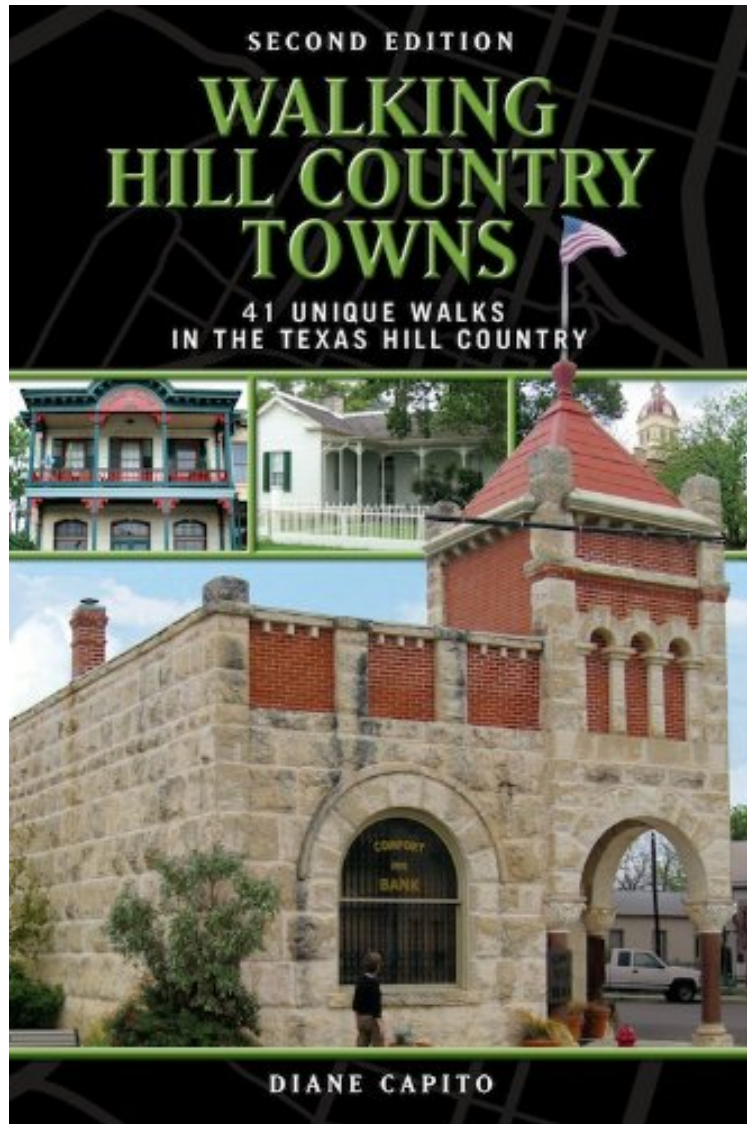


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Tourist Offices, etc of the forty-one small towns listed in this book, but would it be worth the work when all you have to do is buy this book? If you are often in the Hill Country, just keep the book in your vehicle and you are ready to do a self guided walk in any of the interesting and historic towns such as Boerne, New Braunfels, Bandera, Fredericksburg and more. The book presents walks in Marble Falls to the North and Bulverde as Southmost. From Leakey to the West all the way to Kyle in the East and that defines the area covered. Some of the more interesting roads are also discussed. I took this book with me to Marble Falls and found and saw places I would have simply walked by. When I stopped in at the little Chamber office, the lady asked me what I was doing in Marble Falls? I showed her the book (which she had not seen before) and it turned out to be a great conversation starter. I can envision walking into a little known places and starting conversations by just showing some folks this book. Very nice work by the author, Diane Capito, who passed away in June 2009 at the age of 78. Her book is a legacy to her interest in the Texas Hill Country. May she rest in peace as we walk the paths that she has blazed for us. I gave the book four stars because it is a great time saver and educational tool for the self directed tourist.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The nice walks throughout the towns of The Hill Country of Texas By Joe Owen The late author Diane Capito put together a good book on walking in the towns located in the Hill Country of Texas. The 33 towns that she lists have beautiful parks, historic buildings, fun shops, good restaurants. She has in this unique guidebook:- 41 walks in 28 towns- Detailed maps to guide you down side streets and byways- Distances and walking conditions, plus closeness to parking restrooms and restaurants- Easily adapted for bicycling and driving- A wealth of offbeat details that bring hundreds of small-town landmarks to life I got the above information from the back cover of the book and check it out to make sure it listed what was on the cover and it does and it provides more information that will make your walking experience fun and memorable. Some of the walks are a few blocks and some are a few miles, (mostly depending on the size of the town). Before listing the attractions there is a nice and brief history of the town. That is an added plus because you can get a better understanding of what you will be discovering on your walk. From Anhalt to Wimberly, from Johnson City to Blanco, these cities have great things to see and to discover and with this handy guide, you will experience the best of these towns of the Hill Country of Texas! **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Terrific book for a week-end jaunt in the Hill Country of Texas By Walter Danley. Since I am new to Boerne (and to Texas, for that matter) I stay on high alert for any book that will educate me about the history of my new home and of other interesting area places to visit. I found a little gem that is well worth sharing with neighbors! Walking Hill Country Towns by Diane Capito is designed to be a pocket-guide for the casual explorer. This is aimed at the person or couple that wants to take an interesting stroll rather than an assault on the highest peak in the Himalayas. In this, the second edition of the book, Capito includes forty-one Hill Country towns, from Antioch to Wimberly; some with no walks there just isn't anywhere interesting to walk in Anhalt to the five walks charted for New Braunfels. Readers of Explorer will be pleased that our Boerne lists four walks out of the 196 walks in the book, while most towns have one described. Walking Hill Country Towns begins with a road map of towns included in the walking tour. This allows the reader the opportunity to "jump-in" at any point on the compass. Towns are listed alphabetically so moving from the map to the description of town walks is effortless. It is very user-friendly. Speaking of user-friendly, the book measures a pocket-perfect 5" X 7" so it easily portable on your trek. Capito suggests that the book is handy for trip planning by car, but rightfully points out that a bicycle or walking tour allows for more pleasurable and insightful adventures. It is oh-so hard to jto read those historic markers at 70 mph! The reader will capture a lot of Capito's personality early in reading her Preface. I loved it! I especially like to meander. Sometimes I turn onto a road just to see where it leads. Or I set out with no destination in mind. I might turn off on the first side road that looks inviting and keep turning onto whatever road next catches my fancy. Since I am directionally challenged, I eventually have no idea where I am. Fortunately, I don't care where I am. I never fail to have a good time meandering. The Hill Country is full of breathtaking vistas, occasional canyons, pastureland, and byways that offer an interesting historical market, general store, or restaurant. Just don't meander without sufficient gas in the tank. Now please join me on these walks through historic Texas Hill Country towns. Each town walk description features a (hand drawn) map and turn-by-turn directions. Many also have photos of a significant structure for easy identification. While the author does not intend her book to be a history text, the included bibliography shows extensive historical research on her part. In addition, she attributes some of the background information to the locals she interviewed or of those she met on her walks. The flavor of local color is enchanting! I am a writer of fiction and gained an added benefit from Capito's list of reference works she consulted. The bibliography is a road map of Hill Country history, a reference resource of more than 50 authors of historical tomes used for background information by Capito for her book and that I will consult for mine. I have written a historical western-with a fantasy twist which will be published in 2014. That story will owe a debt of gratitude to Ms. Capito's hard work and research. Thank you, Diane! I drilling down to the core of this walking guide, it would appropriate to use Boerne as an example of how Capito structures her tours. She acknowledges that a large part of the town background was attributed to our own, the late, Garland Perry's work, Historical Images of Boerne, Texas. That monumental work of research, chronicles Boerne's history; it was Mr. Perry's finest literary achievement. It is interesting to note from Perry that in 1847 the trip to Boerne from San Antonio would set you back all of \$0.97 for the 3 hour trip on the San Antonio Aransas Pass Railroad. This was the new

alternative to a 7 hour stagecoach trip. The current residents of predominantly conservative Boerne will be shocked to learn that the first 2 settlements that became our town were established as socialist/communistic communities. Wow! What lessons history has to teach? After a delightful historical introduction to Boerne, as she does for most other towns, Capito describes the walks for our town. Walk 3 was fascinating to me. Many, many years ago, a high school history teacher told our class that the best way to understand our country was to visit the graveyards of New England. That is what Ms. Capito has done for us, with a brief walk through our own Texas Historical Cemetery on School Street. Don't think a stroll through a graveyard is exciting? Read the book! My summer will be filled with excursions to Hill Country towns nearby. I'll be walking or biking, but I hope to share the roadway or path with some of you then. Until then, keep on reading and learning!

This enlarged and updated second edition of the classic guidebook by Diane Capito expands the coverage of the original edition, first published in 2001, to 41 walks in 28 towns. Descriptions of points of interest in 5 more towns are added for good measure. The carefully detailed maps guide you along main streets and down the unbeaten byways that define a town's soul. The author planned and researched the routes, then had others try the walks and check her information. There are precise directions plus locations of convenient parking, restrooms and restaurants. Sections on each town begin with a historical summary, followed along each route by a wealth of long-buried historical details that bring hundreds of small-town landmarks to life. The index offers a quick checklist of cemeteries, courthouses, museums, parks, nature trails and even, for five towns, eyewitness accounts of ghosts, one of which the author swears she encountered herself during preparation of the book. Though the routes are designed for comfortable walking, they are easily adapted for bicycling and driving as well.

About the Author Diane Capito grew up taking family walks in her hometown of Kansas City, Missouri. She explored Southern California and Mexico on her own and in walking groups. She ended up in San Antonio, Texas, where she co-authored *San Antonio on Foot* and organized a series of neighborhood walking tours, finding time in between for freelance writing for a variety of newspapers and magazines. She approached *Walking Hill Country Towns* with typical enthusiasm and diligence. She planned the routes on her own, researched points of interest and had others both test the walks and check her information. The result is this unique walking guide to the charming towns of the Texas Hill Country.