

**Photos of Lower Sycan River Hike**  
Fremont National Forest

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The hike begins along the north bank, where Road 4650 fords the Lower Sycan River.



The first half mile is easy walking along the river's broad, grassy floodplain.



Soon the canyon narrows and steep basalt cliff walls begin to appear on the north...



...making it advisable to wade the shallow river to the flat bank on the south side.



There are many “soggy sneaker” stream crossings, to reach the easier cow trails on the opposite bank.



The river is a cool oasis and the rugged basalt cliffs are a scenic attraction in the upper canyon.



Looks like another fording of the stream is coming up at the cliffs ahead.



After 3.0 miles, we began looking for a lunch spot and a turnaround point for the hike.