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## PATH NEWS

In January, we thanked four board members for their outstanding volunteer service for Berkeley paths: Mary Bianchi, Heather Schooler, Elsa Tranter, and Daphne White; and welcomed four new board members. This month, you'll meet John Ford and Erika Wilson. Welcome, new board members!

### **Meet Erika Wilson: Board member, hiker, walk leader and co-coordinator**

When I'm not walking or hiking (which I try to do as much as possible!) I work at a performing arts organization in San Francisco. I'm a singer, film fan, and reader, so I feel lucky to live in a beautiful place with so many opportunities to do what I love.

[Read more about Erika](#)





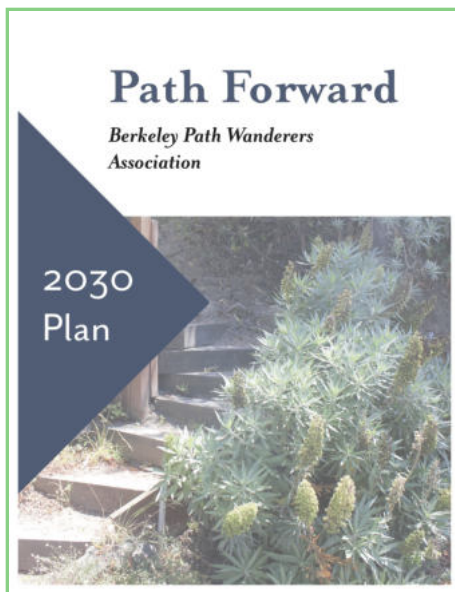
## Meet John Ford: Board secretary, walker, and singer

I'm a retired attorney, and I walk a lot. I used to cycle several days a week, but now I walk 3 or 4 days a week, usually at least 9 miles. I'm also in two choruses, the Albany Community Chorus and the UC Alumni Chorus. I've also been on several overseas trips with the UC Chorus, and in January we went to New Zealand.

[Read more about John](#)

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## ***Path Forward: BPWA's strategic plan for 2020, and 2030***



In mid-2019, BPWA's current board and other stakeholders met to chart out a vision for our next year, and next decade. We met beside the creek in our board president Alina Constantinescu's backyard, led by facilitator Chris Cochran. Regardless of the breeze — which kept blowing over our easels — we used little dot stickers to prioritize our future work in five main areas: path building, path improvements, path maintenance, outreach and communications, and revenue and governance. We set some ambitious goals! We encourage you to read [Path Forward: Berkeley Path Wanderers Association 2030 Plan](#), written and designed by board member

Caroline Swinehart with help from board member Janet Byron, and share your thoughts with us: [info@berkeleypaths.org](mailto:info@berkeleypaths.org).

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## Support Art on the Paths

Help us bring a temporary art experience to the Berkeley paths this spring! BPWA is partnering with the wonderful Hadley Dynak from [PEAK86](#) to host a month-long art event called *Intersections*. A group of artists will install a series of works on several of the paths for the month of May. Their work will explore the many points of connection that exist in our community, with the paths as canvas. Guided walks and artist talks will happen throughout the event. We've received a Berkeley Civic Arts grant and have launched a GoFundMe campaign to raise additional funds for production. Please join us and be part of this temporary, creative activation of our beloved pathways. Learn more and make a donation of any size at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/intersections-art-event>.

[GIVE NOW!](#)

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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 to 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 to [walks@berkeleypaths.org](mailto:walks@berkeleypaths.org).

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## The Little Free Libraries of Claremont, Elmwood and Rockridge

**Date:** Saturday, February 8, 10 am to 12:30 pm

**Leaders:** Sandy Friedland and Colleen Neff

**Start:** Courtyard next to [Peet's](#) on Domingo Ave.

On our third walk featuring Little Free Libraries, we'll visit some 2 dozen of these whimsical book caches that have sprouted like giant Cubist flowers in every neighborhood in Berkeley. [Learn more](#)

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## Puppy Love on the Paths

**Date:** Saturday, February 15, 10 am

**Leaders:** Figgy & Wally

**Start:** [NE Corner of Solano Avenue and The Alameda](#) (Bottom of Indian Rock Path)

Love is in the air this month, so join the Pooches on the Paths crew as we explore some of the things we “puppy love” about Berkeley: its parks and paths! [Learn more](#)



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## Sunset Hike to Wildcat Peak in Tilden Park

**Date:** Sunday, March 8, 6 to 8:30 pm

**Leader:** Erika Wilson

**Start:** : [Inspiration Point](#)

Meet at the start of the paved Nimitz Way trail. Ample parking and restrooms are available at the trailhead.

March 8 is the first day of daylight savings time! Bring your flashlight, a snack, and an extra layer for an out-and-back sunset hike from Inspiration Point to Wildcat Peak in Tilden Park. [Learn more.](#)



## Rocks and Rock Parks

**Date:** Saturday, March 14, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Leader:** John Ford

**Start:** Front of [Pegasus Books on Solano Ave.](#) (1855 Solano)

We will climb some of North Berkeley's granite paths, visiting four different rock parks, each of which have great views, and two other parks that have some great rocks. [Learn more.](#)



## JOIN OUR WORK PARTIES

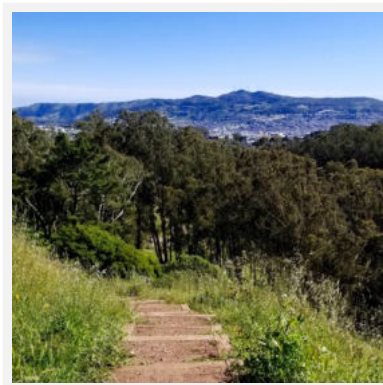


### Help us Keep our Paths Clear for Emergencies

**Monday, February 24, 9:30 am**

Help us transform a weed-obscured path into a safe and lovely walkway. Please email [Mary Lynch](#) if you can come to the work party, and she will send you the location. We supply refreshments and gloves and tools, but feel free to bring your own.

## Berkeley Path Wanderers Association



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

All are welcome at our monthly board meetings. Please join us on third Thursdays of the month (Feb. 20, March 19) at the Berkeley Corporation Yard Green Room, 7:30 to 9 pm. Please write to [info@berkeleypaths.org](mailto:info@berkeleypaths.org) to confirm meeting place and time.

The 8th edition of *Berkeley and Its Pathways*, our best-selling map of paths and streets in Berkeley, is the best one you'll find! [Buy Our Map](#)

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