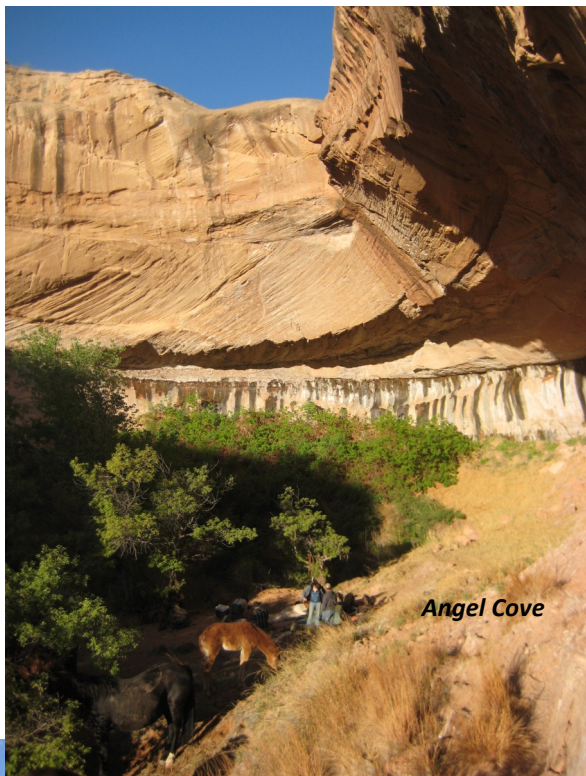


# RIDING THE DIRTY DEVIL

PHOTOS AND STORY BY KEN THOMAS

This is one of the rides that Ken Thomas and his Utah clan take out in the vast Utah wilderness. The Dirty Devil to the Robbers Roost. This trail in the photo that's above the river looks like a Dirty Devil to me for sure. More like a goat trail! On this trip Ken brought along 2 of his 4 daughters, Megan (blond) Olsen and her husband Tyler and daughter McKenzie. Ken Says "The horses we had this year were Tiara, KTM Summer Walker and her foal KTM Floats on the Wind (Flo), KTM Olinda and her foal KTM Chief Sky Walker(sky), Ismarel. We packed KTM Shadow Hawk. It was just a 2 day trip and we camped in Angel Cove which is down in the canyon and has a fresh spring.



*Angel Cove*



*My Girls McKenzie and Megan*



*Tyler, McKenzie and Megan*



*Climbing down into the canyon*



*The Big Picture*

Editors Note: You really can't appreciate the depth and vastness of this country in these photos. I will be posting these on the MSFHA website at [www.gatedmorgans.org](http://www.gatedmorgans.org) so you can enlarge the image to see more detail. What a ride!

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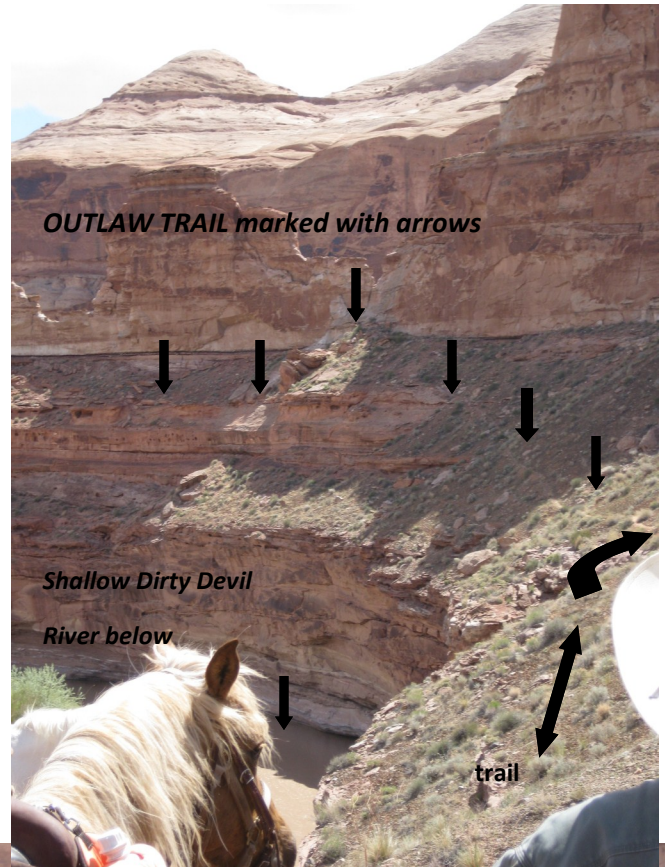
With Ken Thomas

The main trail we take down into the canyon is called the **Angel Trail**. We cross the **Outlaw Trail** that goes up the edge of **Roost Canyon**. The cove where we camp is called **Angel Cove**. The angel comes from some pictographs where one of them seems to be an angel with a halo, Kinda Interesting. The one section of trail follows the rim just under a formation that is called the **Saw Blade**. It follows a sharp bend in the river. Bill Wells takes us down into the canyon. He grew up herding cattle there with his grandfather and tells about coming out across that trail all the time in the dark. something I wouldn't want to try without an experienced horse. Its very rough country and the reason that the outlaws would go there was to ditch the possies. Besides all of the slickrock,cliffs,steep trails and jump offs you have to deal with, there's quick sand in the **Dirty Devil** river. It is quite unsettling to get stuck the first time. I'm sure for the horses too. This year I took two of my daughters and newest son-in-law. This was our second year down in and in some ways more nerve racking than the first time cuz you know what your in for. I

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