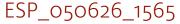


The Hoodoos of Mars







On Mars, we often see inverted river channels preserved perched above the surrounding terrain because the sediment inside the river channel was stronger than its surroundings. Here are high-standing columns protected by a strong cap rock, called "hoodoos." Looking closer, we see what looks like a crater and its rays of ejecta, preserved and slightly higher than the surrounding terrain, possibly due to a similar process.

