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## Follow Our News



Nine steps in so far! Left to right: Josh, Diane, and Melissa building out Columbia Path in the Terrace View neighborhood.

### Construction of Columbia Path Begins!

We are excited to share that our volunteers have started building the lower segment of a new path (Campus to Queens)! They will be hard at work two days a week (Mondays and Wednesdays) over the next 4 to 6 months.

## 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

This is a challenging project on steep terrain, but they are up to the challenge and the first steps are in already.

Columbia Path is in the Terrace View neighborhood. If you'd like to support our efforts to expand the path network in this part of Berkeley, please donate and spread the word about the ongoing GoFundMe fundraising [campaign](#). Thank you to all those who have already donated! You are making a difference.

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*Claremont Court was designed as Berkeley's own version of Pacific Heights. Photo: Daniella Thompson*

## **BAHA House Tour in Tanglewood and Belrose**

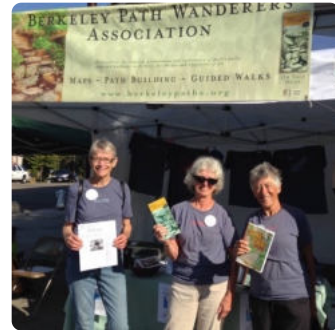
BPWA is excited to participate in Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association's annual house tour in the grand and gracious Tanglewood and Belrose neighborhoods, on the former Garber and Palache estates near the Claremont Hotel. Look for our table on May 5, from 1 to 5 pm. Admission to all homes on the tour is \$50, or \$40 for BAHA members. For more info, go to [berkeleyheritage.com](http://berkeleyheritage.com).

## **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

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](#).



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](mailto:walks@berkeleypaths.org).

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*We'll look for this bingo card on a mural during our kids' I-Spy Bingo walk.*

### **I-Spy-Bingo Mural Walk**

**Sunday, May 5 @ 10 a.m.**

**Leader:** Sandy Friedland

**Start:** Mi Tierra Foods ([2082 San Pablo Ave](#))

It's time for another one of our kids' Bingo walks! Bring your four-to seven-year olds on this family-friendly adventure in West Berkeley. As we walk on a 1.8-mile flat route, sharp-eyed players will look for the details on a mural, in a yard, or on a wall that match the photos on their Bingo cards. Everyone wins. Please bring a clipboard or other hard surface to make it easier for your child to write on the card and to do a little artwork at the end. Cameras will add to the fun. Every child should be accompanied by an adult. Optional lunch at [Lane Splitter Pizza](#) following the walk. Space is limited to 15 children, so reservations are required. Please [RSVP to Sandy](#), and include your child's first name and age. **No dogs please.**

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*Lynn, Colleen and Kay in front of a mural on their Stairs! Stairs! Stairs! walk.*

### **Stairs! Stairs! Stairs!**

**Sunday, May 26 @ 10 a.m.**

**Leader: Colleen Neff**

**Start: [SW corner of Eunice and Euclid Ave.](#)**

Life has its ups and downs so we might as well enjoy them together on the Berkeley paths! Join us for a challenging stairway walk exploring some of our longest runs of public stairs as we wander from the Rose Garden up to Grizzly Peak and back down and back up and around. Great bay views and a fun "stairmaster" workout will be our reward. While we will pause to catch our breath, this adventure is recommended for those who are fit and able to do lots of stairs.



*Panoramic views and native flora are just a few of the attractions on our long walk from Berkeley to Orinda.*

## **Long Walk: Berkeley to Orinda Hike**

**Sunday, June 23 @ 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Leaders:** Alina Constantinescu and Jacob Lehmann-Duke

**Start:** At the bottom of the [UC Campus, at Oxford and Center](#), on the sidewalk near [Arnaldo Pomodoro's](#) metal sculpture [Sphere within Sphere](#).

Our 9th annual long walk is a wonderful 15-mile route from downtown Berkeley to Orinda BART. We'll start off through the Cal campus, climb up the new Derby Canyon staircase [trails](#) to Panoramic Hill, and then take the fire trails to Grizzly Peak Blvd and cross into Tilden Park. We'll follow Redwood Trail to the South Padre Picnic Area (mile 7: lunch, restrooms, water refill) and then the Arroyo Trail to the steam trains, where we'll pick up a short but lovely segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

The best is yet to come as we meet naturalist and volunteer extraordinaire Glen Schneider for a tour of [Skyline Gardens](#), an expansive area restored with native flora at the top of the Siesta Valley. Glen will also take us off the grid to Barberry Peak, for amazing views from a very special place. After this tour, we'll head to the De Laveaga Trail for the last 3.5 miles down into Orinda, where we'll walk to the BART station and head home to Berkeley. Depending on the group, we estimate to be at Orinda BART around 5 p.m. and back in downtown

Berkeley about 5:30 p.m.

Please bring 2L of water, snacks, lunch, layers, sunblock, hat, hiking poles if you use them, and money or your Clipper card for the ride back on BART.



*Join us to walk, not jog, while picking up trash in West Berkeley and along the marina.*

## **West Berkeley and Aquatic Park Litter Pick-up Walk**

**Saturday: June 29 @10 a.m.**

**Leader:** Alina Constantinescu

**Start:** Ecology Center, [2530 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley](#)

Wow! That sidewalk looks really clean. Have you been plogging there lately?

Haven't heard of [plogging](#)? How about trashercizing?

These are different names for the practice of jogging while picking up trash off sidewalks and trails. The Path Wanderers' version of plogging is more tame: we plan to walk, not jog, while picking up trash on a 2.5-mile route starting and ending at the Ecology Center.

Afterward, Ecology Center program manager Minna Toloui will give a brief presentation on the basics of zero waste, the problems with plastics, and solutions for today. There will be time for questions, as well as 15%-off, same-day coupons at the Ecology Center store.



BPWA and the Ecology Center will provide buckets, gloves, and trash pickers, but please bring your own if you have any.

## Join Our Work Parties



*Gregg Gorrin helped to clean off Bille Jean Walk.*

### **Help us Keep our Paths Clear for Emergencies Sunday, May 19 @ 11 a.m.**

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.



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