



Walking Stick

Date

20th Century

Medium

Wood

Description

This thin walking stick or cane was collected in Ethiopia. It is made from a single long piece of dark, flexible wood. For centuries, walking sticks and canes have been used by various cultures and peoples around the world, primarily as an aid for walking over uneven ground, but also as a defensive weapon or a symbol of status and authority. A simpler walking stick such as this one likely served a utilitarian purpose.

Dimensions

59 3/8 × 13/16 × 1/4 in. (150.8 × 2.1 × 0.6 cm)