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NEW HANDRAILS ON 2 PATHS



New Handrails on Atlas and Acacia Paths

We are proud to share that — with your donations — Berkeley Path Wanderers Association has purchased and installed new handrails for Acacia and Atlas paths! Atlas Path connects Hill Road and Grizzly Peak Boulevard, and Acacia Steps (pictured above) connects Cragmont Avenue and Spruce Street. Both are steep paths that benefit greatly from handrails.

“I just had a look at Acacia Steps,” says one of our members who lives near the path. “The handrail spans the entire length, not just the steep, scary railroad ties near Spruce, and it’s AWESOME. I almost choked up when I saw it. I went up, and even in slippery, muddy conditions I felt completely safe with the handrail. Go team!”

The two new handrails, which cost upwards of \$40,000 for the two, are made possible by all of our AWESOME donors. Dozens of paths in Berkeley desperately need handrails, which Berkeley Path Wanderers Association — in consultation with Berkeley Public Works Department — [has estimated](#) will cost around \$1 million. [READ MORE](#)

DONATE FOR HANDRAILS

VOLUNTEER FOR PATHS INVENTORY



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

Please [sign up now](#) to volunteer for our 5-year paths inventory on 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 receive an exclusive, beautiful Path Wanderers magnet to display proudly on your refrigerators!

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

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SAD NEWS

Diane Resek, path builder extraordinaire, passes away at 82

With much love and sadness, Berkeley Path Wanderers Association reports that longtime path pal Diane Resek passed away peacefully at home on February 19 at age 82.

“A great Path Builder recently passed,” said Steve Glaeser, lead path-builder for Berkeley Path Wanderers Association. “We will miss her humility, her humor and fortitude, her love of playing in the dirt and hitting things with a sledge hammer, the joy she took building the paths, working with others to accomplish great goals.”

Resek started volunteering on Berkeley Path Wanderers Association’s path maintenance crew, and then got [very involved with path building](#) 4 years ago.

Resek was a retired San Francisco State math professor who lived on Poppy Lane, where Miller Avenue ends, for 35 years. She often went for long walks in the paths-rich Cragmont neighborhood and delighted in helping to build new paths.

“I love the physical exertion,” Resek told us in 2021. “For me it was really exciting to do something with my body that made a difference, and helped people.”

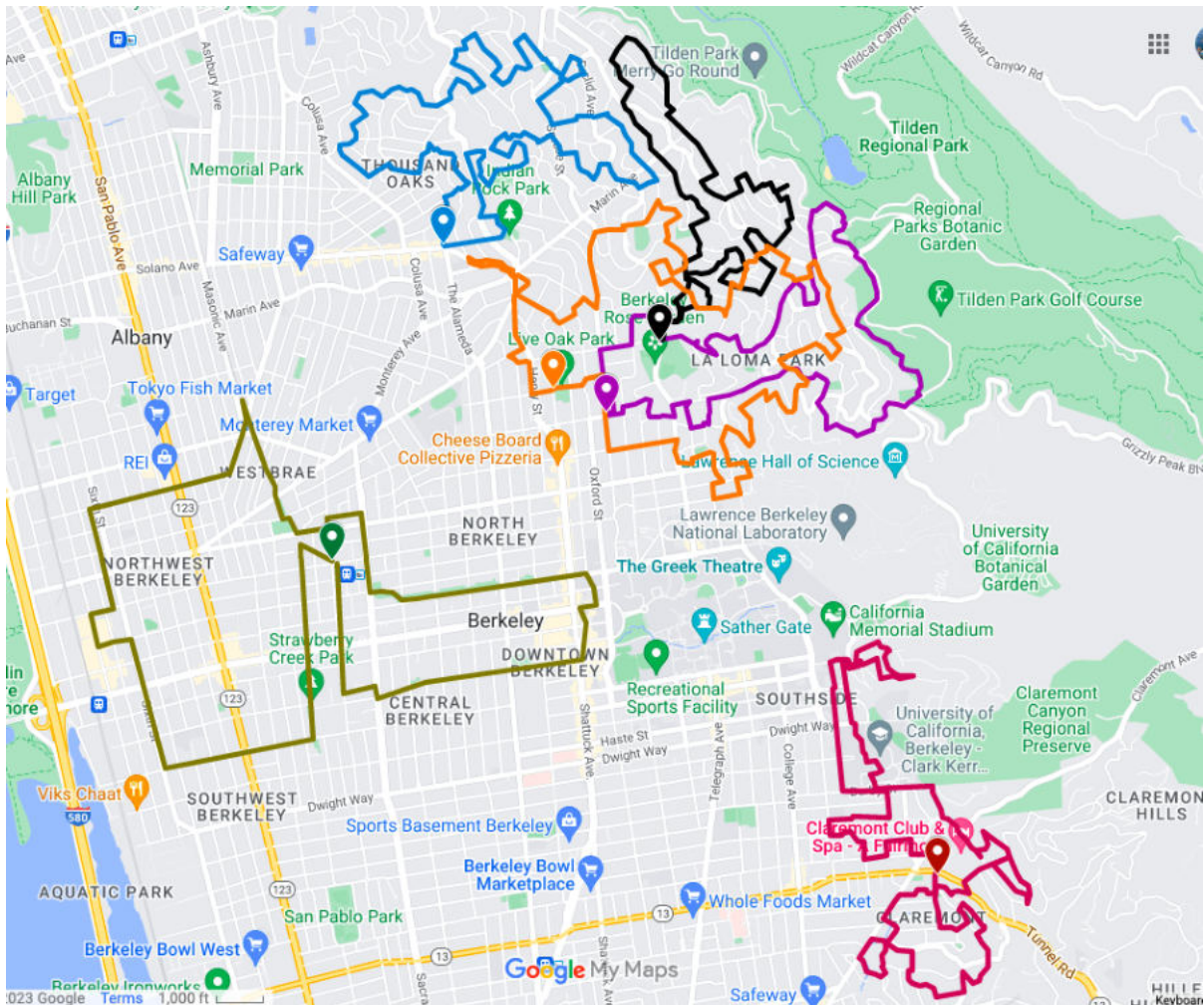
The path-building team is developing plans to construct a bench near Pinnacle Path in Resek’s honor. To make a donation in honor of Diane Resek, [please click here](#). To read

Diane's obituary, [please click here](#).

Diane Resek made galettes when path builders had birthdays.



WALK EVERY PATH IN BERKELEY WITH US



**Join us on April 1 at 9 a.m. for Walk 2 of our
Every Path in Berkeley: Our 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 and do one on your own, please take a few photos along the way and report to info@berkeleypaths.org to receive your button.



VISIT OUR SHOP



Beloved Berkeley artist David Lance Goines designed this poster for the Berkeley Path Wanderers and the Hillside Club in 2011.

Each purchase helps our mission to maintain and build our treasured pathways. Thank you for your support!

The posters measure 16" x 24" and are \$20 each. [Click here](#) to place an order.

JOIN 1 PINNACLE PATH FOR FIRST-SUNDAYS



Jason Durie invites Path Wanderers and their friends to join him for concerts at 1 Pinnacle Path.

The concerts are on the first Sundays of the month between April to October, weather-permitting, from 5 to 7 p.m. with a 15-minute intermission. The entrance to the backyard venue is on Pinnacle Path, which connects Regal Road and Poppy Lane above Cragmont Park. 1 Pinnacle is family- and pet-friendly. Bring your own food and drink, or something for our optional potluck.

The next concert is April 2 and features Dos Bandoleros – Spanish Rumba. For the full schedule, visit <https://www.facebook.com/1pinnaclepath> or write to 1pinnaclepath@moonjet.com.

To guarantee your seat, donate \$20 at <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/1st-sundays-1-pinnacle-path-231029>.

UPCOMING WALKS

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

Every Path in Berkeley Walk 2: Thousand Oaks to Dorothy Bolte Park

When: Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m. – noon

Leader: Jacob Lehmann-Duke

Distance: 6.2 miles

Updated Start/end: [Great Stone Face
Park](#)

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

Walk with Jacob Lehmann-Duke, who [co-originated the Walk Every Path in Berkeley series](#) and walked every path on one epic day when he was 12 years old. This will be a hilly walk in North Berkeley mostly north of Marin Avenue, including the newly renovated John Hinkel Park and Indian Rock Park (*right; credit: Bob Johnson*). [READ MORE](#)



Above the Claremont Hotel

When: Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Leader: Bob Johnson

Distance: 3 miles

Start/end: Intersection of [Alvarado Road and Tunnel Road](#)

Accessibility: Some steep sections, stairs, paths and streets without sidewalks

Starting in a neighborhood of large and impressive early 20th century homes, we will work our way up into the zone rebuilt after the 1991 East Bay hills fire, crossing now and then over the Berkeley-Oakland border. In addition to noting some of the architecture we will enjoy wide views (weather permitting), good exercise, a small creek, and a couple of unusual paths—including one that leads to a hillside area of a little-known protected open space. [READ MORE](#)

Daley's Scenic Neighborhood Stroll with Berkeley Historical Society

When: Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Leaders: Janet Byron and Bob Johnson

Distance: 3 miles

Start/end: Berkeley Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St.



Accessibility: This 1.5-mile stroll includes steep hills, streets, and stairs

Registration: Space is limited; register with Berkeley Historical Society on [Eventbrite](#)

The [Hillside Club](#) was formed in the 1890s to promote the principles of designing homes and neighborhoods in harmony with nature. In 1903 the club — whose members included Bernard and Annie Maybeck, John Galen Howard, and Charles Keeler — began a street improvement project in the hills north of the UC campus to promote this concept. This walk will tour the Daley's Scenic Park Improvement area and several of its historic homes, including Allanoke Manor (shown). [READ MORE](#)

Photo: Allanoke Manor by Robert E. Johnson



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](#)



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. *Right, Stephenson Path.* [READ MORE](#)

Every Path in Berkeley Walk 5: Claremont and Panoramic Hill

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

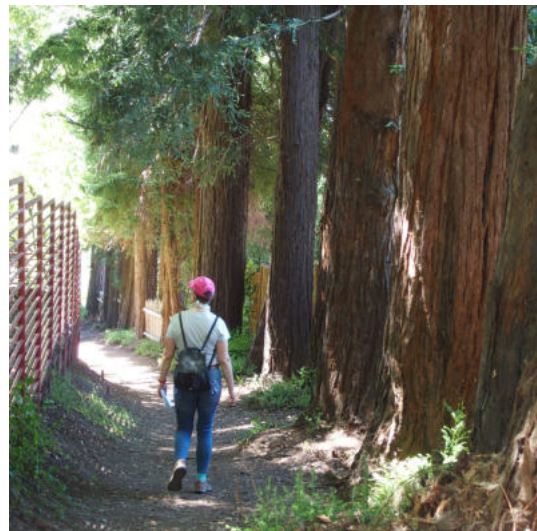
Leader: John Ford

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. *Left, 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

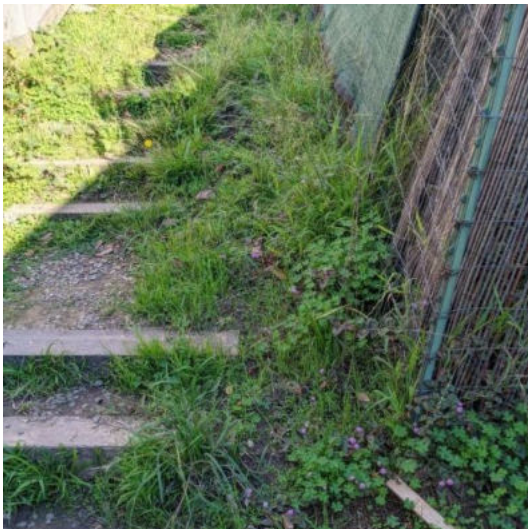
Distance: 7 miles

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 right in historic photo*) and two rock parks. [READ MORE](#)

PATH MAINTENANCE WORK PARTIES



Join us for a path maintenance work party!

Sunday, April 23, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Thursday, April 27, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

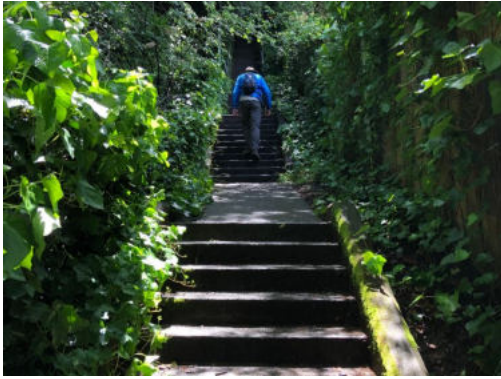
The work is mostly weeding, sweeping, raking, and clipping. We will have gloves and tools available, but feel free to bring your own. Please bring your own water; we won't be offering water or refreshments. Please RSVP to receive an email with the time, date, and meeting place by writing to Mary Lynch 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, April 13, at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome! Please contact info@berkeleypaths.com for more information.

To support our path-building efforts, 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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