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Upcoming Events



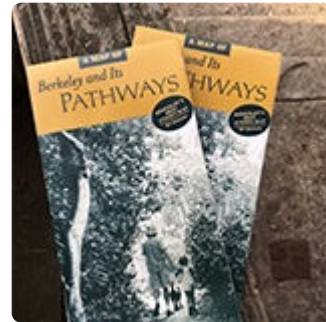
Join BPWA for our 14th annual Path-a-thon. This year we've added a paths run!

Summer 2019 Path-a-thon

**Sunday: July 21, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., or 12 p.m. walks,
with party to follow at 1 p.m.**

Leaders: Jacob Lehmann Duke, Steve Barr, and Heather

Buy Our Map



The best map of Berkeley's paths and streets just got even better! Order your copy of our fresh-off-the-presses 8th edition of *Berkeley and Its Pathways*. [Get your copy.](#)

Join or Renew



Your generosity enables us to build more paths and continue

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Start: [Codornices Park](#)

The Path-a-thon is back! Mark your calendars for our 14th Path-a-thon on Sunday, July 21. We are hosting three guided events that leave at staggered start times and vary in distance and difficulty. Join us at 10 a.m. for a 6.5-mile hilly loop led by Jacob Lehmann Duke; come at 11 a.m. for a run with Boston-marathon-veteran Steve Barr; or sleep in and join Heather Schooler for a family-friendly, dog-inclusive 2-mile stroll at noon. All will start at Codornices Park and return there at 1 p.m. for communal cake and refreshments. Walk descriptions and more details are on our [website](#).

Share Your Skills



Boy Scouts widen the Gwin Canyon Trail, one of the three trails that begin near Signpost 29 In Claremont Canyon.

By Sandy Friedland

Volunteer in July

Pitch in to Spruce Up Our Paths, Parks, and Trails

The rainy season, coupled with the late storms in May, acted like Miracle-Gro for weeds and left many urban paths and hiking trails overgrown, damaged, and badly in

to offer our path-oriented events. [Join now.](#)

Get to Know Us



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](#).

need of TLC. July is a perfect time to volunteer with BPWA or two other organizations dedicated to preserving and protecting these public treasures.

[Our path-maintenance crew](#) tackles one or two city-owned paths each month, and we also encourage path neighbors to organize their own cleanup days. It's vital to keep our stairways and paths clear and safe because they could be the fastest — or the only — escape routes in an emergency. Cleaning a path also builds community spirit and contributes to your neighborhood's disaster-preparedness efforts.

If you'd like to go a bit farther afield, [Claremont Canyon Conservancy](#) and the [Garber Park Stewards](#) hold monthly work parties to maintain the trails in Claremont Canyon and reduce the danger of wild fires.

Extra hands will be welcomed for the following workdays. No experience required!

Garber Park Stewards

Saturday, July 20, 10 a.m. to noon

Meet at the Claremont Ave. entrance, 0.4 miles above the Ashby-Claremont intersection

Help the Stewards reduce the wildfire risk in Garber Park as they continue their summer weeding and trail maintenance. Both light and heavy assignments are available, from evicting the fire-prone invasive weeds to repairing and maintaining steps, bridges, and trails. Wear long sleeves, long pants, and closed-toe shoes with good tread; bring a water bottle for refilling. The Stewards provide tools, gloves, water, and snacks. For more information, go to garberparkstewards.org, or email [Shelagh Brodersen](mailto:Shelagh.Brodersen).

Claremont Canyon Conservancy

Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m. to noon

Meet at Signpost 29 on Claremont Ave., 1.5 miles past the Claremont- Ashby intersection

Volunteers are needed to do routine trail maintenance and remove invasive plants and overgrowth along the Willow and Summit House Trails. Wear long pants and long sleeves as well as footwear with good traction. The Conservancy supplies tools and gloves, but people also can bring their own. If the gate is open at Signpost 29, then park in the field; if not, park along the edge of

Claremont Ave. For more information on workdays and other opportunities to help the Conservancy or to sign up for the monthly email newsletter, go to ClaremontCanyon.org.

Join Our Work Parties



Volunteers have been building out Columbia Path, a new path on a public right-of-way.

Help Install New Steps on Lower Columbia Path BPWA Building Crew

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m.

**Meet at the bottom of Lower Columbia Path, next to
1373 Campus Dr.**

[Our path-building crew](#) is hard at work building a new path: Lower Columbia. It is a very steep path, rising from Campus Drive to Queens Road in the Terrace View neighborhood. We'll need to install over 200 steps for this one! The ribbon-cutting ceremony won't be for another six months, but perhaps sooner with your help. Please [RSVP](#) if you can make the work parties.

If you're not available to volunteer, we appreciate [donations](#) to support our path-building efforts.

BPWA July Work Party

Sunday, July 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meet at the bottom of Orchard Lane, next to 7
Panoramic Way

Path Wanderers will be cleaning Arden Path and both parts of Orchard Lane on Panoramic Hill. Volunteers will be clearing dirt and debris from these lovely stair paths as well as pulling weeds and trimming shrubs and plants that are obstructing the steps. We will provide refreshments, gloves, and tools, but feel free to bring your own gloves and small tools. Parking is limited in this area, so plan to walk or to park a block or two from the meeting place. [Please R.S.V.P.](#)

Save the Date



Past-President Colleen Neff at our annual meeting 2 years ago.

Mark your calendars for BPWA's annual meeting on Oct. 17, 6 to 7:30 pm at the Hillside Club. All are welcome! More information to follow.

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 walks@berkeleypaths.org.



Look over there. It's a hill! Albany Hill, to be exact.

The Mysteries of Albany Hill

Sunday, July 14 @ 10 a.m. (date corrected from last month)

Leader: Janet Byron

Start: El Cerrito Plaza BART: [Ohlone Greenway at corner of Richmond St. and Fairmont Ave. \(new green benches\)](#).

What's that mysterious hill between El Cerrito and the San Francisco Bay? Why is El Cerrito named after Albany Hill? What did indigenous Ohlone call Albany Hill? Which came first, Albany Hill or the Berkeley Hills? What is Albany Hill made of? Why is Albany Hill so poorly maintained? Why is a large cross displayed on Albany Hill? We'll explore Albany Hill from top to bottom, walk along Cerrito Creek from Ohlone Greenway to the bay, and learn a bit about the history and mysteries of Albany Hill. Walk is about 3 miles, with a flat mile, half-mile up, half-mile down, then flat return.



Explore a dozen Piedmont paths, Oakland Rose Garden, and Dracena Park with us. Above, Piedmont Fountain.

Parks and Stairs in Lovely Piedmont

Saturday, August 3 @ 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Leaders: Alina Constantinescu & Sharon Taylor

Start: [Morcom Rose Garden](#), 700 Jean St, Oakland, CA

Join us on a visit to Oakland's Rose Garden and a hike through Piedmont's posh neighborhoods and beautiful parks. Like Berkeley, Piedmont is crisscrossed by many staircases and hidden paths. We'll explore about a dozen of these all over town, including a beautiful redwood and oak path off Moraga Ave. that few know about. We'll also walk in Mark Twain's footsteps in Piedmont Park and meander through beautiful Dracena Park, the site of an old rock quarry. In all, this is a 5-mile loop with 800-foot elevation gain. There are a couple of back-to-back staircases that are sure to get our hearts going. We'll take breaks as needed and keep a comfortable pace to enjoy the sights and the conversation.



Bring a flashlight, your dinner and something to share if you like on a lovely sunset hike this summer.

Sunset Dinner Hike

Friday August 23, 6 - 9 p.m.

Leader: Alina Constantinescu

Start: East side of Euclid Ave., across from the end of Eunice St.

Grab your flashlight and your dinner and let's kick-off the week-end with a nice 4-mile evening hike. The route is steep and we'll have to get up six long staircases as we head to Grizzly Peak Blvd., onto a nice stretch of Tilden's Selby Trail, and then to our dinner spot on the ridge above the Lawrence Hall of Science. But if the fog stays away, the views are worth the effort! We will enjoy a dinner break with panoramic views and wait for the sunset before we head back down. Bring flashlights, dinner for yourself and something to share if you'd like, and a jacket and layers for our al fresco dinner.

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