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## BUILDING HILGARD PATH



*Andrew Dickson uses a cross-cut saw to help remove a dead tree from the Hilgard Path right of way.*

**What's Happening? Hilgard Path!**

*By Janet Byron*

On steep slopes on the north side of the UC campus, volunteers with the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association are hard at work bringing Hilgard Path to life.

“This one is going to be more like a trail,” says Charlie Bowen, BPWA’s path-building lead. “It will go through trees and a little bit of brush. It’s a much more natural setting, on wild and untended land.”

The right-of-way for Hilgard Path varies from a gentle slope to very steep stretches. Originally intended as a street but never built as such due to its steepness, it has a 60-foot right-of-way rather than the usual 10 feet allotted for most paths. These 60 feet allow the path builders to be creative in their approach to where to place switchbacks along the trail. The new path will have gentle switchbacks, winding through oaks.

“It’s going to be very attractive,” Bowen says.

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**To support our path-building efforts, go to [www.berkeleypaths.org/your-donations-help](http://www.berkeleypaths.org/your-donations-help). All donations go toward building new paths, repairing and clearing paths, and purchasing handrails.**

**Do you know someone who takes care of a path? Are you a secret path pal? Please let us know and you (or they) may be featured in an upcoming newsletter. Write to [info@berkeleypaths.org](mailto:info@berkeleypaths.org).**

**WALKS ARE BACK!**



*Each child will get a Bingo card with 25 pictures. The cards have the same pictures but in different order.*

## I-Spy Bingo Walk

**Date:** Sunday, July 11, 10 a.m.

**Leader:** Sandy Friedland

**Meet:** Steps of John Muir School, [2955 Claremont Ave, Berkeley](#)

Hooray! Sandy's Bingo walks for kids are back. A cross between a scavenger hunt and an I-Spy game, this adventure is geared to 4- to 8-year olds. Sharp-eyed players will walk together through parts of the Claremont and Elmwood neighborhoods as they search for 25 items, such as Little Free Libraries and yard art. Everyone will be a winner! The approximate 2-mile route will be on sidewalks and include some stair paths and mildly hilly streets. We'll make frequent stops, including for refreshments. An adult must accompany each child, and unvaccinated adults and children must wear masks.

Another version of this walk is available for kids 9-12. They will get a map of the route to follow as they look for the items on their Bingo cards. So long as they are accompanied by an adult, small groups can go out on their own.

Pre-registration is required. [E-mail Sandy](#) with your child's name and age.

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*Grotto Rock Park is one of the 4 rock parks we'll visit on a 6- to 7-mile walk.*

## [Rocks and Rock Parks](#)

**Date:** Sunday, July 25, 9:30 a.m.

**Leader:** John Ford

**Meet:** Northeast corner of The Alameda and Solano Avenue in Berkeley

**Note:** Unvaccinated adults and children must wear masks

Northeast Berkeley has quite a few rock outcroppings, mainly of a type of volcanic rock called rhyolite. Some of these have been turned into small parks, while others are in people's yards or have been used in rock walls. We'll visit four different rock parks, each of which have great views, and two other parks that have some great rocks. Be prepared for steep paths and uneven footing on this 6- to 7-mile walk, which will take 3 to 3.5 hours at a brisk pace.

Questions? Write to John Ford at [johnford19@gmail.com](mailto:johnford19@gmail.com).

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## Upper Rockridge virtual tour recording now available

Did you miss Bob Johnson and Janet Byron's virtual tour, "Bungalows, palaces, and paths: Exploring Upper Rockridge," on May 16?

The 46-minute tour — including Locarno Path, left — was recorded and can be viewed [here](#).



## 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).

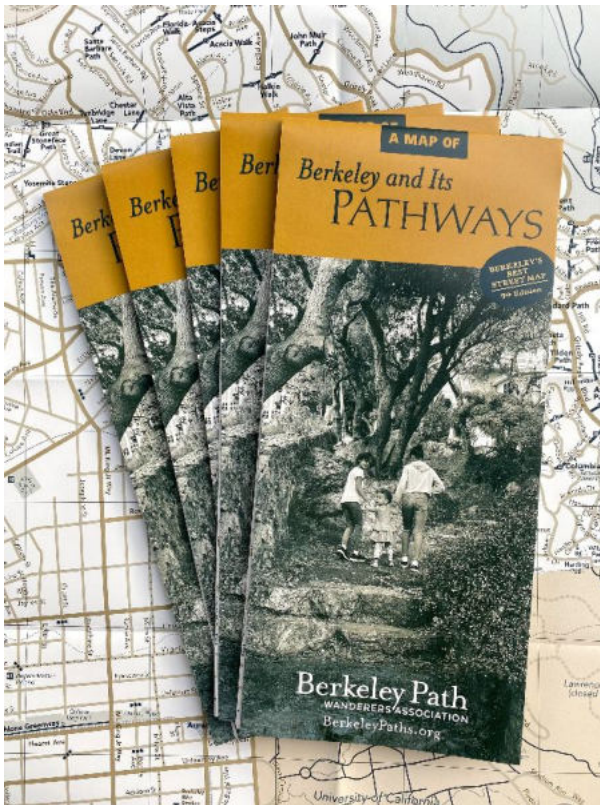
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### The best map of Berkeley just got better!

The 9th edition of Berkeley Path Wanderers Association's indispensable map, *Berkeley and Its Pathways* — featuring more than 136 public stairways and footpaths in Berkeley, and much much more — is now [available for purchase](#).

"It's fun to discover new neighborhoods in Berkeley, and the best way to do that is to walk the paths," says Colleen Neff, former BPWA president and chair of the map committee.

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## SELF-GUIDED WALKS

### Online resources for self-guided Berkeley walks



Many folks are walking closer to home these days, and our [self-guided walks](#) page is getting lots of traffic. We are happy to provide these resources, and hope you are enjoying your solo and/or socially distanced explorations.

*Left, Eucalyptus Path.*

**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 meets on the 2nd 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.

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