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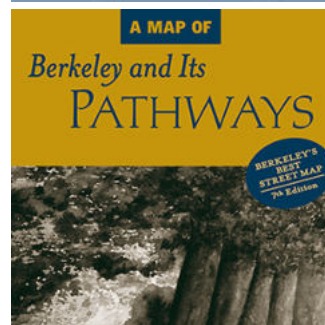
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Walk With Us

Join us on our terrific guided walks, which are free and open to all. Unless otherwise noted, they last 2-3 hours and proceed at a moderate, conversational pace. We're sorry, but we can't accommodate your dogs except on walks specified as dog friendly. Please check our [home page](#) for last-minute weather cancellations. Questions about a walk? Write walks@berkeleypaths.org



Our Musical Peace Walk will start at Tilden's Little Farm, where we will croon for the cows.

Musical Peace Walk

Sunday, December 3 @ 10:30 a.m.

Leader: Joel Gerwein

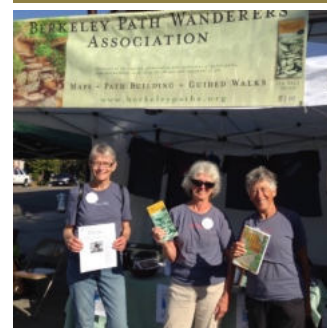
Start: [Entrance to Tilden Park Little Farm, by parking lot.](#)

Join us for a peace-filled, musical stroll through nature. We will meet at the Little Farm to strum for the sheep and croon for the cows. Joel will provide the music for peace-themed songs. From the farm, we will walk to the Rotary Peace Grove and Wildcat Peak, where we will take in the sweeping views from the Bay to Mount Diablo. We will return by way of the Laurel Trail, singing and playing instruments as we go. Bring your voice and your portable



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Berkeley Path Wanderers Association (BPWA) is a grassroots organization of people who treasure the public pathways that crisscross our city. [Read more.](#)

Meet Our Friends

You'll find links to many other organizations that promote walking, pedestrian safety, protecting the environment, and more on our [website](#).

instruments. Families are welcome. This 3 1/2 mile walk is on uneven trails and includes some steep hills.



The late Betty Olds (r) joined Jacque Ensign, a co-founder of BPWA, at the dedication of LaLoma Path in 2012.

Remembering Betty Olds

Saturday, December 9 @ 10 a.m.

Start: [Remillard Park \(80 Poppy Lane\)](#)

Leaders: Charlie Bowen and Colleen Neff

Without the seed money from long-time Berkeley City Councilwoman [Betty Olds](#), we might never have had a BPWA map (now in its 7th edition). Her early, unwavering support for the public pathways was crucial to all we've accomplished in the last 19 years. Betty passed away in July, and we will honor her by walking together, enjoying nature, and building community. This 1 1/2 hour walk will meander through the North Berkeley Hills. We'll visit Betty's namesake path as well as Ann Brower Path, Ina Coolbrith Path, and others. We'll also see the fire station near the gate to Park Hills, which Betty fought to have built after the 1991 Berkeley-Oakland Hills fire. The route will include many stairs and some uneven footing, though our pace will be leisurely. Because Betty loved animals and was the moving force behind Berkeley's new Animal Shelter, your dogs will be welcomed on this walk.



Be prepared to do some sloshing on our New Year's Day walk when a King Tide will transform the shoreline.

A New Year's Day King Tide Tour

January 1 @ 10 a.m.

Start: [Sea Breeze Deli](#) (University Ave. just west of I-80)

Leaders: Susan Schwartz and John Kenny

This walk will go rain or shine!

The start of 2018 brings a King Tide, one of the highest daytime tides of the year. It's a perfect opportunity to focus on the effects of rising sea levels and how we can minimize and adapt to them. Susan, the founder of [Friends of Five Creeks](#), and John, an environmental activist and dedicated BPWA path builder, will lead this leisurely, two-mile walk in Eastshore State Park. They will discuss the history of Berkeley's waterfront and point out ongoing restoration efforts. Among the highlights of this route are the marsh at the mouth of Schoolhouse Creek, where a pipe once dumped Berkeley's sewage straight into the Bay, and native plantings that volunteers are adding along the shoreline to the north of the creek, once a pre-World-War-II garbage landfill. Bring binoculars to spot wintering waterfowl and a camera to snap photos for the [California King Tides Project](#). Some trails may be slippery, muddy, or flooded. Dress for changing weather, including water-resistant footwear. Join us for optional warm drinks, snacks, or lunch at Sea Breeze Deli after the walk.



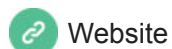
Among the murals you'll see on the Coffee Constitutional is this one, which pays tribute to the Ohlone Tribe that once inhabited the East Bay and the birds that still do.

Coffee Constitutional: A Walk on the West Side Friday, January 19 @ 10 a.m.

Leader: Jacque Ensign

Start: [Peet's Coffee](#) on Fourth Street

On this two-mile flat stroll, Jacque will highlight some of West Berkeley's past and the dramatic changes the neighborhood has undergone in recent decades. After a brief introduction, she'll highlight some of the new buildings on Fourth Street, including the Apple Store, and then move on to one of the oldest, [Spenger's Fresh Fish Grotto](#), founded in 1890. She will discuss the concerns over the plans to develop the restaurant's parking lot, among them whether the site was Ohlone burial ground. From there, we'll head to the AmTrak Station, pausing along the way to see the murals commemorating the Ohlone's history in the area and local wildlife. Before returning to Peet's, we'll visit the new [Dona Spring Municipal Animal Shelter](#) at the south end of Aquatic Park, a LEED certified building completed in 2012.



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