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John Muir



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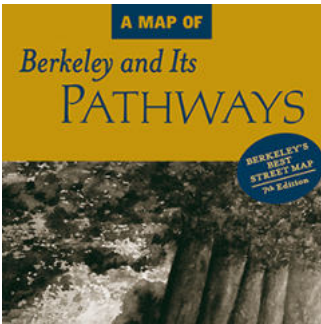
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Our Website Gets a Colorful Makeover

Berkeleypaths.org has an entirely new look and feel! We've added many high-quality photos, simplified the layout, rewritten much of the copy, and tried to make the site more user friendly.

After the successful launch of our monthly online e-news this January, we decided our website also could use updating. We are grateful to our volunteer graphic

Support BPWA

designer Orin Rutchick and BPWA Board Member Abby Rutchick, who spent countless hours revamping our online presence. (Abby also produces our e-news.)

The site went live last month, and we continue to enhance the sections and add more content.

“We wanted the new website to simulate the experience someone has when wandering our on our paths and discovering new landscapes,” said BPWA President Colleen Neff. “We also wanted to highlight all the amazing people who build and maintain the paths, lead our walks, serve on our board, and volunteer at our events.”

Colleen provided most of the photographs featured on the new site by digging through images from ten years of path walks, all-day hikes, path-building work parties, ribbon-cutting ceremonies, and other events. “I see the website as an opportunity to share and celebrate all aspects of BPWA’s mission,” she said. [Read more.](#)

Thanks for Supporting Us by Shopping at Mountain Hardwear!

Our members and their guests spent more than \$7,000 at [Mountain Hardwear](#) in May and June, which means BPWA will get \$700+ to spend on building new paths and adding handrails. Thank you to everyone who took part in this promotion. And we’ve noticed how great you look in your new clothes!

Share Your Skills



BPWA board members work hard but also have a great time, as (from left) Kay Englund, Abby Rutchick, and Elsa Tranter demonstrated at our 2016 Annual Meeting.

Wanted: New Board Members



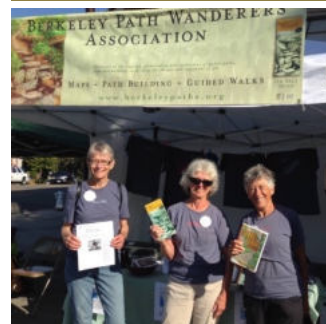
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We sell Path Wanderer shirts, hats, and tote bags as well as guidebooks, posters, and note cards. [Visit our store.](#)

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.](#)

Do you treasure the public paths and stairways of Berkeley? If so, please consider joining our Board of Directors, the dynamic, dedicated volunteers who keep BPWA going strong — and have fun in the process.

The Board meets ten times a year to plan our events, manage our budget, allocate money for building more paths and adding handrails, and tackle the other tasks involved with keeping this of more than 500 members running smoothly. Our Board also fosters relationships with city agencies, including most recently the Office of Emergency Services

We are looking for a webmaster (we'll train you!), a recording secretary, and someone to spearhead grant writing and development. We also would welcome anyone with writing or marketing skills to help with our newsletter, publicity, and map sales as well as someone who could set up a searchable photo archive and organize slide presentations. A good way to get to know us is to stop by our [booth](#) at the Solano Stroll on September 10th.

Please [email](#) us if you are interested in joining the board starting in January, 2018.

Walk With Us



Photo: D.H. Parks

Our Sunset walk will start and end at the Berkeley Rose Garden.

Sunset Hike: Rose Garden and Beyond **Friday, September 8 @ 6 p.m.**

Leader: Alina Constantinescu

Start: [Rose Garden \(1200 Euclid\)](#)

Come with us on another after-work hike with Alina. This time, she will lead us on a three-mile loop through the area north of campus, including the [Rose Garden](#); nearby paths and staircases; and, for an extra treat, the storybook architecture of [Normandy Village](#). We'll keep up a

moderate clip, taking breaks as needed to enjoy the views and conversation. Bring a headlamp or flashlight. If the evening is clear, we will get some sunset vistas. (The sun will set at 7:30 p.m.) We'll be back by about 8 p.m., depending on the pace of the group.



For, literally, a change of pace from the Solano Stroll festivities, visit some nearby rock-strewn paths and parks, including rustic Indian Trail.

**Beyond Solano Stroll: Rockin' Parks and Paths
Sunday, September 10 @ 2:00 p.m.**

Leader: Alina Constantinescu

Start: BPWA booth at [Solano and Ensenada Avenues](#)

Explore the neighborhoods near Solano Ave and find out why Berkeley rocks! We'll take terrific paths and staircases in [Thousand Oaks](#) — or is it Thousand Rocks? — and [Northbrae](#) and visit some charming parks, complete with boulders. As a bonus, we'll learn a bit of history and geology along the way. This loop route is 2.5 miles and should take about two hours.



Parents — and grandparents — will enjoy the Bear Bingo walk along with their young bear spotters, as Jason Narin (center), Anthony (l), and Caleb, can attest.

Fun and Prizes Await Young Path Wanderers On I-Spy-a-Bear Bingo Walk on Cal Campus Saturday, September 23 @ 10 a.m.

Leader: Sandy Friedland

Start: [Steps of Sproul Hall](#), UC Berkeley Campus

Calling all sharp-eyed bear lovers between the ages of four and eight: Come find bears — plus a few other critters — in the wilds of the UC campus. Back by popular demand, this version of Sandy's Bingo walks for kids will cover about two miles and last 90 minutes with frequent stops, including one for refreshments. An adult must accompany every young bear spotter. The route is paved, with some gentle hills and a few streets to cross. Optional lunch in Lower Sproul Plaza or on Bancroft. Walk limited to 20 children. Please rsvp to [Sandy](#) by September 15 to reserve your child's spot for this creative activity.



Let's show how much we love our dogs, like Betty here, at the start of World Animal Week.

Pooches on the Paths Celebrates World Animal Week

Sunday, October 1 @ 10 a.m.

Leaders: Wally & Figgy

Start: 10:00 am, [Ohlone Park](#) @ NW corner of Heart Ave. and Grant St.

'Tis the season to honor our animal kin, so grab a leash and your canine friend as we kick off [World Animal Week!](#) Join the pack as we take a flat, two-mile trot through the parks of Central Berkeley, finishing in about two hours with a *pièce de résistance* romp in newly renovated [Ohlone Dog Park](#). We'll provide snacks for pooches and people, but please bring a bag of dog or cat treats or a jar of yummy peanut butter (Skippy preferred) to show our care and compassion for homeless animals. We'll deliver your donations to [Berkeley's Animal Care Services](#). With or without a four-footed friend, everyone is welcome on this installment of our All-the-Parks-in-Berkeley Series.



Photo: MLS/Open Homes

Designed by Walter Steilberg, this concrete cottage sits on Mosswood Lane, one of the rustic paths on Panoramic Hill.

Historic Panoramic Hill

Saturday, October 7 @ 10:00 a.m.

Leader: Ron Sipherd

Start: Parking lot just south of [Memorial Stadium](#)

Follow our veteran walk leader as he explains the history and architecture of Panoramic Hill. Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association calls it our “[most romantic neighborhood](#).” Listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#), the hill features houses designed by many of Berkeley’s luminary architects, including [Bernard Maybeck](#) and [Julia Morgan](#), as well as one by [Frank Lloyd Wright](#). His route includes stairs and steep streets, but Ron will also have plenty of rest stops. Plan on the walk taking about 2 ½ hours. Allow extra time to find parking, and be sure to note the signs to avoid two-hour zones.

Upcoming Events



BPWA President Colleen Neff and her husband Helmut Kapczynski show off their new Path Wanderer tee shirts, which will be on sale at the Solano Stroll.

Come See Us at the 43rd Annual Solano Stroll Sunday, Sept.10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Be sure to check out our new BPWA tee shirts -- kids' sizes, too! -- plus our maps, hats, books, and posters. You can join or renew your membership at the Stroll, and your membership will run through December, 2018! Our booth will be near the intersection of [Solano and Ensenada Avenues](#).

Save the Date

BPWA Annual Meeting November 16 to Focus on Emergency Planning

Mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting, November 16, which is later than usual this year. Our keynote speakers will be Khin Chin, of Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services, and, Acting Fire Chief David Brannigan. Among other topics, they will discuss the importance of the paths during disasters. We'll also elect new board members and report on our recent path-building efforts, Watch for more details in our next e-news.

Join Our Work Parties



Poppy path before weeding.



Poppy Path after weeding.

Make Another Path Picture Perfect

Sunday, September 17 @ 10 a.m.

Help us transform another weed-obscured path into a safe and lovely walkway. Please email [Mary Lynch](mailto:Mary.Lynch@berkeleypathwanderers.org) if you can come, and she will send you the location of the next Path Maintenance Work Party. We'll supply gloves and tools, but feel free to bring your own. Refreshments will be served.



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