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Left GCNP this morning and made our way onto the Navajo reservation, AKA *The Rez*. We were going to Canyon De Chelly National Monument to hike to the White House ruins. We have done it a few times before and it is a peaceful, serene experience.



We were welcomed with the news that, due to unresolved sewer issues (whatever that means), the restaurant was closed and there were no flush toilets. We were welcome to use the dandy new port-a-johns they hauled in and to eat at Denny's. Which we did. And it was good. Denny's, not the port-a-johns.



After lunch we drove to the White House overlook. The rain funnels down the sides of the canyon and keeps it green on the canyon floor..



A lot of the trail is on bedrock, sometimes very narrow, and drops over 600 feet to the floor. Needless to say there are plenty of switchbacks and even two tunnels.



A strange sight in the second tunnel.



On the canyon floor there were hundreds of sacred Daturas in bloom.



The ruin was just as we remembered it.



But Sheila saw a petroglyph that we hadn't noticed before.



And as everyone knows who watches History Channel, this is clearly a space traveler.

And these are Navajo earthlings who lead tour groups through Canyon De Chelly and, for the first time, include a stop at White House. And they were a raucous crowd.



Eventually they roared away. Good riddance. Just because you own the place doesn't mean you can act like you own the place.



Hiked back up. Guess we'll go to our peaceful, serene room.

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