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A NEW ROUTE FOR WILDCAT PATH



A family enjoys wandering on the new section of Wildcat Path, between Park Hills and Tilden Park.

Virtuoso path-building team reroutes Wildcat Path

By Janet Byron

Berkeley's team of virtuoso path-builders has completed the rerouting of [Wildcat Path](#), which connects Park Hills with Wildcat Canyon Road in the vicinity of Tilden Regional Park.

“A few years after Wildcat Path was built, we realized that it would be much preferable to avoid crossing the little seasonal creek,” said Charlie Bowen, path-building lead for Berkeley Path Wanderers Association. “A survey revealed that there was enough space on the north side of the creek to reroute the path to stay on that side of the creek and pass through the small redwood grove at the bottom.”

Wildcat Path starts near the intersection of Woodside, Hillview and Park Hills roads in Berkeley's Park Hills neighborhood and provides a connector to Wildcat Canyon Road in Tilden Park.

Workers on the project were Steve Glaeser, David Kittams, Diane Resek, Bob Gomez, BPWA board member Francesca Verdier, and Rob Strong, who Verdier noted could install 6 steps an hour (regretfully, he has since moved to Santa Barbara).

Eagle Scout Luke Thilmony organized other scouts to start the Wildcat Path reroute. They built the initial set of steps at the top of the reroute, cleared out the switchbacks at the top of the path, and added wood chips to the surface, making this part of the path much easier and safer to navigate.

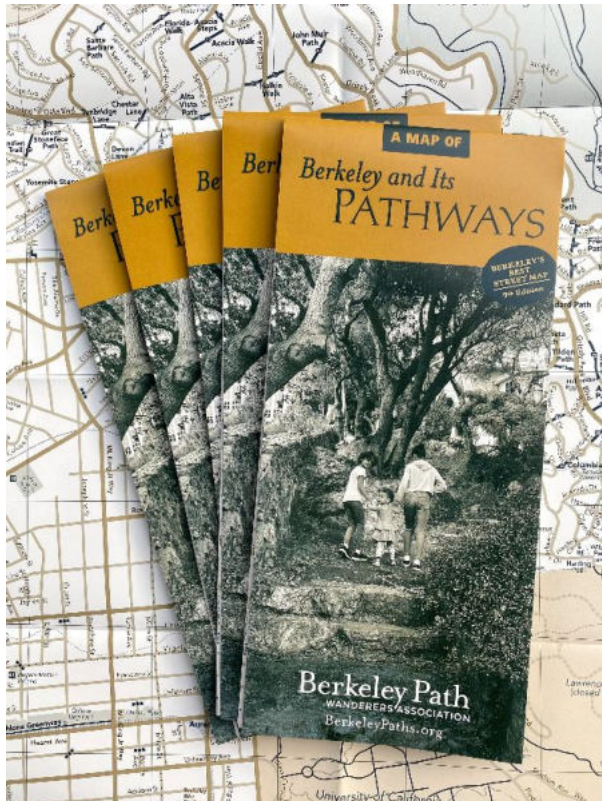
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Left, Tamalpais Path, accessed from Codornices Park.

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