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Berkeley Path Wanderers Association  
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**July 2023**

**CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF PATH WANDERERS ON AUG. 6**



*Last year's Path-a-thon's site was Willard Park; meet us this year at Live Oak!*

## **2023 Path-a-thon: Celebrate 25 years of Path Wanderers on Aug. 6!**

Join us on August 6 for our annual Path-a-thon and 25th anniversary celebration at Live Oak Park! Three Path Wanderers board members will lead three walks of various length and difficulty that all start and end at the lovely, shaded Live Oak Park. Choose the walk that fits your ability and interest, then join us back at Live Oak Park to celebrate.

The Path-a-thon walks are:

[Upper Shattuck and Marin Circle](#) (1.75 miles)

[Rocks and Roofs](#) (4 miles)

[Every Path in Berkeley finale - Walk 6](#) (7 miles)

Whether you spend the morning walking or not, ALL ARE WELCOME for the 25th anniversary celebration at noon at Live Oak Park, at the picnic area between Walnut and Oxford streets (near the Berkeley Art Center). At 1 p.m. President Janet Byron will host a short program to award the "I Walked Every Path in Berkeley" pins to finishers of the [6-walk "Every Path in Berkeley" series](#), and we will receive a proclamation from the Berkeley City Council for our 25th anniversary.

Path Wanderers is providing hearty, lunch-like refreshments and cake for dessert. Feel free to bring something to share with fellow path-lovers, if you would like. We'll also have swag for sale.

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## **NEW HANDRAILS FOR LOWER STEVENSON PATH**

On June 28, Lower Stevenson Path between Keeler and Sterling avenues got a new, full set of handrails. With your donations, Berkeley Path Wanderers Association was able to purchase and install these handrails for about \$18,000. THANK YOU to ALL of our donors!

Berkeley Public Works and Berkeley Path Wanderers Association estimate that about \$1 million is needed to purchase and install handrails on all the paths that need them. To help us purchase more handrails, [please donate](#) early and often!

*Photos by Charlie Bowen*



**JERONIMUS ALLEY MURAL CLEAR COAT COMPLETE!**



*Left to right, Sean Kenmore, Joe Cordes, Jeff Anderson and his dog Sadie, David Gyorke, John Zabinski. Photo by Tamara Gurin*

Under the leadership of Jeff Anderson, the [Jeronimus Alley mural](#) is now complete. “Three protective clear coats were applied, and the mural looks much brighter and fresher now,” says board member Tamara Gurin, who spearheaded the mural project for Berkeley Path Wanderers Association.

Many thanks to the awesome crew of volunteers, Jeff Andersen (a local painting contractor who specializes in historic wood restoration and specialty finishes) and his helpers: David Gyorke, John Zabinski, Tedi Siminowsky, Mickey Sosin, Joe Cordes, and Sean Kenmore. And last, but not the least, Sadie the dog!

Commotion WB and Berkeley Path Wanderers Association donated a total of \$400 to purchase the clear coat for the mural, which was applied by volunteers on June 28.

We look forward to more projects done in partnership between Commotion WB, Berkeley Path Wanderers Association, Youth Spirit Artworks, and muralist extraordinaire, Pancho Pescador. [READ MORE](#)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Looking for a few great board members**

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association board members serve 2-year terms with the option to renew once. Our fun board meets about monthly. Write to [info@berkeleypaths.org](mailto:info@berkeleypaths.org) to volunteer for Berkeley paths!

We are currently in need of two positions:

**Treasurer:** Are you good with numbers? The treasurer keeps track of our accounts (donations, swag sales, and purchasing), interfaces with our fiscal sponsor, Berkeley Partners for Parks, and produces a financial report for monthly board meetings.

**Writer and/or editor/graphic designer:** We are looking for an excellent writer and/or editor to write content and oversee production of our monthly newsletter and other communications, including a website and blog. Our platforms are MailChimp (email) and SquareSpace (website/blog); both are fairly easy to learn and we will train you in the basics. The writer and editor/graphic designer could be separate board positions or the same person.

## **Visit us at the Solano Stroll!**

Visit our booth at the Solano Stroll on September 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We'll have lots of fun swag for sale, including the 10th edition map and 25th anniversary T-shirt, plus Bob Johnson and Janet Byron will sign copies of the new Heyday Books edition of *Berkeley Walks* from 1 to 2 p.m. Come and say hi, and share your path stories with us!

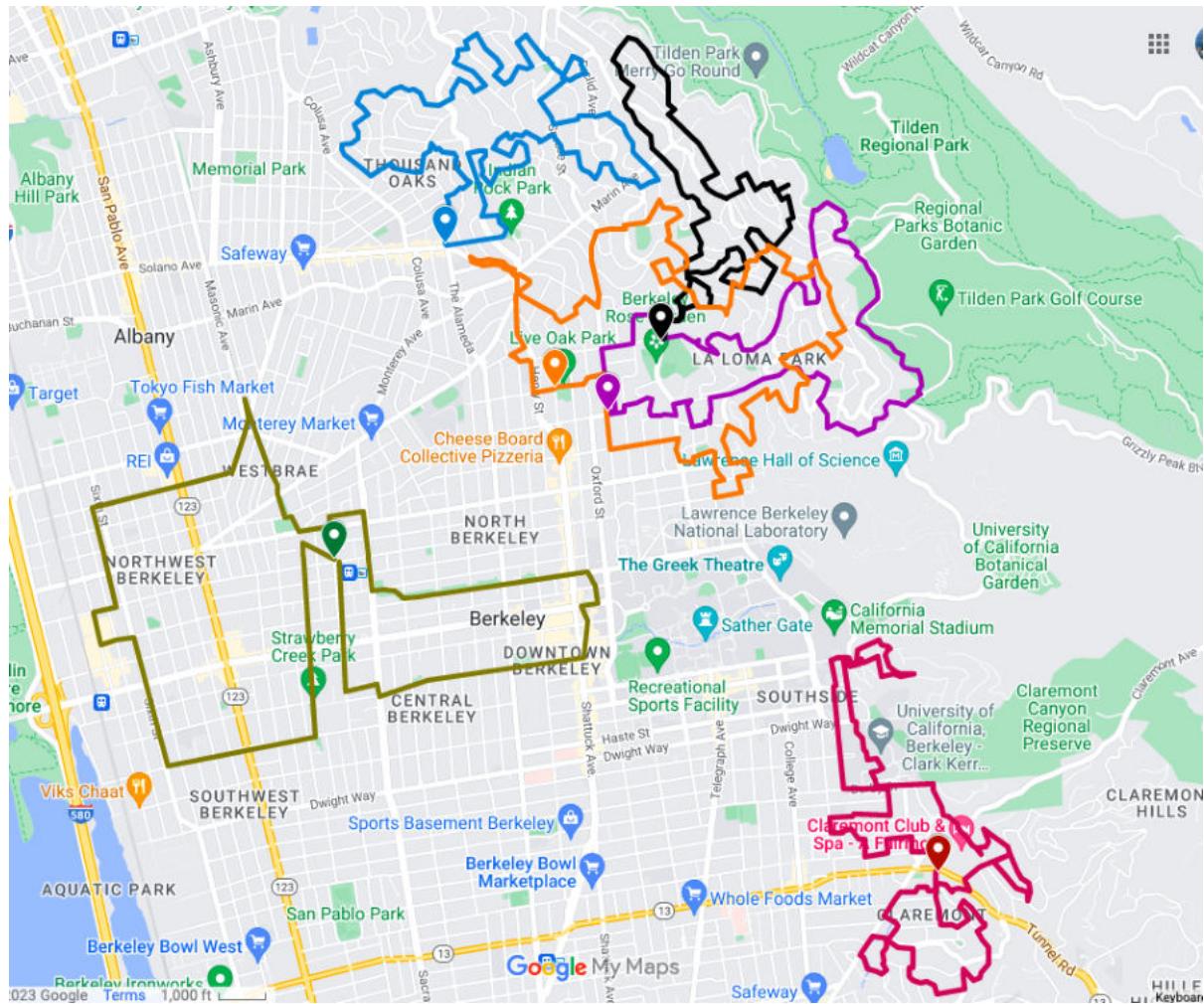
## **Limited access at Berkeley's Aquatic Park**

Through at least August, access to the east side of Aquatic Park from Addison Street to Channing Way will be limited by construction and the intermittent closures of Bolivar Drive. Updates should be available [here](#).

<https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/our-work/capital-projects/aquatic-park-capital-improvement-projects>.

Businesses remain open except during complete closure, currently scheduled July 17–Aug. 3, but schedules can change. Bicycles and pedestrians will sometimes be asked to use the west side trail, but there, too, they may meet construction because 100 trees are being planted next to the freeway.

**WALK EVERY PATH IN BERKELEY WITH US**



## Join us on July 9 at 9 a.m. for Walk 5 of our Every Path in Berkeley/25th anniversary celebration walk series

Walk one or walk all! The walks are a la carte, but walkers who do all 6 will get a newsletter shout-out and they'll receive an "I WALKED EVERY PATH IN BERKELEY" button (pictured below) to wear with pride.\*

The six walks are:

- Walk 1: [Sunday, March 5](#), led by John Ford (rain date March 11); magenta route above
- Walk 2: [Saturday, April 1](#), led by (none other than!) Jacob Lehmann Duke; blue route
- Walk 3: [Saturday, May 6](#), led by Alina Constantinescu; green route
- Walk 4: [Sunday, June 4](#), led by Signe Burns and Sydney Dowdy, black route
- **Walk 5: [Sunday, July 9](#), led by John Ford; hot-pink route**
- Walk 6: [Sunday, August 6](#), led by Janet Byron; orange route

Explore [every built-out path in Berkeley](#)! As part of Berkeley Path Wanderers Association's celebration of its 25th anniversary, we will reprise the series of six walks created in 2014 by Jacob Lehmann Duke and Aviva Gerwein and featured in their guidebook, [Step It Up](#) (See "Every Path in Berkeley").

The final walk on Sunday, August 6, will be our annual Path-a-thon, with three walks to choose from (including Walk 6), followed by a 25th anniversary celebration at Live Oak Park.

**Whether you walk with us or not, ALL are welcome at the celebration!!!**

We hope to see you there!

\*If you're unable to attend a group walk, you can do the walk on your own by following [our cue sheets](#). If you do, please take a few photos along the way and report to [info@berkeleypaths.org](mailto:info@berkeleypaths.org) to receive your button.



## UPCOMING WALKS

**NOTE: Heavy rain cancels; watch email for cancellation notices.**

## Berkeley Walks 3rd edition stroll and celebration

**When:** Saturday, July 8: 2 p.m. walk, 3 p.m. celebration

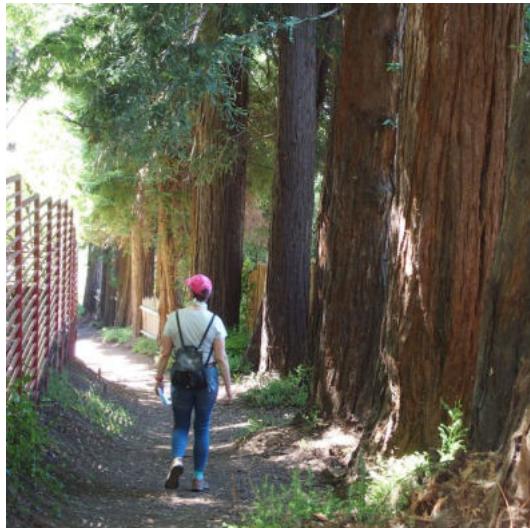
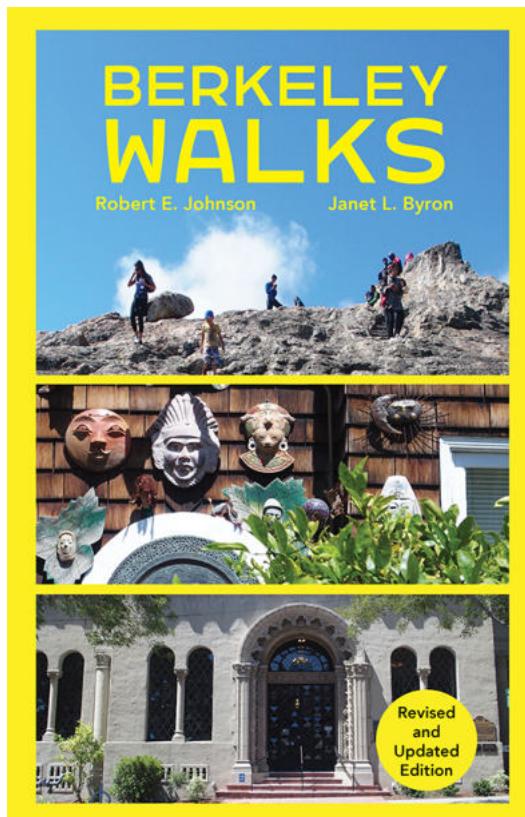
**Leaders:** Bob Johnson and Janet Byron

**Distance:** 1.5-mile neighborhood stroll

**Start/end:** [Berkeley Public Library's North Branch](#), 1170 The Alameda @Hopkins

**Accessibility:** Mild elevation gain and a couple of paths

Celebrate publication of the 3rd edition of [Berkeley Walks \(Heyday Books\)](#) with a guided walk and celebration at the North Berkeley library branch. Coauthors Bob Johnson and Janet Byron, both Berkeley Path Wanderers Association board members, will lead a neighborhood stroll at 2 p.m. then return to the North Branch in time for a celebration with cake at 3 p.m. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and for signing by the authors. The 1.5-mile walk includes a very quirky/arty home, Marin Circle, and several paths. [READ MORE](#)



## Every Path in Berkeley Walk 5: Claremont and Panoramic Hill

**When:** Sunday, July 9, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Leader:** John Ford

**Distance:** 6.8 miles

**Start/end:** Intersection of [Ashby](#) and [Domingo](#)

**Accessibility:** No handrails on some of the stairways, and some walking on roads without a sidewalk. Children are welcome.

**Join us for Walk 5 of the Every Path in Berkeley series!** Join BPWA's walks coordinator for a walk that will include four paths on Panoramic Hill, four paths above the Claremont Hotel, and 15 paths in the Claremont and Elmwood neighborhoods.

*Photo: Mosswood Lane; credit: Bob Johnson.* [READ MORE](#)

## Lynn Jones's Mosaic Art at Albany Bulb

**When:** Sunday, July 16, 9 a.m.–10 a.m.

**Leaders:** Lynn Jones and Janet Byron

**Distance:** 1.5 miles

**Start/End:** Albany Bulb, [1 Buchanan Street in Albany](#)

Meet in front of bathrooms.

**Accessibility:** Flat walk with some trails, but no steps

Meet [Lynn Jones](#), the Berkeley-based artist responsible for numerous mosaics at Albany Bulb and around town, including Pelican (shown), a bench inspired by Gaudi's Park Güell; a map of the Albany Bulb; and "Abortion Rights," a sculptural mosaic constructed of broken china. She also created the garden wall at the Berkeley Adult School. Jones will lead us on a short walk around the Bulb and share her work. [READ MORE](#)



## Southampton/Thousand Oaks Walk

**When:** Saturday, July 22, 2023 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Leader:** Bob Johnson

**Distance and elevation gain:** 2 miles, 400–500 feet

**Start/End:** [656 Santa Barbara Road](#) across from the intersection with Northampton Avenue.

**Accessibility:** Significant uphills via sidewalks, paths, and stairways. Well behaved dogs on leash allowed.

This area was developed mainly in the first part of the twentieth century after a failed plan to create a thousand-acre park in this area. It features fine historic architecture (including some very elegant homes), gardens, street trees, rhyolite rock outcrops, and several interesting paths. There is some uphill exercise, but we will take a moderate pace and stop along the way to notice various features. [READ MORE](#)

## **Short Path-a-thon Walk: Upper Shattuck & The Marin Circle**

**When:** Sunday, August 6, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Leader:** Robert Johnson

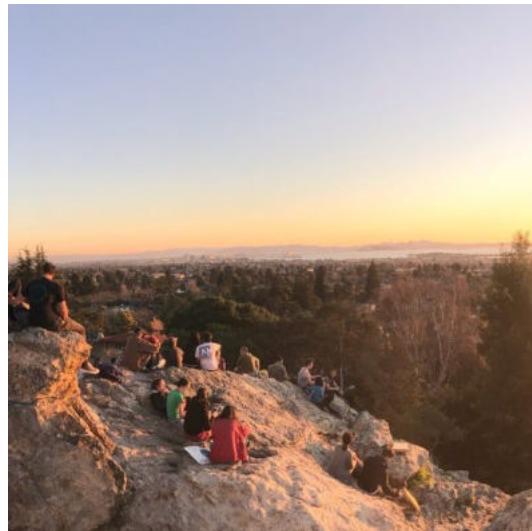
**Distance:** 1.75 miles

**Start/End at BPWA Path-a-thon**

**location:** [Live Oak Park](#)

**Accessibility:** Hills with grades to around 10%, and some steps. Well-behaved dogs on leash are permitted.

This walk will head north to initially explore the residential area near Upper Shattuck Avenue. From there, we'll sweep around east up a little into the hills, then back south toward the start. This walk includes some hills, primarily on paved sidewalks, and 5–6 public paved paths and a stairway. [READ MORE](#)



## **Medium Path-a-thon Walk: Rocks and Roofs**

**When:** Sunday, August 6, 10 a.m.–12 pm.

**Leader:** Bonnie Forer

**Distance:** 4 miles

**Start/End at BPWA Path-a-thon**

**location:** [Live Oak Park](#)

**Accessibility:** moderate pace without breaks, optional rock paths are uneven. No dogs. Not wheelchair accessible.

We will discover most of the wonderful rock parks in the Berkeley Hills by using the steps and paths. And we'll find some unusual, beautiful roofs along the way. Join us for the pathathon celebration at the end of the walk. [READ MORE](#)

## **Path-a-thon Long Walk/Every Path in Berkeley Walk 6: The Grand Finale and 25th Anniversary Celebration**

**When:** Sunday, August 6, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Leader:** Janet Byron

**Distance:** 7 miles

**Start/end at BPWA Path-a-Thon**

**location:** Intersection of [Shattuck and Berryman](#) at Live Oak Park

**Accessibility:** No handrails on some of the stairways, and some walking on roads without a sidewalk. Children are welcome.

**Join us for the Grand Finale of the Every Path in Berkeley series!** Join Berkeley Path Wanderers Association president Janet Byron for a walk that will cover the rest of the North Berkeley paths and will go by the Marin Circle fountain (*shown in historic photo*) and two rock parks. [READ MORE](#)



## **August Surprise**

**When:** Saturday, August 12, 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

**Leader:** Tamara Gurin

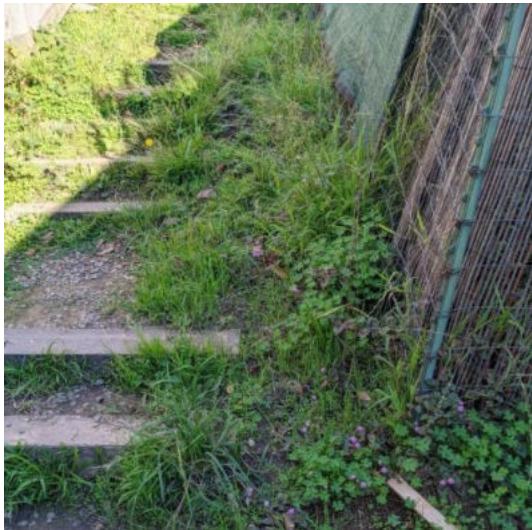
**Distance:** 5 miles

**Start/End:** [Rose Garden's vista platform](#)

**Accessibility:** Includes stairs. Well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome.

**Stay tuned:** We'll post a walk description on the website soon, and it will be included in August's newsletter.

## **PATH MAINTENANCE WORK PARTIES**



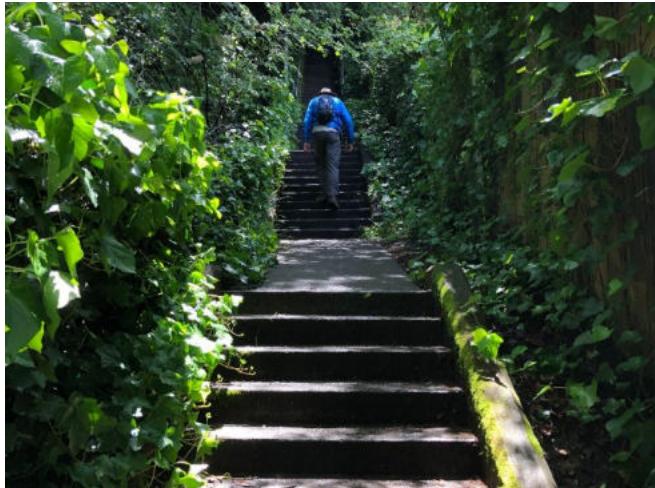
## Join us for a path maintenance work party!

Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Tuesday, July 18, 10 a.m. –12 p.m.

The work is 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. Please RSVP to receive an email with the time, date, and meeting place by writing to Mary Lynch at [path.maintenance@berkeleypaths.org](mailto:path.maintenance@berkeleypaths.org).

## Berkeley Path Wanderers Association



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

The BPWA board generally meets monthly. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 11, 7 p.m. on Zoom. Guests are welcome! Please contact [info@berkeleypaths.com](mailto:info@berkeleypaths.com) for more information.

To support Berkeley's paths, you can [donate online](#). All donations go toward building new paths, repairing and clearing paths, purchasing handrails, and advocating for paths.



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