

NEW NOTE CARDS BY PATH PAL KAREN KEMP



Karen Kemp on a recent walk at LeRoy Steps.

Take note! Path Pal Karen Kemp returns to BPWA

Some 20 years after serving on the first Path Wanderers board, Karen Kemp has returned to help reboot the lovely notecards that she designed for us then, featuring her original watercolors of Berkeley paths.

"It was probably Jacque [Ensign] who said, 'We should do some notecards,'" Kemp recalls of the BPWA founder. "It's still a dear project. I'm really happy that the Path Wanderers reached out to me and wanted to republish them. It's been a long time."

The sets of 4 notecards — which are now available for purchase at <u>berkeleypaths.org</u> — feature Rose Walk, Billy Jean Walk, Fountain Walk, and La Vereda Steps.

Kemp's path to designing the notecards — and our famous map — started when she was a teenager growing up in Walnut Creek, where she loved to wander the foothills of Mt. Diablo and had heard that there were paths in the Berkeley Hills. Later in the 1990s, in her thirties and living in Emeryville, she discovered the "Very Best of Berkeley" map at the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, a cartoon map that included some paths.

"The idea of public pathways fascinates me," she says. "It's great to be outdoors in the middle of nowhere with a lot of spectacular views and things to look at." Read more

Do you know someone who takes care of a path? Are you a secret path pal? Please let us know and you (or they) may be featured in an upcoming newsletter. Write to info@berkeleypaths.org.



SUMMER SALE! Get this set of 4 beautiful path notecards with original watercolors by Karen Kemp, featuring Rose Walk, La Vareda Steps, Fountain Walk, and Billie Jean Walk.

Cards are 4.5 x 6 inches, blank inside, with white envelopes.

JACOB'S BIG ADVENTURE

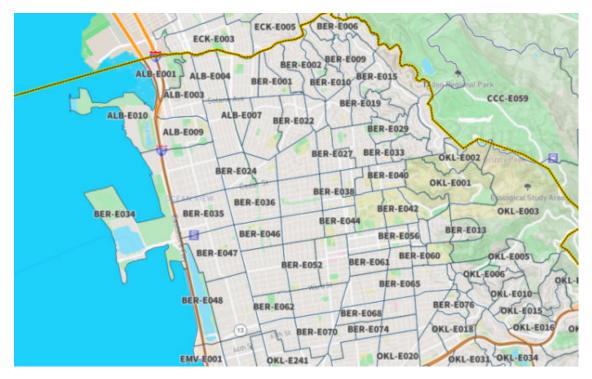


On day 50, Jacob Lehmann Duke marked his 1,500th mile on the PCT.

Jacob hikes the Pacific Crest Trail, and blogs about it

Jacob Lehmann Duke — who walked all of Berkeley's paths in one epic day at age 11, cowrote a book of 40 Berkeley walks and donated it to the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association, and was our youngest board member — is in the midst of his greatest adventure to date. On May 31, 2021, he set off to hike all 2,650 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail, from the Mexican boarder to Canada, in just 100 days. Armchair travelers can read all about the trek and see pictures on his blog, In Search of America: Tackling the Pacific Crest Trail, Summer 2021.

KNOW YOUR ZONE



Know your Zone and potential evacuation routes

By Chris Cullander

During an emergency, Zonehaven — Alameda County's new evacuation software — uses information about the incident, its location, local weather, traffic flows, and other information to create an evacuation guide based on preset Zones in the community. It then sends zone-specific alerts via smartphone, computer, or tablet.

These evacuation Zones have now been published at <u>comunity.zonehaven.com</u>, so now is a good time for folks to figure out which Zone they are in by entering your address at the Zonehaven website, and to think about how to evacuate if needs be.

If there's not enough advance notice to drive out quickly and safely, emergency responders urge residents not to jam roads with cars and to instead walk out with their go-bags — possibly using the pathways as shortcuts. AC Alert is designed to suggest the best evacuation routes (for details, see this article), but consider having a copy of our Berkeley paths map with potential routes highlighted in your go-bag as well.

JOIN US FOR A WALK!

Unvaccinated persons must wear masks. We are monitoring public health mask guidance and will notify our membership of any additional requirements.



Edward Marquis built the Mission Revival home at 2827 Russell St. in 1915.

FEATURED WALK:

Claremont-Elmwood Paths, Houses, and History

When: Saturday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m to 1 pm.

Leader: Ron Sipherd

Where: SW corner of Ashby and Elmwood Ave

The neighborhoods of southeast Berkeley feature a wide variety of early 20th-century houses, estates, paths, and other developments. Join us on a fun walking tour that includes architect Leola Hall's 1912 Honeymoon House, the still-impressive remains of the "Tibetan-Mission" style Taylor mansion, artist Richard Diebenkorn's 1950's residence (built in 1889), a goose farm, and more. Expect some ups and downs, with stairs and paths. Well-behaved dogs OK. Learn more



Berkeley Hills sunset hike

When: Friday, August 20, 6 to 9 p.m.

Leader: Alina Constantinescu

Where: East side of Euclid Ave, across from end of Eunice Street at Codornices

<u>Park</u>

Grab a flashlight and let's kick-off the weekend with a nice evening hike! The route is 4 miles, with hills and staircases. Estimated duration is 3 hours. Learn more

<u>Bungalows, palaces, and paths:</u> <u>Exploring Upper Rockridge</u>

When: Sunday, August 29, 10 a.m.-noon Leaders: Robert Johnson, Janet Byron Where: Rockridge BART @ bottom of escalators by "Rockridge" sign.

We will stroll long tree-lined streets with early-20th-century Craftsman bungalows off College Avenue and the commercial district south of Rockridge BART, then climb into the hills above Broadway to explore the residential areas. Learn more





New paths and handrails

Where: Glendale-La Loma Park, upper

parking lot, <u>1310 Glendale Ave</u> **Leader:** Alina Constantinescu

When: Sunday, September 12, 10:30 a.m.

to 12:30 p.m.

This 4-mile route in the upper Berkeley hills is designed to showcase our work in the past couple of years: two new paths and three handrails. Expect steep paths (with handrails!) along with the usual wonders that our walks entail: parks, views, scenic neighborhoods, and fun company. Learn more

Berkeley long walk: From shore to summit and back again

When: September 18, 8:30 a.m. to late

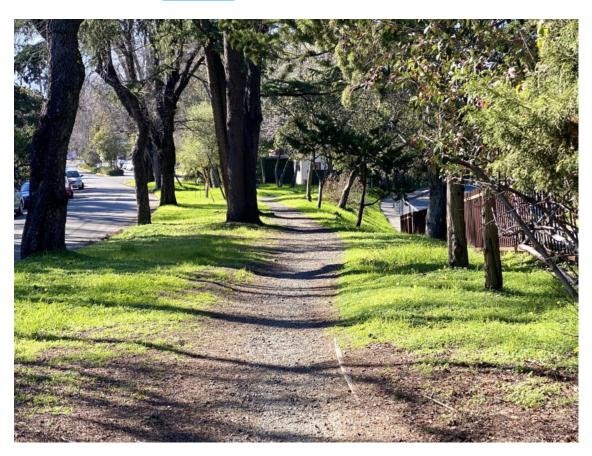
afternoon

Leaders: John Ford, Alina Constantinescu **Where:** Berkeley Marina by Dock C/D

Bathrooms: 3 Spinnaker Way

Join us for a 15-mile trek across our hometown: Berkeley! We'll start at the Marina and head to the highest point within city limits on appropriately named Summit Road. From there we'll hop into nearby Tilden Park for a picnic lunch and then loop our way back to the Marina on a different downhill route. Learn more





SAVE THE DATE! On Sunday, September 19, at noon, we will dedicate the newly named founders' paths at Jacque Ensign Way (shown) just below Marin Circle, and celebrate Jacque's 90th birthday. Walk at 10 a.m. More details to follow.

PATH MAINTENANCE WORK PARTIES

Path Maintenance Work Parties

Path maintenance work parties are back! The next two will be Sunday, August 22, and Saturday, August 28, 10 a.m. to noon. The work will be mostly weeding, sweeping, raking, and clipping. We will have gloves and tools available, but feel free to bring your own. Please bring your own water; we won't be offering water or refreshments. To RSVP and receive an email with the meeting place, write to Mary Lynch at

path.maintenance@berkeleypaths.org.

Right, Stoddard Path is lookin' good after last month's work party!



Reporting path problems

BPWA now has an <u>online form</u> for reporting problems that you come across on the paths. Please let us know about missing signs, broken steps, overgrown weeds, graffiti, and anything else you come across. We can't solve every problem by ourselves, but we will keep track of problems and concerns, and route them to the right city departments. The form is under the "Get Involved" tab at <u>berkeleypaths.org</u>.

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association (BPWA) is a community organization of people who treasure the public pathways that crisscross our city. <u>Learn more</u>



The BPWA board meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Guests are welcome! Please contact info@berkeleypaths.com for more information.

To support our path-building efforts, go to www.berkeleypaths.org/your-donations-help.

All donations go toward building new paths, repairing and clearing paths, and







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