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In addition to a plaque memorializing poet Ina Coolbrith, her namesake path now has a handrail.

Celebrate the Official Opening of Our Handrail Corridor Sunday, August 18

We are pleased to announce the opening of our [handrail corridor](#): about a mile of nearly continuous paths, between Euclid Avenue and Grizzly Peak Boulevard, all with handrails.

Buy Our Map



The best map of Berkeley's paths and streets just got even better! Order your copy of the fresh-off-the-presses 8th edition of *Berkeley and Its Pathways*. [Get your copy.](#)

Join or Renew

Join us Sunday, August 18, at 3:00 p.m, for an inaugural walk and ribbon cutting to celebrate its completion. We'll meet at the east side of [Spruce and Los Angeles](#) and walk .7 mile to the base of [Lower El Mirador Path](#) on Euclid, where the corridor begins. Or, if you prefer, come directly to the bottom of the path at 3:30. Following the ceremony, those who wish can then continue on the route, which includes the entire corridor.

Leading the 3.5-mile walk is BPWA Board Member Jacob Lehmann Duke, who suggested and then plotted the handrail corridor. (See the walk description below.)

His inspiration, he says, were people like his grandmother, for whom steps can pose a balance challenge. Thanks to his idea, more walkers now will be able to access some of North Berkeley's most iconic paths. In addition to Lower El Mirador, the paths in the corridor are Martinez, Upper Covert, Whitaker, and Ina Coolbrith. [Read more.](#)



Volunteers sign in and get their assignments at Codornices Park, one of three starting points for our great one-day survey of all the paths in the city.

Thanks To Everyone Who Helped Us Survey the Condition of Berkeley's Paths!

We so appreciate all the volunteers who came out in force last month to help us survey the condition of the paths. We got reports on almost every one.

We're compiling the information you gathered to give the city a complete list of missing signs, to send our path



Did you forget to pay your \$5 dues for 2018? We do not want to lose you. [Please renew today.](#)

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Your generosity enables us to build more paths and continue to offer our path-oriented events. [Donate now.](#)

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

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builders where steps need repairing and to direct our maintenance crew to paths where weeds and debris are obstructing them. Watch for a more in-depth report on the survey in our September e-news.

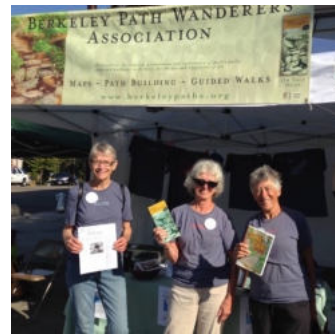
Upcoming Events



The theme color for this year's Solano Stroll is green.

We'll Be At the Solano Stroll Sunday, September 9

Mark your calendars for the 44th annual Solano Stroll, Sunday, September 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. With its mix of parades, politics, music, crafts, and food, it's the largest street festival in the East Bay. Watch our [website](#) and our [Facebook page](#) for the exact location of our booth. Stop by to visit or to get a copy of our latest path map. We'll also be selling our distinctive tee shirts, note cards, tote bags, posters, and an assortment of guide books.



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](#).

Our featured speakers at the BPWA Annual Meeting will be Oliver James (I), an artist and expert on local birds, and Prof. Gordon Frankie, who studies and writes about bees.

BPWA Annual Meeting October 18 To Focus on the Facts of (Outdoor) Life

Who doesn't want to learn more about the Birds and the Bees? You'll get your chance at our Annual Meeting on October 18th at 7 p.m. at the Hillside Club ([2286 Cedar St.](#)). Our keynote speakers will be Oliver James, author and illustrator of [Birds of Berkeley](#); and Prof. Gordon Frankie, a co-author of [Common Bees in California Gardens](#).

The evening will open with a very brief business meeting to elect board members, followed by path builder Steve Glaeser's ever-popular slideshow that reviews all the amazing work our dedicated volunteers have accomplished in the last year. [Read more.](#)

Walk With Us

Join us on our terrific guided walks, which are free and open to all. Unless otherwise noted, they last 2-3 hours and proceed at a moderate, conversational pace. We're 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



This Little Free Library, complete with its living roof of mini-succulents, is just one of the arty attractions we'll see on our stroll through the neighborhood near the North Berkeley Library.

North Branch Berkeley Library & Nearby Curiosities

Saturday, August 11 @ 10 a.m.

Start: North Berkeley Library ([1170 The Alameda](#))

Leader: Colleen Neff

We will begin our walk with a brief tour of this recently rehabilitated and expanded architectural gem, a Berkeley City Landmark built in 1936. We will be meandering on sidewalks at a leisurely pace with only a few small hills to climb. [Read more.](#)



These walkers still look pretty energetic at the halfway point of the Great Path Walk two years ago. Zeke Gerwein (seated l) and Jacob Lehmann Duke (standing second from r) will again lead us on every path in Berkeley in one day.

The Great Path Walk VI

Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018 @ 7 a.m. prompt

Leaders: Jacob Lehmann Duke and Zeke Gerwein

Start: Mailbox at the [The Marin Circle](#)

Once again, Zeke Gerwein and Jacob-Lehmann Duke will lead their Great Path Walk. The epic 33.4-mile route for this day-long annual tradition includes every path in Berkeley. With 5,000' feet of total elevation gain and more than 10,000 (!!) stairs, this is not your typical BPWA walk. But we invite anyone who wants to walk fast and see new paths to come tire themselves out with these two veteran walk leaders. [Read more.](#)



The 300' of handrails on Upper Covert Path is the longest run in the handrail corridor.

**Introducing BPWA's Handrail Corridor:
A Ribbon Cutting and Walk**

Saturday, August 18 @ 3:00 p.m.

Start: [East side of Spruce St. at Los Angeles Ave.](#)

Leader: Jacob Lehmann Duke

This 3.6-mile walk marks the completion of our long-awaited handrail corridor. (See the story above.) We'll begin by heading to Euclid Ave. via Eunice St. and Upper Oak St. Path. We'll pause at the bottom of Lower El Mirador Path, the start of the corridor, for a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony. [Read more.](#)



This walk features two large labyrinths, including this one north of the old quarry.

Round Top Ramble at Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve

Saturday, September 15 @ 10 a.m.

Leader: Ron Sipherd

Start: [Visitor center at Sibley Staging Area on Skyline Boulevard](#)

Join us on a three-mile loop through Sibley Regional Volcanic Preserve. We will pass former rock quarries and several stone labyrinths and descend to the east end of the 1903 tunnel that preceded the Caldecott. The pavement for the old approach road is still visible today. [Read more.](#)



These are just a few of the eye-catching utility boxes on many corners in Emeryville. The whole series, by Oakland artist Seyed Alavi is called *Sign of the Times*.

Utility Box Bingo

Sunday, September 23 @ 10 a.m.

Leader: Sandy Friedland

Start: Courtyard of Emery Station 1 @ [5858 Horton St.](#)

Bring your four-to-eight-year olds on another of Sandy's walking Bingo games, this one along Emeryville's art-filled streets. Each child will receive a bingo card with photos of the whimsical [utility boxes](#) and other eye candy that we'll spot along the way. Everyone wins! [Read more.](#)

Join Our Work Parties



Our volunteers tackled the weeds on Upper Covert Path, part of our new handrail corridor, just in time for our August 18 ribbon-cutting ceremony. (See top article.)

Help us Keep our Paths Clear for Emergencies Sunday, August 12 @ 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'll supply refreshments and gloves and tools, but feel free to bring your own.



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