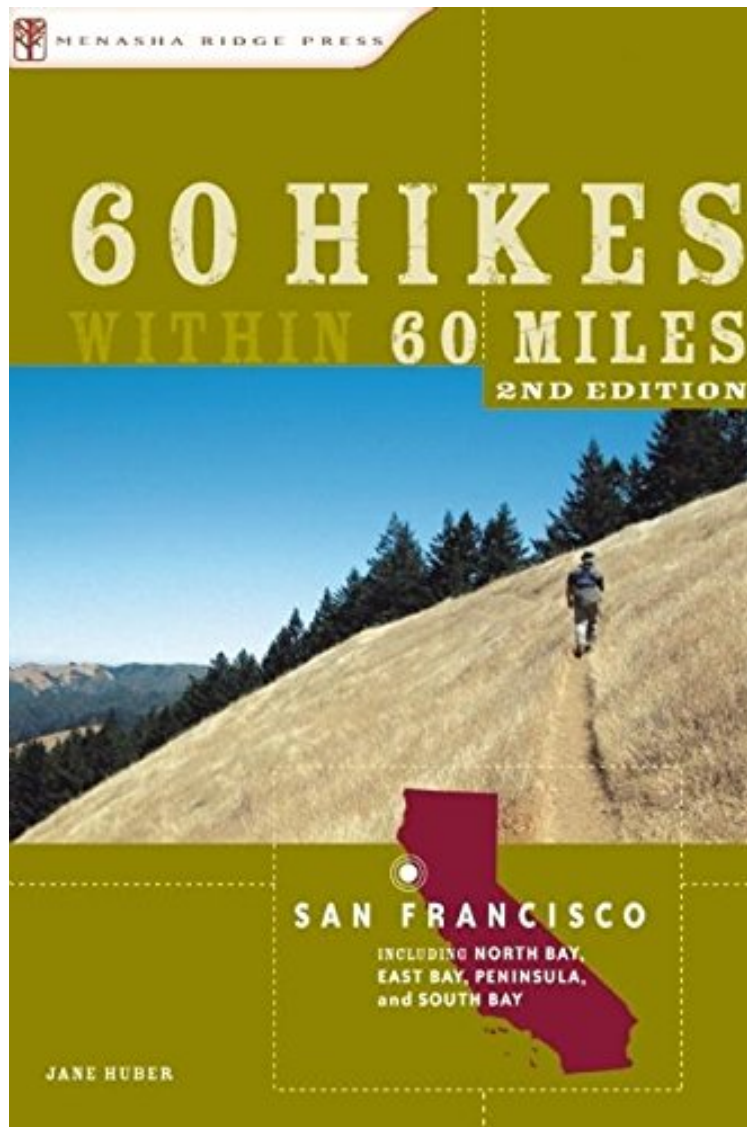


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Awesome resource for hikers of all levelsBy Colin C. BayerReally great resource for hikers in the bay area! my girlfriend and i break this book out a few times a month and plot our next adventure. when you're surrounded by such beauty, you have to take advantage of it - and this book is a great resource for getting some ideas. we've done about 10 out of the 60 and probably won't do all of them but the descriptions,

directions, and maps are all well laid out. more importantly, there's a regional map in the beginning of the book so you can get a sense of what hikes are in your general region. The author has also smartly categorized the hikes by region (peninsula, north bay, east bay, etc). Highly recommended for casual to intermediate hikers who may be new to the area or unfamiliar with the vast amounts of trails and beauty right at our doorsteps.35 of 36 people found the following review helpful. A Fine Selection of Bay Area HikingBy Fritz R. WardThe San Francisco Bay area has some of the best hiking in the state. Indeed, when I found myself with time off from work this April I left southern California and flew my father in from Idaho to enjoy a week in the region. Between Point Reyes National Seashore, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and the many state and local parks in the Santa Cruz mountains, Bay area hikers pretty much have it all. I'm actually envious of all the area has to offer and periodically threaten to move there until I remember that home prices are positively prohibitive. Still, spring is a wonderful time to visit and this new edition of Huber's 60 Hikes within 60 miles, San Francisco, is a good place to start.This book has all the nice features found in the "60 Hikes, 60 miles" series, including a nice locator map, decent trail sketch maps, and a list of author hiking recommendations broken down by hiking distance, best places to take kids, and areas where you can actually walk a dog in the canine unfriendly Bay area. Each hike also includes a "key information at a glance" section where readers can learn the mileage, elevation gain, a rough estimate of hiking time, and the GPS coordinates for each trailhead. In all, the book provides solid information for each trail.But what makes this book so special is the care Huber has taken in selecting the trails. As the webmaster for bahiker.com, she is very familiar with all the Bay area has to offer, but this guide does an excellent job of selecting some of the best. Included are several hikes on Mt. Tamalpais, Point Reyes, and numerous walks among redwoods. The latter are my favorites and I have hiked the routes she describes in Henry Cowell Redwoods (often overlooked) and Big Basin State Park on multiple occasions. Berry Creek Falls in Big Basin has to be one of the top hikes in the state. Huber has also gone to great effort to select a variety of different trails for readers. Hikes range from 3/4 of a mile to over 11 with the vast majority falling in between 4 and 7 miles. Literally anyone can find a hike suited to their abilities within this book. Finally, Huber is something of a self trained naturalist and she shares her extensive knowledge of plants and animals found along the trails in her detailed route descriptions.I try to get to the Bay area a couple of times a year to hike. For the most part, my explorations have been confined to Marin county and the Santa Cruz mountains, both of which can feel quite remote despite their close proximity to the city. I've hiked several of the routes Huber describes here, and am interested in doing many more on my next trip. I am also keen to explore the many regional parks in the East Bay area now that I have read this book. In all, this is a great guide to Bay area hiking. If you are a resident or frequent visitor, it will be a nice addition to your outdoor library.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good starting point for planningBy C. CummingsI was actually hoping for more hiking ideas in San Francisco, but most of the hikes in this book are for areas out of San Francisco. It has a good list of many hikes in parks around the Bay Area that I have used as a spring board for planning my own hikes.The directions on how to get to the trailheads and the park are good.I often choose different routes, but if you are from out of the area this routes listed here are good.The maps in the book on the kindle edition are a bit small, and lack detail: I would recommend using the online maps provided by the parks.This book describes the plants and trees you will see which many books don't provide. If you are unfamiliar with them though, these are not pictured and identified. So, if you want to know that you may want to visit the California Native Plant Society in preparing for your hike.Also the hikes are starting to get dated and some of the trails and parks have changed somewhat. It'd be nice to see a new edition of this book soon.

Bay Area parks and preserves offer a dramatic variety of landscapes, from rugged redwood-forested canyons to breezy coastal bluffs, grassy rolling hills to sunny chaparral-coated hillsides. Well-known destinations such as Point Reyes National Seashore, Mount Diablo State Park, Mount Tamalpais State Park, and many other more obscure jewels of the Bay Area park system are just a short drive from the heart of San Francisco. 60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: San Francisco guides readers to a splendid assortment of trails in the 9 counties surrounding one of the world's most beautiful cities. A gentle Mediterranean climate encourages year round hiking and provides such seasonal splendors as carpets of colorful wildflowers, rushing waterfalls, and creekbeds littered with maple and oak leaves. Whether hikers crave a quick and easy get-out-of-town stroll or a challenging day-long trek through wilderness, this book is the perfect trailblazer, for City natives and first-time visitors alike.

...a handy outdoor travel guide for San Francisco visitors and residents alike...highly recommended. -- Library Bookwatch (The Midwest Book), April, 2004...melds geology, botany, wildlife, regional history...offers an experience all within sixty miles of home. -- Bay Nature, October-December, 2004The book has excellent graphics. -- Ridge Lines, Spring, 2004 (Bay Area Ridge Trail Council)From the Back CoverIt's time to take a hike! No more excuses like "there's nowhere to go around here," "the woods are too far from the city," or "I don't have time to wander the trails." With 60 Hikes within 60 Miles: San Francisco as your guide, you have dozens of places to hike to your heart's content, and most within an hour's drive or less. 60 Hikes within 60 Miles: San Francisco blows the lid off the myth that you can't have a great hike close to home. The Bay area may be ever-expanding, but there are still plenty of super hiking

options: short hikes, long hikes, hikes for kids, rural hikes, wildflower hikes, dog-friendly hikes, and many others. Inside you will find: trail descriptions that allow you to access each trail before you hike it; GPS-based trail maps that provide you with accurate trail information; trail profiles to help you visualize altitude gain and loss; directions to the trailheads. Whether you live in San Jose, Oakland, Mill Valley, or Berkeley, 60 Hikes within 60 Miles: San Francisco provides the information necessary for you to choose the perfect day hike, as well as maps, directions, trail lengths, hiking times, highlights, and a wealth of details about the trail itself. So lace up those boots, sling that daypack, and hit the trail!