

BPWA Guided Walks

Most walks begin at 10 AM, rain or shine and last 2-3 hours. They are free and open to all. Please check online a few days before each walk for any changes.

Saturday Walks

July 26, 10:30 AM — Garden Classrooms & Spiral Gardens

in conjunction with Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative
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Travel the southern end of the Santa Fe Right of Way past school gardens, where children interact with nature, to the Spiral Gardens farm and gardening center. Then return to Strawberry Creek Park for lunch. Bring a bag lunch or buy something from the nearby cafe. Meet on the paved portion of the Santa Fe Right of Way at Delaware (near McGee). This is a great opportunity for the entire family to spend a few hours together.

August 16, Multiple departure times — Summer Path-a-Thon

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Three morning walks from Live Oak Park. Full story in the article on this page.

Sept 6, 10 AM — Hayward Fault Walk

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Tour part of the Hayward Fault, observing houses, schools, playgrounds, and walkways that have been built atop the fault. Get the inside scoop on what has been learned about the fault in the past few years, and what has been done - or not done - to mitigate the effects of the next great earthquake. Our leader will be a retired EBMUD cartographer and former emergency preparedness officer who has studied the fault extensively. We will start and end at the playground in Codornices Park. There will be some steep grades, but the pace will be moderate.

<http://walkingthefault.wordpress.com/>

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BPWA Path-a-Thon Saturday August 16th

— Sandy Friedland

Put on your hiking shoes, pack your lunch and join the Berkeley Path Wanderers at Live Oak Park (on Shattuck Ave. between Rose and Eunice) on Saturday, Aug 16th for a path-a-thon. Three BPWA board members will lead separate walks that vary in length and difficulty. The groups will leave at staggered times and return around 12:30 PM for a bring-your-own picnic lunch. The BPWA will provide cake and lemonade.

You can follow one of these leaders:

- Jen English, who last December completed her quest to walk every street and path in Berkeley, has planned the most difficult route. She will depart the park at 9:45 via Berryman Path and hopes to cover more than 20 paths in the Berkeley hills. She will focus on the ones that wind up to the Tilden Park border and will stay south of Marin. She will include the remote Fred Herbert & Crescent Park Paths as well as some recently completed ones.

- Colleen Neff, who also has walked every path in Berkeley, will leave the park at 10:15 for a more moderate walk. She will head toward Terrace and Fountain Walks to reach the rustic paths in Thousand Oaks. These include her favorite, Indian Rock, along with Yosemite, Indian Trail, El Paseo, Visalia, Vincente, Tun-



All three walks should leave or re-enter Live Oak Park on this ramp

bridge, Chester, and more. Some of the steps on these paths are uneven and steep, but the pace will be moderate.

- Dale Miller, who lives in the Live Oak Park neighborhood where he walks his dog twice a day, will lead the easiest and shortest route. He will leave the park via Shattuck Ave at 11:15 and cover some of the nearby paths, including Terrace Walk, the Short Cut and Berryman Path. Depending on the physical condition and desires of the group, he might include Fountain Walk, Mendocino Path and Indian Rock. This walk will be suitable for families though not for strollers.

Please arrive 10 minutes before the scheduled departure time. All groups will rendezvous on the Shattuck Ave side of the park. While we're out walking, we'll watch for missing signs and paths badly in need of repair or cleaning, so we advise bringing a pad and pencil.

For questions, contact Colleen Neff, colleenneff@earthlink.net.

First Wednesday Walks

July 2, 10 AM - Kensington Treasures
Susan Schwartz 510 848 9358
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Explore Kensington's historic Sunset View Cemetery, UC Berkeley's Blake Gardens Estate, and little-known El Cerrito paths on a vigorous walk with great views. Plan on a snack or lunch at Fat Apple's afterwards! Meet at the entrance to Sunset View Cemetery, Colusa at Fairmount (101 Colusa, Kensington; AC Transit 79).

August 6, 10 AM - Music on the Paths
Barbara Robben 510 524 2383
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Join Barbara Robben for interesting musical treats on the paths. This moderately paced walk is an excellent opportunity for a family outing. Meet at the playground at Codornices Park.

September, TBA — Rosie The Riveter
WW II Home Front National Park
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Tour this recently designated memorial in Richmond on the SF Bay Trail. The park contains a number of historic buildings and memorials to working women and men of WW II, as well as sweeping bay views. Check www.berkeleypaths.org for the date and time and other details. Home Front National Park info at - <http://www.nps.gov/rori/>

Weekday Sunset Walk

Monday August 25 at 6 PM
Berkeley Rock Parks
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We are fortunate to have the author of **Berkeley Rocks** leading this sunset tour. Please check www.berkeleypaths.org for more details.

BPWA Board Meetings

The BPWA Board meets on the third Thursday of each month (except in September and December) at Music Sources, 1000 The Alameda (at Marin). Observers are welcome. Please enter via the side door at 1842 Marin Ave.

The Story of Pinnacle Path's Gorgeous Mosaic

— Colleen Neff

Few Berkeley homeowners have embraced their neighborhood path as fully and whimsically as Steve Juniper and his late wife Irene did with Pinnacle Path. Located between Regal Road and Poppy Lane in the North Berkeley hills, this gently sloped path is an unexpected delight for all who pass by.



Steve Juniper with the mosaic he masterminded

Thirteen years ago, to celebrate Irene's 60th birthday, Steve and her friends and family devised an ingenious, interactive party for her. They planned to create a mosaic of a serpent-like creature on the wall beneath Irene's prized garden, which borders Poppy Lane. To prepare for the party Steve covered the bare concrete blocks of the wall running along the lower end of the path with a layer of cement, creating a blank canvas for the abstract mosaic. On top of this he sketched a rough undulating outline.

Party goers then spent the afternoon filling in his outline with bits of tile, shells, mirrors, multi-colored fragments of plates and cups, and other interesting found items. By the end of the party, the mosaic ran more than half the length of the 40 foot wall. Steve grouted in the cracks, and the wall remained half finished for many years. Last year, volunteer artists met two times to finish the fanciful creature with the Junipers' grandson Jesse, aged 9, joining the effort. The newer, upper end of the mosaic now features a large dragon's head with a cobalt blue plate for an eye. What the rest of the project looks like is in the eye of the beholder. Some see a mermaid; others see a large fish and waves of water.

Passers-by have great fun pausing by Irene's wall to inspect all the weird and wonderful bits and pieces that comprise the mosaic. One particularly sweet part is the small section in the middle where mirror

shards surround a pink rose and the words "Happy 60th Irene" that are etched into the surface.

Sadly, Irene passed away last spring, but she did get to see the entire mosaic finished, and it serves as a wonderful tribute to her. Her husband Steve remarked that the wall is a great conversation piece for folks walking on the path and that he and Irene always enjoyed the friendly interaction.

The wall mosaic is not the only charm of Pinnacle Path, however. Beautiful roses spill over the fence that runs above the wall, and a large lemon tree arches over part of the path. The sound of the gurgling fountain in Irene's koi pond adds to the pleasures of Pinnacle Path. Climb the steps of Pinnacle Path and you'll find more great paths worth exploring. Head to the right at the top of Pinnacle Path and walk a ways to Remillard Park, which features a large rock outcropping that is popular with climbers. From there, you can either continue up the hill on the recently constructed Poppy Path or head into the trees on the very rustic Keeler Path.

BPWA Volunteer Opportunities

Work in Booth - lbrad5501@sbcglobal.net

Build Paths - charlie_paths@comcast.net

Plan / Lead Walks -
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Spruce up a Path - colleenneff@earthlink.net

Path Building Update and Other News

Under the leadership of Charlie Bowen and her hard-working volunteers, we in the BPWA have had a productive winter and spring building paths. We're poised to make more progress before the year ends.

Mountain Hardwear sent a team of employees to help us finish installing steps at the upper segment of El Mirador Path (50), and signs are now up. The Path has a small but tranquil grove of redwoods lining the Southern fence. We have nearly completed Bret Harte Lane (72), which is passable even now. There is an excellent view of the bay from the top of the Path, at Grizzly Peak Blvd.

We have started on the lower half of Covert Path (53), but because of its steep slope, placing steps is harder than usual. This scenic path crosses a creek and ends near the Codornices Creek waterfall on Keith Ave. It will be a welcome addition to the system.

We also have continued adding steps to the steeper parts of Wilson Walk (96) and hope to replace the old buckled brick steps at the bottom of Poppy Path (38) this summer.

Berkeley Hills Realty has offered to sponsor the improvements on Summit Path (92), and we hope to start on it this fall.

If you would like to help, please contact Charlie_paths@comcast.net. Most work parties are on the weekends, but we have started some small weekday ones as well.

The Panoramic Hill Association recently approached the BPWA to discuss the process we use to improve the Paths. Members of the PHA are considering whether they might use our techniques for installing wooden steps to build an emergency egress route from high on Panoramic Hill down to the section of Dwight Way that intersects with Fernwald road.

Berkeley did not get the Caltrans Grant city officials had applied for in order to finish improving the Santa Fe Right of Way, but city staff are continuing the search for funds. Some neighbors are hoping to start a Berkeley Partners for Parks nonprofit: Friends of the Santa Fe Greenway. They intend to apply for grants and coordinate volunteer work. Their priorities include lighting and improving the path surface.

The City has completed acquisition of the 9th street section of the old railroad right of way. It will pass through the parking lot for the new Berkeley Bowl that is being constructed, cross Ashby and connect the Emeryville Doyle Street Greenway to the 9th street Bicycle Boulevard. Berkeley's Associate Transportation Planner Kara Vuicich expects the pedestrian and bicycle greenway to be completed by the summer of 2009. The path is fenced off right now between Murray and Folger for sewer repairs.

BPWA Map



This attractive and accurate map shows all the 135+ paths of Berkeley as well as all the streets. It is printed on sturdy, water resistant paper and is only \$6.95. To order see our web site. The map is a wonderful gift for anyone who plans to drive, bike, or hike in Berkeley.

BPWA Note Cards



This set of four note cards with envelopes features Rose Walk (above) and three other paths. The cards are gorgeous reproductions of watercolors by Karen Kemp. The set is only \$7.50 and makes a wonderful gift. You can order sets from our website www.berkeleypaths.org

Tax-deductible household memberships in the BPWA are \$5.00 and cover one calendar year. If you can give more, please consider a donation. Benefits include a newsletter and other BPWA mailings and emails. You can join or donate online at www.berkeleypaths.org or by sending a check, payable to BFPF (Berkeley Partners for Parks) along with this form, to:

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BPWA Membership/Donation Form

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Dedicated to the creation, preservation, and restoration of public paths, steps, and walkways in Berkeley for the use and enjoyment of all.

The Berkeley Path Wanderers Association, an affiliate of Berkeley Partners for Parks, is a volunteer group of community members who have come together to increase public awareness of the City of Berkeley's pathways. Our activities include guided path walks, the mapping of Berkeley's path network, the building of paths that are proposed, and the restoration of those that need maintenance.



Charlie Bowen (far right) and her U.C. crew on Upper El Mirador

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