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Upcoming Events



The Steps, a path in the Claremont-Uplands neighborhood, is in great condition and even has a light, but there's no sign at the top. Our path survey will enable us report missing signs to the city.

Wanted: "Surveyors" To Help Check Every Berkeley Path, Sunday, July 22, at 9:30 a.m.

How do we love Berkeley's paths? Let us count the ways on Sunday, July 22. Starting at 9:30 a.m., we plan to check the condition of every path in town.

We want to make sure that all the paths are clear, well-

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marked, and in good condition, so they can serve as emergency evacuation routes in a major fire, earthquake, or other disaster. They also need to be easy to find and use in the dark, in fog, or in smoky conditions. And, of course, we want everyone to be able to safely enjoy the paths at all times.

Please go to our [on-line registration page](#) to sign up for this free, family-friendly event and select one of these three starting places: Great Stone Face Park, Codornices Park and Monkey Island Park.

When you register, you also may choose from a variety of [fun routes](#) that vary in distance and difficulty and that, together, will cover the entire path system. BPWA coordinators will meet volunteers at each park to provide maps, turn-by-turn directions, and evaluation sheets. [Read more.](#)



The North Branch of the Berkeley Public Library will host a free program celebrating BPWA on August 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Library Presentation Will Highlight BPWA's Twenty Years of Path Stewardship

Join us for a free community program focusing on our twenty years of accomplishments on Wednesday, August 8, at 6:30 p.m., at the [North Branch of the Berkeley Public Library](#). BPWA President Colleen Neff will show a new video about Berkeley's treasured network of public paths and stairways and discuss how our organization has worked to protect public access to them.

In addition, our master path-builders Steve Glaeser and



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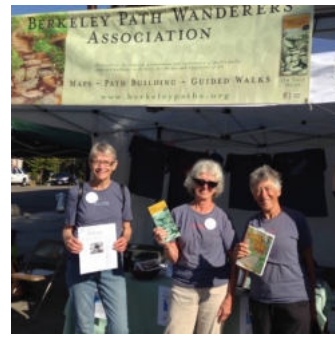
We sell Path Wanderer shirts, hats, and tote bags as well as guidebooks, posters, and note cards. [Visit our store.](#)

Get to Know Us

Charlie Bowen will present slides of our newly completed paths on city-owned rights of way, and Mary Lynch, head of our path maintenance volunteers, will show before-and-after photos of our efforts to clear weed-obscured paths.

We will be selling the recently published 8th edition of our map, [Berkeley and Its Pathways](#), as well as [memberships](#), [tee-shirts](#), and [other merchandise](#). As always, the proceeds from our sales enable us to buy materials to build more paths and to make sure existing ones are clear and safe.

This event is part of a series called Berkeley Walks and Wanderers that the library is sponsoring. It will include both this presentation and a companion walk that Colleen will lead on Saturday, August 11. [See details below.]



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

Follow Our News



BPWA board member Sandy Friedland has a nice article in the June issue of *Claremont Living* magazine. She reminisces about how she came to love Berkeley's paths and became active in Path Wanders. She includes some history of the paths, plugs our map and events, and invites neighbors to help maintain the Southside paths. Read the article [here](#).

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](#)

Meet Our Friends

You'll find links to many other organizations that promote walking, pedestrian safety, protecting the environment, and more on our [website](#).

[page](#) for last-minute weather cancellations. Questions about a walk? Write walks@berkeleypaths.org



See how the UC- Berkeley campus has changed in the last 150 years on this walk that includes some famous and some infamous campus highlights.

Campus Highlights: Celebrating 150 Years of the University of California-Berkeley!

Sunday, July 15 @ 10 a.m.

Leader: Ron Sipherd

Start: Water Sculpture (officially the Class of 1914 Fountain) [Bancroft Way at College Ave](#)

Join us as we explore the sights and history of the Cal campus as the university celebrates its 150th anniversary. We will see the old, new, and in-between architecture of the law school; a business school where every particle is named for a donor; a scandalous naked nymph statue, and a quite respectable statue of a football coach. We'll also look down at a giant mobile and peer into a real mine under the campus (bring a flashlight). Among other highlights will be an outdoor library of rocks, the chancellor's residence and flower clock, Sather Gate and its scandalous plaques, and a building designed to "monumentally nebulous" specifications. This winding, three-hour walk is mostly level on paved surfaces with a few stairs. For those interested, please bring \$3 cash for a post-walk visit up [Sather Tower](#). Find related maps and resources [here](#).



These Tibetan prayer wheels are just one of the interesting sights along this route.

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. After coffee and refreshments, courtesy of the library, we then will meander through the yard-art rich surrounding neighborhoods, where many whimsical discoveries await us, including Mark Olivier's creative beach-trash sculptures. Along the way, we will pass several Little Free Libraries, so bring a book to exchange if you would like. After about two hours, we will return to our start. This walk will proceed at a leisurely pace on sidewalks with only a few small hills to climb.



Work on the five-part handrail corridor began in May 2017 on upper Covert Path. The last two sections will be finished this month.

Introducing BPWA's Handrail Corridor

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](#): almost a mile of nearly continuous paths, between Euclid Avenue and Grizzly Peak Boulevard, all with handrails. BPWA has been working for several years to raise the money for this project, which enables people who need handrails for balance to access to some of North Berkeley's most iconic paths. The corridor also will serve as a key escape route in emergencies. From our start on Spruce, we'll head to Euclid Ave. via Eunice St. and upper Oak St. Path. Then we'll take the entire corridor, comprising lower El Mirador, Martinez, upper Covert, Whitaker, and Ina Coolbrith Paths, catching our breath in Grizzly Peak Park on the way. Our descent on quiet and scenic Creston Rd. and Cragmont Ave. will be less steep than our ascent. The pace on this two-hour walk will be slow to moderate, so those who need handrails can enjoy this event without having to rush. However, we will have a 600' climb in the first 1.4 miles and uneven footing in a few places.

Join Our Work Parties



We sometimes call our path maintenance volunteers the Orange Bucket Brigade. Armed with her bucket, Mary Bianchi, gets ready to weed Miller Park East.

Help us Keep our Paths Clear for Emergencies Monday, July 16 @ 11 a.m.

Help us transform a weed-obsured path into a safe and lovely walkway. Please email [Mary Lynch](mailto: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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