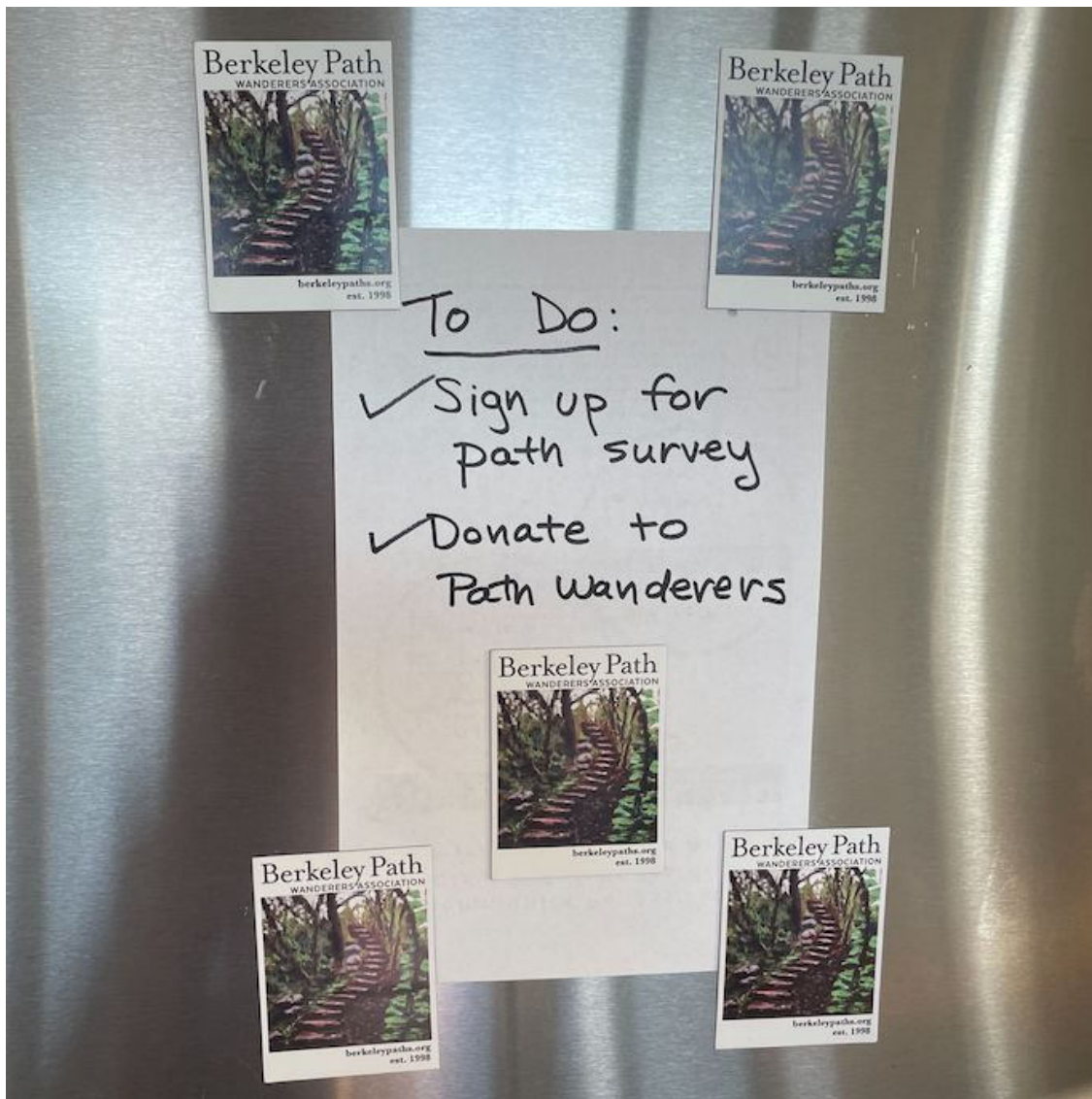


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VOLUNTEER FOR PATHS SURVEY



All survey participants will receive this groovy magnet with artwork by Marlene Tobias!

Sign up NOW to volunteer for 2023 paths survey on Sunday, May 21

Please [sign up now](#) to volunteer for our 5-year paths inventory on Sunday, May 21. Volunteers will fan out all over Berkeley — with clipboards in hand — to walk all the paths in Berkeley and record their condition. Berkeley Path Wanderers Association then collects the info sheets and compiles the observations into our [Paths Condition Report](#), which guides path improvements. Volunteers can choose hikes of various lengths to survey different numbers of paths, and this event is family-friendly — kind of like a treasure hunt. All volunteers will receive an exclusive, beautiful Path Wanderers magnet with artwork by Marlene Tobias to display proudly on their refrigerators!

Please email paths survey coordinator Alina Constantinescu with any questions about signing up at alina77419@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER FOR 2023 PATHS INVENTORY

NEW ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS



Our 25th anniversary T-shirts are here!

These beautiful, limited-edition T-shirts feature artwork by Marlene Tobias, the winner of our 25th anniversary T-shirt competition, printed on an evergreen, 100% cotton T-shirt (modeled by BPWA president Janet Byron).

Support the paths and show your path-pride by [ordering one \(or two\) today!](#) They are available in sizes S–XL, for \$35 each.

ORDER THE NEW BERKELEY PATHS T-SHIRT!

MEET 2 OF OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Five new members have joined the Path Wanderers board this year. This month we'll introduce two: Patty Callahan, our secretary, and Angus Dunstan, our fulfillment coordinator.



Meet Patty Callahan, board secretary

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I grew up in northern Illinois and moved to Berkeley to attend UC in the mid '70s, where I earned a BA in art history. Although I didn't work in an art-related field, I've maintained a life-long interest in art through frequent visits to museums and galleries, reading, and friendships with artists. I retired two years ago after a career in corporate communications and now spend my days walking, cooking, reading, and traveling. I visit France often and can think of few things I enjoy more than walking around Paris and seeing so much beauty—parks, gardens, buildings, people. I'm also grateful to have lived in Berkeley for almost 50 years and to have discovered so many wonderful places and sights by walking around town.

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Meet Angus Dunstan, fulfillment coordinator

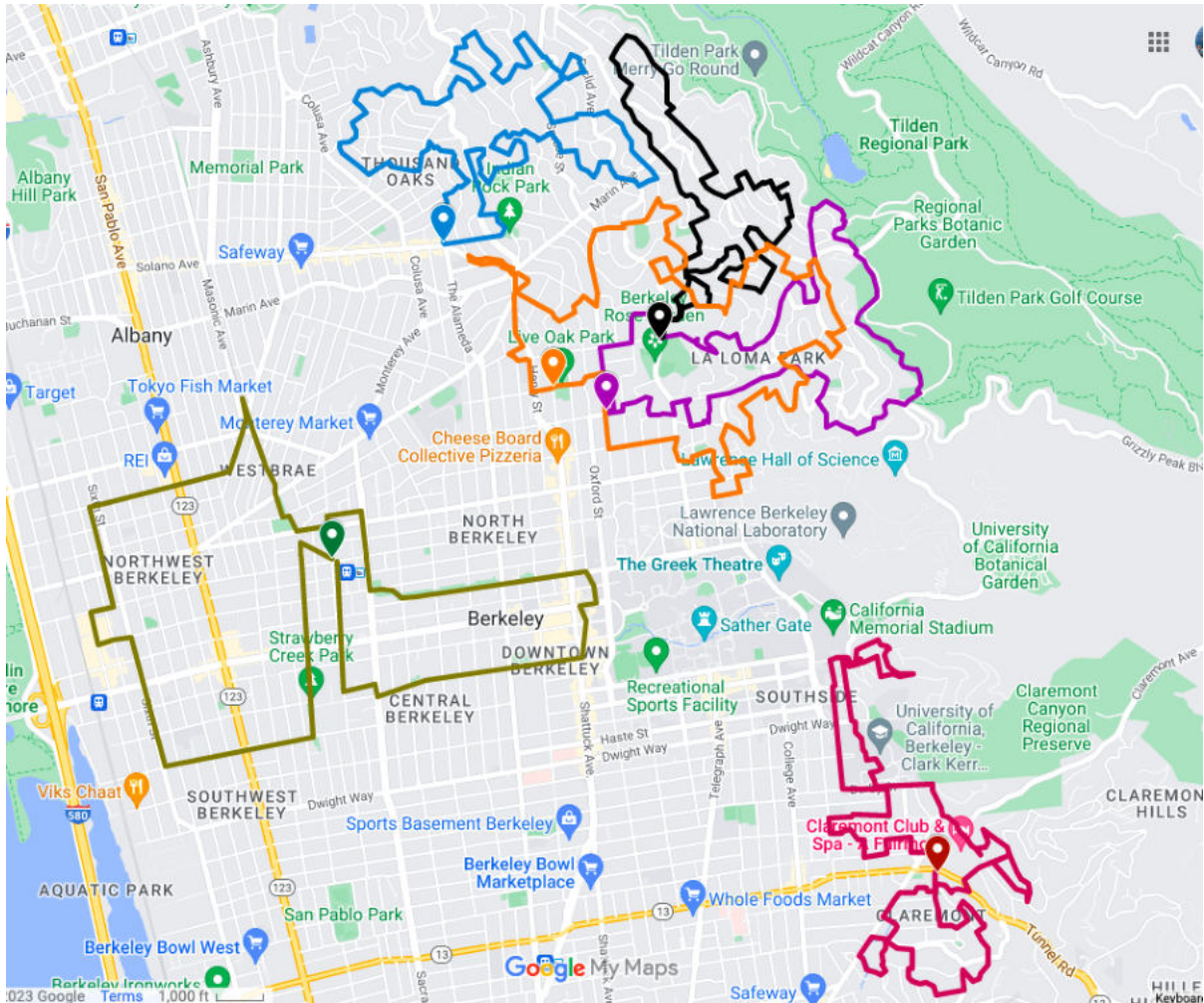
Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I grew up in Scotland and the North of England, married a Californian, attended graduate school in Santa Barbara, and taught for 20 years at CSU Sacramento. When our two sons went off to college we escaped the Central Valley heat and moved to Berkeley. Our two grandchildren in San Francisco make retirement a real pleasure.

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WALK EVERY PATH IN BERKELEY WITH US



Join us on May 6 at 9 a.m. for Walk 3 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, followed by a 25th anniversary celebration at Live Oak Park.

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 to receive your button.



EL CERRITO HILLSIDE FESTIVAL MAY 6–7



There's something for everyone at the 9th annual El Cerrito Hillside Festival, Saturday–Sunday, May 6–7, 2023!

The festival features walks and informative hikes about the geology, flora, and fauna in the 100-acre Hillside Natural Area, a nature scavenger hunt for young people, a senior stroll, poetry by the winners of the Hillside haiku contest, art projects for kids, how-to use of nature apps, and more! Hikes range from easy to strenuous.

See the full schedule and map at www.ectrailltrekkers.org

UPCOMING WALKS

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



Every Path in Berkeley Walk 3: Downtown and West Berkeley

When: Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Leader: Alina Constantinescu

Distance: 7.2 miles

Start/end: Intersection of [Acton and Virginia](#)

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

Join us for Walk 3 of our Walk Every Path in Berkeley series! Former BPWA president Alina Constantinescu will lead this walk, which covers much of the flatlands of Berkeley including the historic Oceanview neighborhood and Vice President Kamala Harris's childhood home. Photo: *Karl Linn Community Garden at the Ohlone Greenway*. Credit: *Bob Johnson*. [READ MORE](#)

Jeronimus Alley Dedication

When: Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m.–11 a.m.

Start/end: [Cedar and 5 1/2 Street Berkeley, CA](#)

Accessibility: Fully accessible. Children are welcome.

Join us for an event celebrating the new mural in Jeronimus Alley (5 1/2 Street), funded by [Commotion West Berkeley](#) and sponsored by Berkeley Path Wanderers Association and [Youth Spirit Artworks](#). We will meet lead artist [Pancho Pescador](#) and the young artists affiliated who painted beautiful new murals in the alley. They will walk us from mural to mural and tell us the stories behind them. [READ MORE](#)





From the Rose Garden to Lake Anza

When: Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Leader: Tamara Gurin

Distance and elevation gain: 4.5 miles, 1,100 feet

Start/end: [1200 Euclid Ave](#) (in front of the Rose Garden sign)

Accessibility: Brisk, strenuous walk with many stairs. The trail and steps may be slippery in wet weather. Kids are welcome. Dogs on leash are allowed.

We will take several stairways (Tamalpais, Covert, Whitaker, Stevenson, Stoddard) to Grizzly Peak Boulevard and then catch Selby Trail at the junction with Shasta Road. If weather permits, we'll enjoy breathtaking views of the Bay and Tilden Park! We will stop at Lake Anza for a BYO snack/water break before returning to the Rose Garden via Atlas and Glendale Paths. [READ MORE](#)

Every Path in Berkeley Walk 4: Park Hills and Berkeley Woods

When: Sunday, June 4, 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

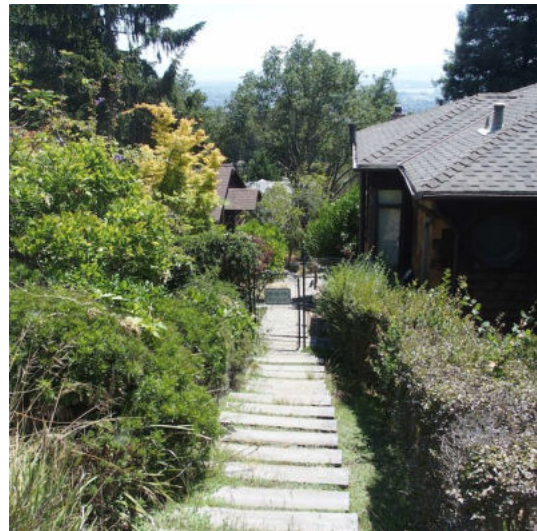
Leaders: Signe Burns and Sydney Dowdy

Distance: 4.5 miles

Start/end: Intersection of [Eunice and Euclid](#)

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

Join us for Walk 4 of the Every Path in Berkeley series! Join the dynamic duo, the mother and son team of Signe and Sydney, for another calf-burner. This North Berkeley excursion starts at the Berkeley Rose Garden and ascends to neighborhoods on the ridgeline of the Berkeley Hills. *Photo: Stephenson Path.* [READ MORE](#)





Long Walk 2023: Around Briones Reservoir

When: Saturday, June 10, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Leaders: John Ford and Alina Constantinescu

Distance and elevation gain: 13.5 miles, 2,000 feet

Start/End: [Briones Overlook Staging Area on Bear Creek Road](#), 1 1/2 miles east of the Wildcat/San Pablo Dam Road intersection.

Accessibility: Rolling hills. No dogs allowed.

Restrooms: At start and at 9.5 miles

Sign-up required: Please email John at [<johnford19@gmail.com>](mailto:johnford19@gmail.com) to sign up for this walk, so we can arrange the correct amount of trail permits needed.

From the start, we take the Oursan Trail clockwise around the lake. After crossing the dam and passing the construction zone, we'll walk through the rolling hills on the north side of the lake. It's mainly open at first and then is in and out of more wooded areas. At 9.5 miles, we reach the Bear Creek Staging Area just beyond the eastern edge of the lake. [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

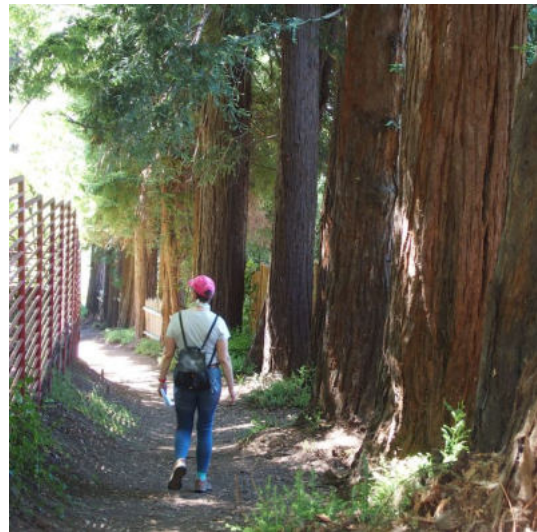
Distance: 6.8 miles

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](#)





Every Path in Berkeley Walk 6: The Grand Finale and 25th Anniversary Celebration (aka Path-a-thon)

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

Leader: Janet Byron

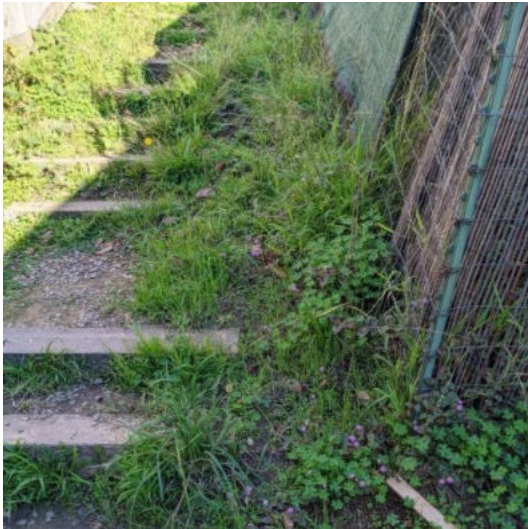
Distance: 7 miles

Start/end: 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](#)

PATH MAINTENANCE WORK PARTIES



Join us for a path maintenance work party!

Sunday, May 7, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

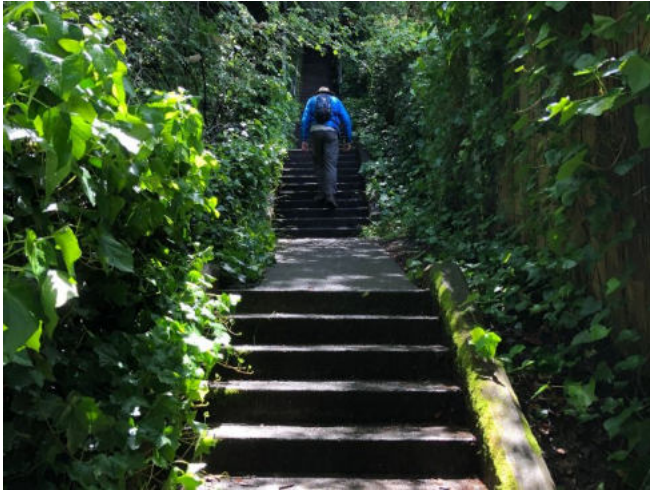
Tuesday, May 30, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

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.

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, May 11, at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome! Please contact 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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