



Dripping water — rain and snow melt—finds a crack on the hard rock.
Bathes the softer rock below. and carries away grains of sand loosened by weathering.
Slowly, slowly, the rock erodes, hollowing out an alcove.



Or a pocket or a cave



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Or a window



An arch



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Freezing water,
like a wedge
slices rock,
splits crevasses.



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Add falling, flowing water, and whipping wind to uncover hoodoos chiseled from soft rock, capped by harder rock.



Rushing water undercuts rocks, carves ledges,



skinny canyons,

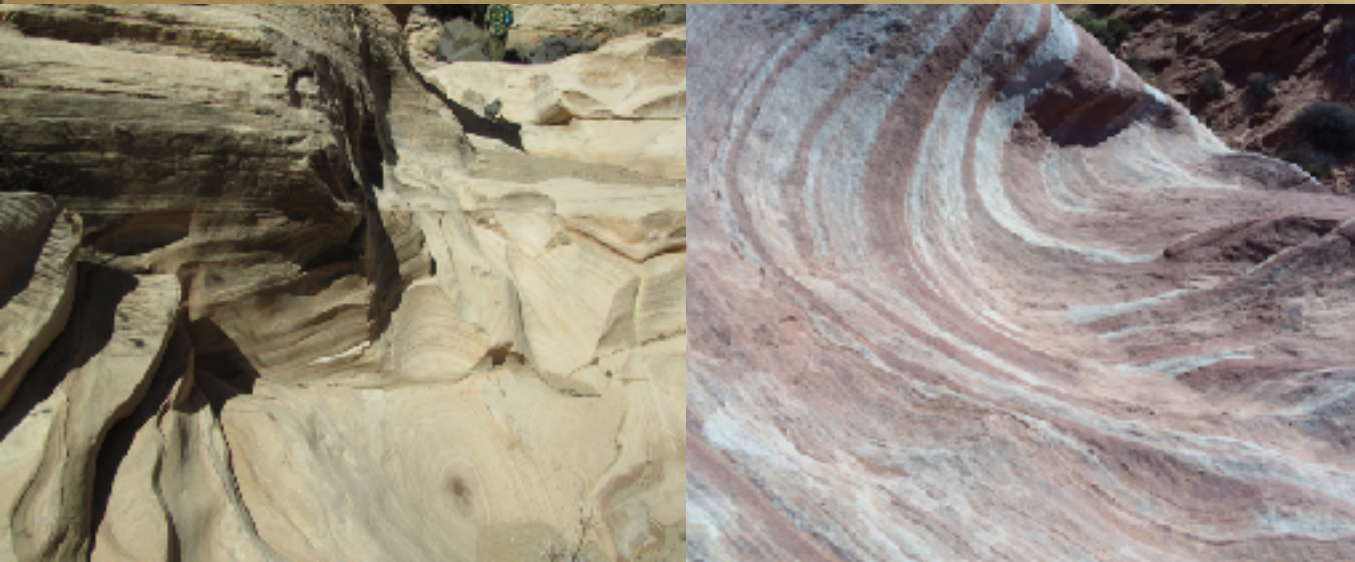


swirly canyons,



and grand canyons

Flowing water smooths rocks

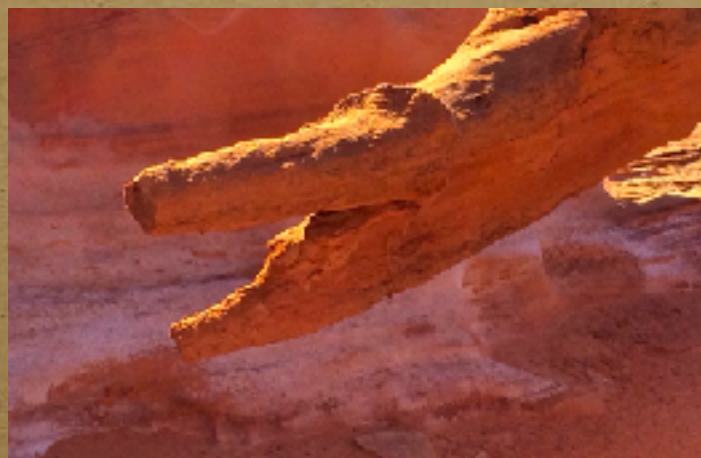


Shapes gullies and basins and pools





Scouring wind
and falling, flowing water



sculpt figures we know



And magical creatures we can only imagine .



Water and wind, grind sharp rocks to smooth rocks, grind smooth rocks to sand.
One pebble at a time, one grain at a time.



Weathering and erosion:
Patient artists
sculpting landscapes
over years,
centuries,
ages.

Changing all they touch