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## BPWA IS A FIRE SAFE COUNCIL



### **BPWA is now a Fire Safe Council**

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BPWA has been accorded the status of a Fire Safe Council. This status will increase awareness of the value of Berkeley's paths, and it may also be a source of funding for developing them for safety and use.

Fire Safe Councils are grassroots, community-led organizations that help protect residents from the dangers of catastrophic wildfires. BPWA already works on this important issue — it's part of our mission. And since we also met the administrative requirements to become a Fire Safe Council, we applied. The California Fire Safe Council provides technical assistance and support to local councils, and its Grants Clearinghouse distributes support from regional, state, federal, and private funding programs. [Learn more](#)

## #GIVINGTUESDAY FOR BERKELEY PATHS

**GIVING  
TUESDAY**

You've passed on #BlackFriday, opted to #OptOutside, and skipped #CyberMonday — now consider a #GivingTuesday donation for the Berkeley paths! Remember, we are a 100% volunteer-driven organization and all donations go to maintain paths, purchase handrails, and build new ones.

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## OUR SWAG MAKES GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS



### Give the gift of Berkeley Path Wanderers Association this holiday season!

We've got you covered with lots of beautiful and fun items for every person on your list. All proceeds go to maintaining paths, building new paths, and advocating for the paths.

Visit our [swag store](#) now!

# WALKING INTO WINTER

Note: Unvaccinated persons must wear masks. We are monitoring mask guidance and will update our website with additional requirements if needed.

## [Pooches on Paths Returns: Hidden Gems of Park Hills and Northwest Berkeley](#)

**When:** Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m.

**Leader:** Lynn Deregowski

**Where:** [Glendale-La Loma Park, upper parking lot on Glendale Avenue](#)

This walk is almost 3 miles with some steep stairways, but the pace is leisurely and you'll be rewarded with 5 green spaces. Well-behaved four-footed friends on leash are welcome, and we will have a cookie and dog biscuit break halfway through. [Learn more](#)



## [King Tides Walk: History and Rising Seas](#)

**When:** Sunday, December 5, 10 a.m.

**Leader:** Susan Schwartz

**Where:** [Sea Breeze Market, 598 University Ave.](#)

During one of winter's highest tides, enjoy a relaxed loop around Berkeley's restored "meadow," with short spurs. We will walk rain or shine. Dress in layers for quick-changing weather, and expect puddles, muddy or even flooded paths, and crossing a construction site. Sorry, no dogs allowed in part of the area we will cross. [Learn more](#)

## [Up the Stairs and Down the Jordan Trail](#)

**When:** Sunday, December 12, 9 a.m.

**Leader:** John Ford

**Where:** [Corner of Vine and Walnut](#)

This brisk walk of about 10 miles will take between 4 and 5 hours. We will climb some steep steps up to the highest residential street in Berkeley, the aptly named Summit Road, then traverse over to the Lawrence Hall of Science (shown) and up the stairs to the beginning of the Jordan Trail, aka the Strawberry Canyon fire trail. No dogs please. [Learn more](#)



## [Step into the New Year](#)

**When:** Saturday, January 1, 1 p.m.

**Leader:** Glen Lindwall and John Ford

**Where:** [Dorothy Bolte Park](#), Spruce near Michigan Ave.

Welcome the new year with a 3- to 4-mile walk along the Berkeley/Kensington border, including Ye Olde School Trail (shown) with its views of Wildcat Canyon, and paths of both Berkeley and Kensington. We will all start together but separate into a moderate-paced group and one that will travel a more vigorous, longer route. [Learn more](#)

## [Campus and Claremont](#)

**When:** Sunday, January 23, 9:30 a.m.

**Leader:** John Ford

**Where:** Pomodoro sculpture on UC campus, near [Oxford and Center streets](#)

On this ~ 3-hour, 6-7 mile hike, we will walk from the UC campus south toward the Claremont and Elmwood neighborhoods, and on to The Uplands then loop back, for a total of 14 paths, including Encina Walk (shown). [Learn more](#)





## [The Entrancing Stairs of Belvedere Island](#)

**When:** Sunday, February 6, 10 a.m.

**Leader:** Colleen Neff

**Where:** [Belvedere Park](#) (between Community Rd. and San Rafael Ave.)

Marin County's Belvedere Island has over a dozen stairways that crisscross its scenic hill community. Join us for this approximately 2-hour, 3-mile stair-climber of a field trip to explore a magical place. We'll meet at Belvedere Park (restroom available) for this moderately strenuous walk. Please bring water, a sun hat, sturdy shoes, and your sense of adventure!

[Learn more](#)

## PATH MAINTENANCE WORK PARTIES

### Path maintenance work parties

Path maintenance work parties are back!

**Our next party is December 2 at Anne Brower Path** (shown). 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](mailto:path.maintenance@berkeleypaths.org).



### Reporting path problems

BPWA now has an [online form](#) for reporting problems that you come across on the paths. Please let us know about missing signs, broken steps, overgrown weeds, graffiti, and anything else you come across. We can't solve every problem by ourselves, but we will keep track of problems and concerns, and route them to the right city departments. The form is under the "Get Involved" tab at [berkeleypaths.org](http://berkeleypaths.org).

## Berkeley Path Wanderers Association

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association (BPWA) is a community organization of people who treasure the public pathways that crisscross our city. [Learn more](#)



The BPWA board generally meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Guests are welcome! Please contact [info@berkeleypaths.com](mailto: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. *Above, 2021 annual meeting in Live Oak Park.*



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