

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association

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Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of public paths, steps and walkways in Berkeley for the use and enjoyment of all its citizens.

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association (BPWA) is a grassroots volunteer group of community members who have come together to increase public awareness of the City of Berkeley's pathways. We hope to accomplish this goal through a series of activities open to all who wish to participate; these include: scheduled, peer-led path walks; identification and accurate mapping of the complete path network developed or undeveloped, as well as rights-of-way that have been blocked or obscured. We hope the final outcome of the community effort will be the restoration and on-going maintenance of all the paths and steps throughout Berkeley.

BPWA founding members -- Ruth Moskovitz, Jacque Ensign, Eleanor Gibson, and Pat DeVito -- developed a path survey form and volunteer questionnaire in order to recruit volunteers to re-inventory and update path repair needs, signage, and accessibility to walkers. To date, approximately four-fifths of the 150-plus known paths have been surveyed by the community; over 111 path signs have been identified as missing. BPWA has held two general meetings at Live Oak Recreation Center -- in May and in June, 1998 -- to present this project to the public; over 100 people attended these meetings to show their support for path preservation. The Berkeley City Council has allocated \$5000 in the 1998-99 budget to begin the process of replacing path signs.

The next general meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 24, 7 to 9 PM, Live Oak Recreation Center, 1301 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley.** See [Agenda](#) below.

THE MEADOW LARK by Benjamin Parke Avery

« ... The meadow slopes to meet the bay,

The gulls in flocks uprise ;

And far above the waters gray

Soars purple Tamalpais.

Berkeley, February 23, 1874



[California Pictures.](#) by Benjamin Parke Avery. Cambridge, The Riverside Press. 1878

View of the Golden Gate from the Berkeley Hills. from a sketch by Wm Keith, drawn by Thomas Moran, and engraved by Robert Varley

Inspiration Point

by Alan Goldfarb

The last star of autumn.
We walk in the park
as the sun comes up.
On the trail tiny birds
dart before us
into the juniper and holly,
with seedlings
or something small
to a place of waiting
The long shadows of dawn.
I point to the City
just starting to flame.
Now two coyotes
dash from a thicket
They've seen my arm
as it crossed the meadow.

BPWA General Meeting, September 24, 1998

Agenda

- Announcements
 - History: "Pathways and Surrounding Areas in Northeast Berkeley," Paul Grunland, Berkeley Historical Society
 - Path Survey up-date: Ruth Moskovitz
 - Path Maintenance Parties
 - Sub-committee announcements: (Volunteers for quarterly Newsletter)
 - Refreshments and informal socializing
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Next General Meeting:

Thursday, October 22, 1998

There will be more follow-up on path surveys, path walks and other BPWA activities.

Solano Stroll

Sunday, September 13

Stop by and say "hello" to **BPWA** members -- we will be at the Southeast corner of Solano and Colusa, at the **Partners for Parks** table. Volunteers are welcome to help table the event. We will be there from 9 AM to 6 PM. If you can spare some time, call Ruth at (510) 524-0713.

How Berkeley Can You Be?

Sunday, September 27

**City Hall Park
Downtown Berkeley**

BPWA is as "Berkeley" as one can get--we plan to be at this most Berkeley of events. Look for **BPWA** at the Park and in the parade. Volunteers are also welcome to sit at our table; call Ruth at (510) 524-0713, if you can help.

Schedule of Path Walks:

September 12 Saturday 10AM
Susan Schwartz, Leader (848-9358)
Meet at Live Oak Park, near tennis courts
"Paths, Lanes, Alleys in 'Lower Hills' "

October 24 Saturday 10AM
Helen Wynne, Leader (843-5738)
Meet at Ashby & Domingo (S. E. corner)
"Southside Paths"

November 1 Sunday 10AM
Paul Grunland, Leader (526-8001)
Meet at Euclid & Grizzly Peak
"Pathways of Northeast Berkeley"

Upcoming Walks: (Details to be announced)

December: Tony White -- Thousand Oak Paths

January, 1999: Flatland Paths

Reports--Path history. walks. etc:

BPWA members who are interested in writing short reports or articles on path history, geology, flora and fauna, path walk descriptions or other areas of interest: send these to BPWA, 2371 Eunice Street, Berkeley, CA 94708.

BPWA Volunteer Activities:

Photo Workshops: Allen Stross
May 24, 2PM, Live Oak Park
June 28, 11AM, Live Oak Park

Path Walks:
June 6, Jacque Ensign, Leader
July 12, Jackie Simon, Leader
August 15, Kate Gosling, Leader