
Span: 10 ft
Height: 15 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.783407
Longitude: -107.82957



NM-555 Moai Arch (Map #10)



Type: Abandoned Arch
Classification: Miniature
Recorder: Edward Kotyk
Date: 2011 September
Span: 3 ft
Height: 2.5 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.776815
Longitude: -107.847727
Comments: Outcrop has two arches.



NM-665 (Map #11)



Type: Pillar Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder: Edward Kotyk
Date: 2011 May
Span: Not Recorded
Height: Not Recorded
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.776759
Longitude: -107.840119



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NM-564 (Map #12)



Type: Pillar Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder: Edward Kotyk
Date: 2011 May
Span: 2 ft
Height: 3 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.775897
Longitude: -107.839963



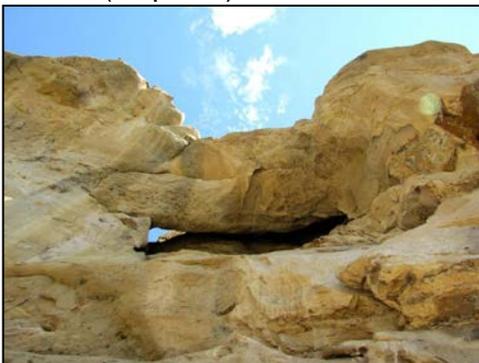
NM-666 (Map #13)



Type: Buttress Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder: Edward Kotyk
Date: 2011 May
Span: Not Recorded
Height: Not Recorded
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.77899
Longitude: -107.841868



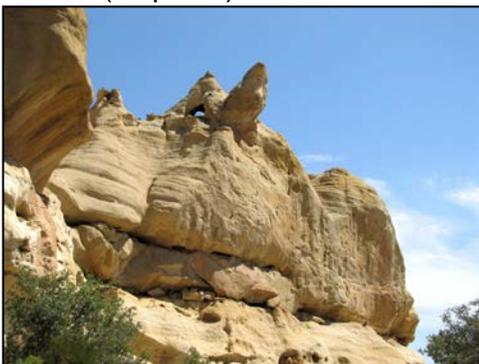
NM-669 (Map #14)



Type: Pothole Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder: Edward Kotyk
Date: 2011 September
Span: 10 ft
Height: 8 ft
Separation: 1.5
Latitude: 36.776456
Longitude: -107.846938



NM-670 (Map #15)



Type: Abandoned Arch
Classification: Miniature
Recorder: Edward Kotyk
Date: 2011 September
Span: 2 ft
Height: 1 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.777017
Longitude: -107.849427



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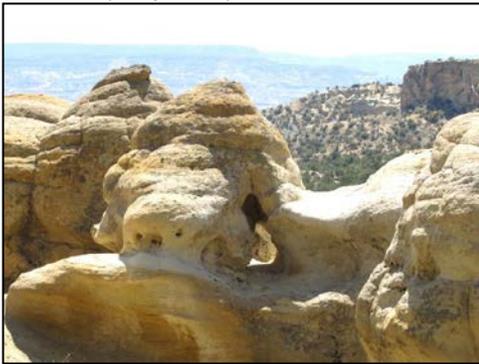
NM-671 (Map #16)



Type: Pothole Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder: Edward Kotyk
Date: 2011 September
Span: 10 ft
Height: 6 ft
Separation: 1.5
Latitude: 36.776612
Longitude: -107.849403



NM-672 (Map #17)



Type: Abandoned Arch
Classification: Miniature
Recorder: Edward Kotyk
Date: 2011 September
Span: 2 ft
Height: 2 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.776705
Longitude: -107.849713



NM-563 (Map #18)



Type: Pothole Arch
Classification: Miniature
Recorder: Edward Kotyk
Date: 2011 September
Span: 2.5 ft
Height: 2 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.776064
Longitude: -107.849659



NM-673 (Map #19)



Type: Pothole Arch
Classification: Miniature
Recorder: Edward Kotyk
Date: 2011 September
Span: 3 ft
Height: 3.5 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.776024
Longitude: -107.849978



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NM-562 Foo Dog Arch (Map #20)



Type: Abandoned Arch
Classification: Miniature
Recorder: Edward Kotyk
Date: 2011 September
Span: 1 ft
Height: 2 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.776179
Longitude: -107.849913



NM-667 Gopher Arch (Map #21)



Type: Abandoned Arch
Classification: Miniature
Recorder: Edward Kotyk
Date: 2011 May
Span: 1 ft
Height: 1 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.775183
Longitude: -107.845411



NM-668 Turtle and Toad Arches (Map #22)



Type: Irregular Arch
Classification: Miniature
Recorder: Edward Kotyk
Date: 2011 May
Span: 1 ft
Height: 1 ft
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.769946
Longitude: -107.849577
Comments: From top of mesa, toad on left and turtle on the right in photo. Turtle more visible from canyon floor.



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NM-556 (Map #23)



Type: Abandoned Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder: NABS (4 Corners Chapter)
Date: 2017 Oct
Span: 3
Height: 3
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.776609
Longitude: -107.848363



NM-559 (Map #24)



Type: Alcove Arch
Classification: Significant
Recorder: NABS (4 Corners Chapter)
Date: 2017 Oct
Span: 10
Height: 16
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.778056
Longitude: -107.839628



NM-561 (Map #25)



Type: Pothole Arch
Classification: Significant
Recorder: NABS (4 Corners Chapter)
Date: 2017 Oct
Span: 12
Height: 12
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.778166
Longitude: -107.839901



NM-560 (Map #26)



Type: Pothole Arch
Classification: Significant
Recorder: NABS (4 Corners Chapter)
Date: 2017 Oct
Span: 12
Height: 10
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.778257
Longitude: -107.839978



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NM-557 Vaca Canyon Double Arch (Map #27)



Type: Alcove Arch
Classification: Significant
Recorder: NABS (4 Corners Chapter)
Date: 2017 Oct
Span: 25
Height: 15
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.778469
Longitude: -107.840012



NM-558 (Map #28)



Type: Pothole Arch
Classification: Minor
Recorder: NABS (4 Corners Chapter)
Date: 2017 Oct
Span: 13
Height: 3.5
Separation: N/a
Latitude: 36.778622
Longitude: -107.840113



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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.