Photos from the Naming and Birthing Caves Hike in Gunlock - Saturday, March 22





On Saturday, March 22 New Promise Hikers completed the Naming and Birthing Caves hike in Gunlock. It was a lot of fun! Though the day started out a bit nippy early on, things warmed up nicely very soon. Beautiful, warm day. We first went to the Birthing Cave, where Paiute women would give birth at this sacred spot. The cave was complete with some petroglyphs on the floor and pictographs on the ceiling. Then we proceeded, as the Paiute women and their newborns would, to the Naming Cave nearby. Getting up to the cave is a formidable task, but with the help of an eight-foot ladder, a climbing rope and lots of assistance from fellow hikers, a good number of our craziest ones made it up to the cave. The top of the rock which partially blocks the cave entrance has numerous petroglyphs that appear to have been carved only recently because they've been protected inside the cave from the elements.

Enjoy the photos!

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[Group Photo - Naming and Birthing Caves]