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## PATH NEWS



### Update from BPWA's President

The Berkeley Path Wanderers Association humbly sends this monthly newsletter while we recognize that these are strange times to be thinking of the paths. As we prepared this

message, we reflected on this [essay](#) about taking a "Black walk" in a beautiful neighborhood and missing the whole thing. On the paths of Berkeley and life in general, we need to work to improve our community for all who are part of it. Please consider walking to a Berkeley [protest](#) and [supporting](#) antiracism causes. Black lives matter.

If you're looking for ways to reflect and recenter, the paths are there for you. The BPWA website offers a selection of self-guided itineraries to explore. And, thanks to young path supporters Jacob Lehmann Duke's and Zeke Gerwein's generosity, we are posting [5 new self-guided walks](#) each month. While out walking, please continue social-distancing and wear a face covering as required by local shelter-in-place rules.

BPWA's path improvement work continues. Thanks to our incredible supporters, we ordered handrails for newly built [Columbia Path](#). We hope to share news of the installation in the next few weeks. Now that the rains have stopped, we hired a landscaper to clear a dozen paths that are choked with weeds and spring grasses. We are also hoping to slowly and safely restart our work parties in very small groups. If you'd like to lend a hand clearing the paths, please email [path.maintenance@berkeleypaths.org](mailto:path.maintenance@berkeleypaths.org) to be invited to the work parties, if and when we can safely restart them. We are also happy to report that the City of Berkeley Public Works is conducting much needed repairs of two concrete paths this month: Redwood Terrace is complete and Bret Harte Way is next. Our All-Path [Survey](#) has been a valuable tool in our advocacy efforts with the City and helped prioritize this work.

Thank you for your continued support! See you on the paths.

**Alina Constantinescu**  
**President, Berkeley Path Wanderer's Association**

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## Young Path Walkers Donate Book of 40 Berkeley Favorites to BPWA

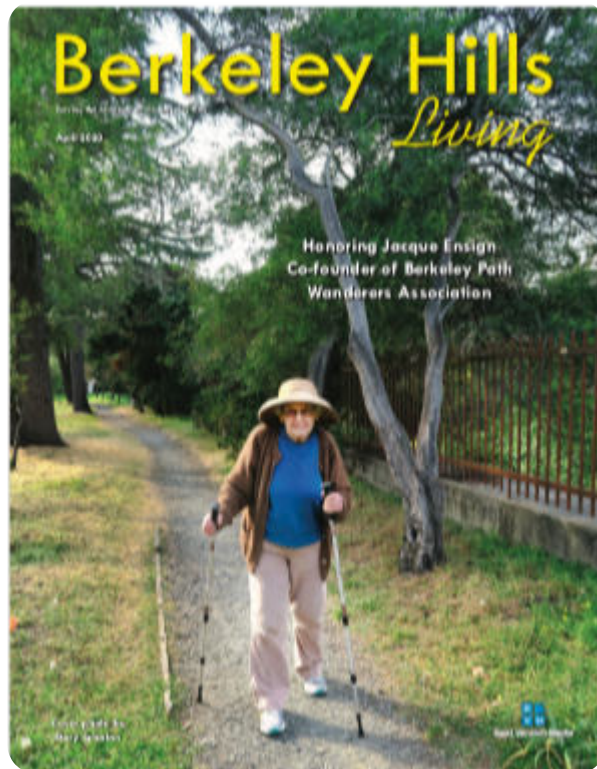
In June 2013, Jacob Lehmann Duke (photo, right), age 11, and his friend Zeke Gerwein (photo, left), age 12, set out to walk every path in Berkeley in one day. “We walked between all the paths and never got on a bus, in a car, or on BART,” Jacob triumphantly told [Berkeleyside](#). Their adventure covered 36 miles and nearly 150 paths in 13 hours.

Jacob and Zeke went on to lead many walks for BPWA, and Jacob still serves on our board as a walks coordinator. For the past 4 years, the two friends have been working on a book of their favorite walks in Berkeley and beyond, which they had hoped to publish but are now making available for free.

Zeke and Jacob's book, [\*STEP IT UP: An Adventurer's Guide to Forty Walks on the Paths, Trails, and Streets of Berkeley and Beyond\*](#), will be posted in installments of 5 walks each on the BPWA website over the next year, and we will announce each new series in our monthly newsletter.

“Now that that Zeke and I will both be in college and out of the Bay Area, I would like the book in its online form to be a gift to the path wandering community as a resource for self-guided walks,” Jacob said. [Read more](#)

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## **Berkeley Hills Living Features BPWA co-founder Jacque Ensign**

The cover story in the the April 2020 issue of *Berkeley Hills Living* features none other than BPWA co-founder Jacque Ensign.

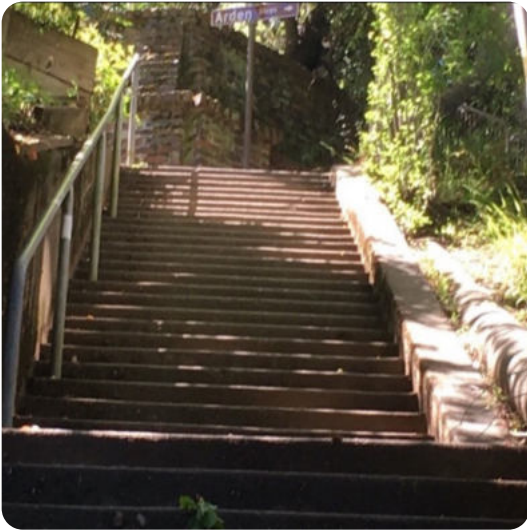
The 3-page article by Ginny Prior, with original photos by Gary Schatan, shares fun details about Jacque's childhood growing up on upper Shattuck Avenue in North Berkeley (the same house that she lives in today), when she used to take paths down to Solano Avenue with her friends.

"My neighborhood friends and I used that path by the tunnel to get to the 10¢ movies at The Oaks," Jacque says in the article. That unnamed dirt path, which is shown on the magazine cover, will soon be renamed "Jacque's Way" in her honor.

*Berkeley Hills Living* is published by [Cathy Schmitt](#) of Best Version Media. To download a PDF of the article, click [here](#).

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## **RESOURCES FOR WALKERS**



## Virtual Panoramic Hill Tour

**When:** Saturday, June 27, 10-11 am

**Where:** Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2225437257>,

**Meeting ID:** 222 543 7257

**Leaders:** Bob Johnson and Janet Byron

Join Bob Johnson and Janet Byron, co-authors of [Berkeley Walks](#), for a virtual tour of Panoramic Hill above the UC campus. We'll start at International House and walk uphill to see a huge hidden treehouse and much more! The tour includes varied historic architecture, with homes designed by Julia Morgan, Bernard Maybeck and Frank Lloyd Wright, and several stairways and paths, including Arden Steps and Janet's favorite path, Mosswood Lane.

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## STEP IT UP: Self-guided Walks from BPWA Walk Leaders Zeke and Jacob

BPWA is pleased to publish [STEP IT UP: An Adventurer's Guide to Forty Walks on the Paths, Trails, and Streets of Berkeley and Beyond](#), by BPWA veteran walk leaders Zeke Gerwein and Jacob Lehmann Duke. Over the next year, we will announce 5 new walks in our newsletter until all 40 are posted.

Download the walks and read the book introduction [here!](#)





## BPWA Supports Healthy Streets

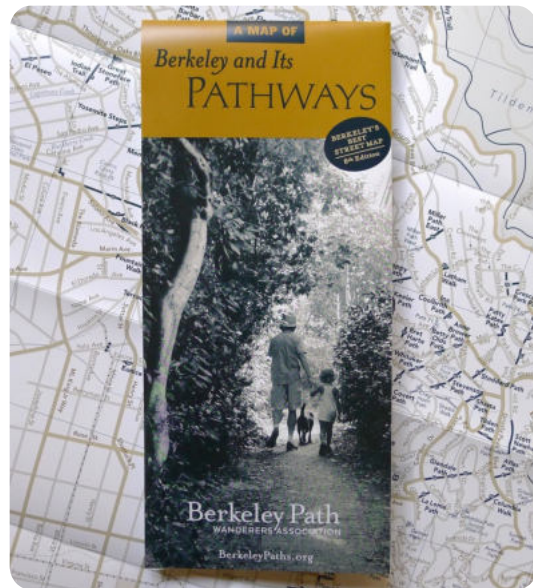
BPWA is excited to support Walk Bike Berkeley's push for a Healthy Streets program, which will close off some streets to through traffic in order to allow for physically distanced outdoor activities. The first phase of the program will include [3 segments](#) totaling about 1.5 miles. You can [volunteer](#) to support its implementation, sign the [petition](#), and reach out to your Berkeley council members in support of expanding this great initiative.

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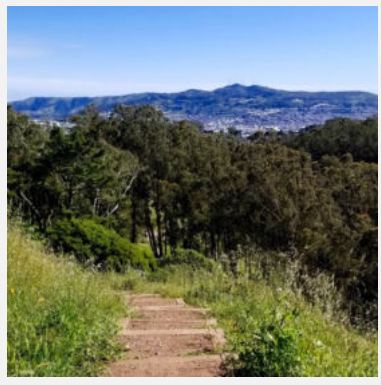


### Berkeley Path Wanderers Association

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

The BPWA board meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month, 7:30 to 9 p.m., virtually until further notice. Guests are welcome! Please contact [info@berkeleypaths.com](mailto:info@berkeleypaths.com) for more information.

The 8th edition of *Berkeley and Its Pathways*, our best-selling map of paths and streets in Berkeley, is the best one you'll find! [Buy Our Map](#)



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