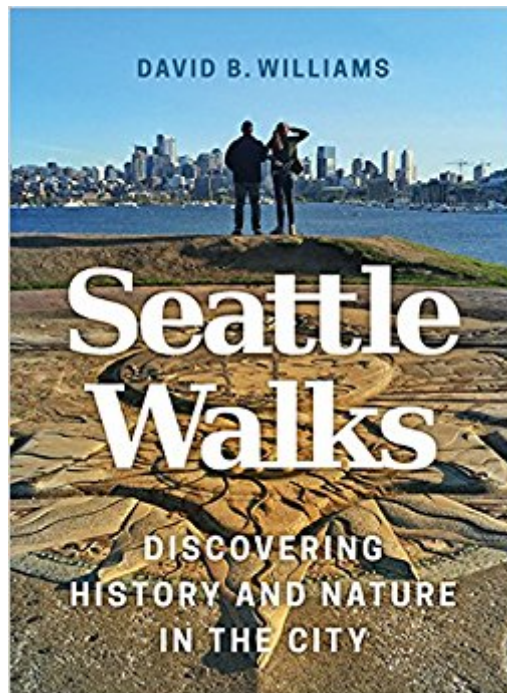




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# **Seattle Walks: Discovering History And Nature In The City**



## Synopsis

Seattle is often listed as one of the most walkable cities in the United States. With its beautiful scenery, miles of non-motorized trails, and year-round access, Seattle is an ideal place to explore on foot. In *Seattle Walks*, David B. Williams weaves together the history, natural history, and architecture of Seattle to paint a complex, nuanced, and fascinating story. He shows us Seattle in a new light and gives us an appreciation of how the city has changed over time, how the past has influenced the present, and how nature is all around us—even in our urban landscape. These walks vary in length and topography and cover both well-known and surprising parts of the city. While most are loops, there are a few one-way adventures with an easy return via public transportation. Ranging along trails and sidewalks, the walks lead to panoramic views, intimate hideaways, architectural gems, and beautiful greenways. With Williams as your knowledgeable and entertaining guide, encounter a new way to experience Seattle.

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*Seattle Walks* is an idiosyncratic walking guide to Seattle combining natural history, human history, and David Williams's unique store of knowledge as a life-long and very curious resident of Seattle. The walks offer surprises for those who think they know Seattle well and will be very appealing to Seattle newcomers and tourists seeking an active way to get to know the city.

"Engaging, information-packed walks in the hands of a skillful guide." —Judy Bentley, author of *Walking Washington's History: Ten Cities and Hiking Washington's History* "David's approach to

teaching history through these guided walks is engaging and seemingly effortless. He fills a gap in the understanding of the urban environment." — Lawrence Kreisman, Program Director of Historic Seattle

David B. Williams's writing about Seattle's social and natural history, with its often-surprising tales about how the city was built, has established him as one of our most expert and entertaining interpreters. Whether you're a curious longtime resident or a newcomer looking to get the lay of the land, this book is for you. David will lure you outside to experience Seattle's fascinating sights and stories for yourself." — Jake and Cathy Jaramillo, authors of *Seattle Stairway Walks: An Up-and-Down Guide to City Neighborhoods*

What a gem of a book! David Williams has accomplished something very special in *Seattle Walks*: he re-introduces us to our great city with stories, historical nuggets and detailed descriptions. These walks, each accessible and welcoming year-round, are inviting to visitors, both those of us new to Seattle and who have lived here a long time. — I learned something new with every walk! — Karen Daubert, former director of Washington Trails Association and Seattle Parks Foundation

*Seattle Walks* draws an important connection between our past and present. David's inviting words will inspire you to lace up your shoes and explore unique Seattle neighborhood landscapes by foot." — Lisa Quinn, executive director, Feet First

On time and as advertised. Seattle has needed a guidebook for walks for some time now.

This book fills a gap in the recent description of good historical walks in Seattle. The seventeen walks in the book cover almost all regions of the city of Seattle and give a cross section of different types of city walks. Included are parks, canyons, lakes and downtown historical buildings. Each walk has a map with points of interest included in the text marked for rapid location. The history of each point of interest is discussed in a paragraph or two. The book should appeal to the Seattle walker as well as the tourist who likes to get away from the typical city tourist shopping area. The particular value of the book is the historical account of each neighborhood for the walk, with old and new photos or old maps included. Stories are told of pioneer families who homesteaded along the parts of town where now there is a modern city. Seattle has many green spaces and the best of these are covered in the book.

As a nearly life-long resident (since 1957), I can walk some of these in my head and enjoy them as much as in person. As a retired person who is not as strong as I once was, I do recommend driving and parking along the way for some of the longer walks. Also, ours is not a flat city, which is part of

its natural beauty. Mr. Williams also provides a lot of peripheral information I find fascinating, such as the origin of the rock building materials of many of the structures on the routes and mini-biographies of the settlers and founders of Seattle. I highly recommend this book to long-time residents and visitors alike. I hope he plans a Vol. 2.

Haven't tried any of the walks yet, but as soon as the monsoon season is over (if it ever is!)....I'm following the book, clearly illustrated and mapped pages one by one!The Alki walk, about 10 minutes away from my home...is the only one I've done (daily)...so far.Good book!

Not really at all what i expected; actually a good deal more interesting! This is not your standard tourist see-the-sights compendium. It has a lot more explanatory history.

good review and direction of some of the cities great walks

is moderately interesting

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