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Councilwoman Sophie Hahn (2nd from l) is flanked by BPWA co-founder and past president Jacque Ensign (l) and current president Colleen Neff with the official proclamation honoring our 20 years of service. Joining them are (from l) board member Elsa Tranter, former BPWA president Emma Morris, path-building co-leader Steve Glaeser, and path-builder Bob Gomez.

### City Officials Honor BPWA's Twenty Years of Dedicated Stewardship of Berkeley's Paths

To mark our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin and the City Council honored BPWA on May 1 with an official proclamation in praise of our two decades of public service. Council Members Susan Wengraf and Sophie Hahn read the beautifully worded text aloud into the record.

Describing the city's paths as "living reminders of Berkeley's early days," the proclamation declares that "Berkeley's magical pathways offer leafy garden corridors,



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stairways, and greatly appreciated shortcuts ... [and] also provide important routes of evacuation in case of emergencies ... "

The document concludes with this tribute: "All of the Path Wanderers Association's inclusive activities build community and keep residents in touch with the natural beauty of our great city."

We couldn't have said it better ourselves!



## Upcoming Events



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

## Support BPWA



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.](#)

## Get to Know Us



We need volunteers to help survey the paths who are as enthusiastic about them as five-year-old Eli is.

### **Help Us Survey All the Paths in Berkeley on Sunday, July 22, at 9:30 a.m.**

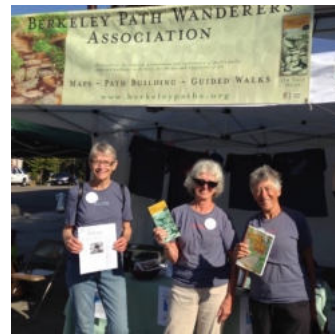
As we continue to mark our 20th anniversary, please help us to survey the condition of every path in Berkeley in one day!

We want to make sure that all the paths are clear, well-marked, and in good condition so they can serve as emergency evacuation routes in a major fire, earthquake, or other disaster. The paths need to be easy to find and passable in the dark, in fog, or in smokey conditions. And, of course, we want everyone to be able to use and enjoy the them safely at all times.

### **Three Starting Spots**

To accomplish our ambitious survey, we will have three different starting sites: [Great Stone Face Park](#), [Codornices Park](#), and [Monkey Island Park](#). BPWA co-ordinators will meet volunteers at each park and provide maps, turn-by-turn directions, and evaluation sheets.

Please go to our [on-line registration page](#) to signup for this free event and to choose your starting place and preferred route. [Read more.](#)



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**

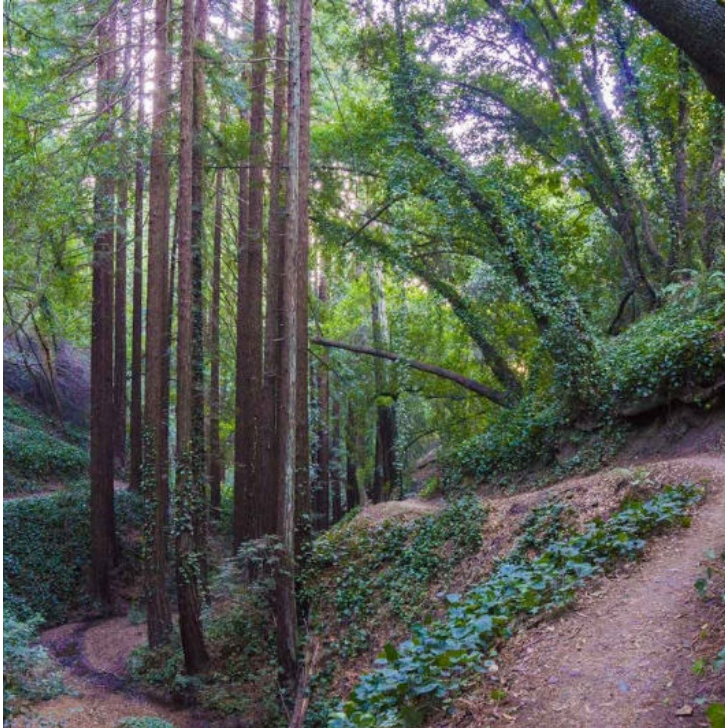
You'll find links to many other organizations that promote walking, pedestrian safety, protecting the environment, and more on our [website](#).

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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](mailto:walks@berkeleypaths.org)

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With its extensive second-growth redwood groves, Joaquin Miller Park is one of the best examples of the Oakland Hills' surprisingly lush landscapes.

### **Joaquin Miller Park: A Literary and History Tour Saturday, June 9 @10:30 a.m.**

**Leader:** Linda Brown

**Start:** [Ranger Station](#) inside park entrance (across the parking lot from the Community Center)

Linda Brown, past president of the Berkeley branch of the California Writers' Club, will share the history and literary heritage of this lovely 500-acre, heavily wooded park. The three-mile walk will proceed at an easy pace and include breaks for commentary at each of five monuments that honor Joaquin Miller, California's "Poet of the Sierras." The route includes the 2,000-seat Art Woodminster amphitheater and Cascade, which are dedicated to California Writers. Most of the walk will be on fairly flat terrain, often on old roads, although Woodminster does have 225 steps. Consider taking your own hike into the Park's interior following Linda's tour.

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BPWA board member Mary Bianchi and her pooch Rocket will pump their fists and paws to honor the people power that transformed unsightly parking lots into neighborhood parks.

## **Power to the People — and Paws!**

**Saturday, June 23 @ 10 a.m.**

**Start:** Halcyon Commons Park: [Corner of Halcyon Court and Prince Street](#) (one block west of Telegraph Avenue)

**Leaders:** Figgy & Wally

Let's celebrate the power of people to turn pavement into parks! We'll start with a stroll through [Halcyon Commons](#), a community-designed park that truly is a Berkeley gem. In the 1990s, inspired residents transformed a 28-space parking lot into a neighborhood commons, complete with picnic area, community herb and flower garden, and glorious public art. From there, we'll head to Berkeley's most famous parking-to-park example: [People's Park](#), which just marked its 49<sup>th</sup> birthday. On our way, we'll visit four other parks and, of course, stop for a biscuit-and-cookie break. Part of the Pooches on the Paths All-the-Parks-in-Berkeley series, this walk will be an easy, leisurely two-mile loop, mainly on sidewalks. Everyone is welcome, with or without a canine companion.

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Other-worldly creatures will welcome us near the Castro Duncan Open Space, the smallest of the five parks on this walk.

## **Glen Canyon, Diamond Heights, and other Ups and Downs**

**Sunday, June 24 @ 10 a.m.**

**Leader:** Sandy Friedland

**Start:** [Glen Park Bart Station](#) (Corner of Bosworth St. and Chenery St.)

Sidewalk art, [solar totems](#), and a vibrant community center will catch our attention before we enter the wilds of 70-acre [Glen Canyon](#). We'll take a creek-side path, skirt dramatic outcrops, and climb some amazing runs of timber steps. At the top of the canyon, we'll explore Diamond Heights, the last neighborhood developed in the San Francisco hills and the site of 100 single-family homes [Joseph Eichler](#) built between 1962 and 1964. Then we'll head toward hip [Noe Valley](#). On our way, we'll cross [Walter Haas Playground](#), enjoy the panorama from [Billy Goat Hill](#), greet some other-worldly creatures below [Castro-Duncan Open Space](#), and spot some impressive Victorians. Stop for lunch on 24<sup>th</sup> St. in the heart of Noe Valley, or proceed directly to the 24<sup>th</sup> St. BART Station to return to the East Bay. This 4½-mile route includes many steps, some paths with irregular footing, and several very steep streets. It will last about three hours, depending on your lunch plans.

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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 150<sup>th</sup> 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. Find related maps and resources [here](#).

**Join Our Work Parties**



Our hard-working volunteers needed x-ray vision to find the steps of John Muir Path last month.

### **Help us Keep our Paths Clear for Emergencies Thursday, June 14 @ 11:00 a.m.**

Help us transform a weed-obscured 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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