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March Poster Madness!



Buy something from our online store in March and receive a free poster (left) by local artist David Lance Goines.

We're mad for the beautiful "Paths of Berkeley" poster — designed especially for Berkeley Path Wanderers Association by local artist [David Lance Goines](#). During March Poster Madness, **every order from our online store will include a free poster, a \$35 value, with free delivery (no shipping costs) for all orders.** Order hats, T-shirts, note cards, books, and more on our [online store](#) and get a free poster! All proceeds will go toward path maintenance.

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A weathered wooden path and street sign above the Claremont Hotel is the only one of its kind in Berkeley.

Meet Our Paths: Above the Claremont Hotel, Challenges and Charms

By Sandy Friedland

Path wandering above the landmark Claremont Hotel is an aerobic challenge with rich rewards: panoramic views, notable architecture, and yard-art eye candy.

The five paths behind the hotel share a common history. The Short Cut, Eucalyptus Path, and Willow Walk first appear on a 1906 map of the Claremont Hotel Tract, which then was in Berkeley but was annexed to Oakland in December 1909.

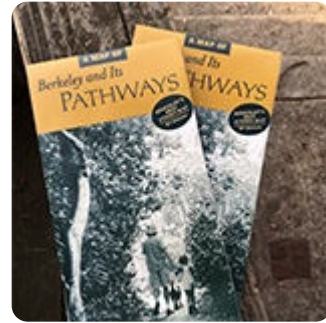
A 1909 map shows the as-yet-unnamed Sunset Path; Evergreen Path was added soon afterward. (All of Willow Walk and most of Sunset Path remained in Berkeley.)

Developers of this hilly neighborhood built convenient paths so new residents could walk to and from shops, schools, and public transportation. Until 1958, the E train, the northeastern-most line of the old Key System, terminated just steps from the entrance to the hotel; in fact, the train was originally supposed to end in the hotel's lobby.

This juxtaposition was no coincidence. Two of the original

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Buy Our Map



The best map of Berkeley's paths and streets just got even better! Order your copy of the fresh-off-the-presses 8th edition of *Berkeley and Its Pathways*. [Get your copy](#).

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owners of the hotel property, Francis Marion “Borax” Smith and Frank C. Havens, also owned the predecessor of the Key System that ran buses and streetcars in the East Bay and commuter trains and buses to San Francisco.

[Click here for detailed instructions.](#)

Walk With Us

Join us on our terrific guided walks, which are free and open to all. Unless otherwise noted, they last 2 to 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.



The Willard neighborhood walk includes this stone house on Piedmont Ave. near Parker St.

Southeast Berkeley’s Historic Willard Neighborhood

Saturday, March 23 @ 10 a.m.

Leader: Ron Sipherd

Start: [Regent & Russell Streets](#)

Join in the fun on this easy and leisurely Southside tour of the [Willard neighborhood](#) and beyond. Ron, a local history expert, will share the lore and landmarks that make this area recognition-worthy. Expect some surprises, from the spot where Isadora Duncan once danced to the home of the only person known to have built a scale model of the



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](#).

UC campus out of potatoes. Well-behaved dogs on leashes permitted.



Arf-voir, Chester! We'll see you at the last Pooches on the Paths walk and party.

Bidding Arf-voir to Pooches on the Paths Park Series

Saturday, March 30 @ 10 a.m.

Leaders: Figgy & Wally

Start: [Berkeley Rose Garden](#) (1200 Euclid Ave.)

After 3 years, 60 parks, and more paths than we can count, the All-the-Parks-in-Berkeley series is reaching the finish line. Join us on this last leg as we visit beloved parks in North Berkeley. We'll be in the hills, so expect some ups and downs, with a few areas of uneven terrain. The pace, however, of this approximately 3-mile walk will be leisurely to accommodate both the chatters and the sniffers. And as always, everyone is welcome with or without a furry friend. The walk will culminate with a farewell party in Codornices Park where we will bid "happy tails" to you, until we meet again ...



"Champions of Humanity" is among the sculptures on a public art tour of Uptown Oakland.

Uptown Oakland: Vibrant Murals and Powerful Sculptures

Sunday, April 7 @ 10 a.m.

Leader: Noël Siver

Start: [Latham Square](#), Telegraph, Broadway and 16th St.
(near 19th Street BART)

On this flat, paved, approximately 4-mile walk, we will visit many of the vibrant new murals in Uptown Oakland, including the powerful Champions for Humanity sculptures, the fabulous Alice Street mural project, and a few murals recently created by Oakland's Dragon School. We'll learn about the sources of inspiration these public artworks, and the back stories of some of the artists. Bring water and a camera!



Mosaic at the Children's Community Center preschool on Walnut St.

Upper Shattuck and Marin Circle

Saturday, April 27 @ 10 a.m.

Leaders: Robert Johnson and Janet Byron

Start: [Shattuck Avenue and Eunice Street](#) (northwest corner)

Join Bob Johnson and BPWA board member Janet Byron, co-authors of the book *Berkeley Walks*, for a 2.5- to 3-mile tour of North Berkeley between Live Oak Park and Marin Circle. This charming neighborhood features striking historic architecture, mature leafy street trees, quiet paths, and large volcanic rock outcroppings. Paths we will visit include Oak Street Path, Terrace Walk, and Oxford School Way. Other highlights include little-known High Court and the long-time home of the Depression-era documentary photographer Dorothea Lange. The walk is one of three new walks recently posted by Johnson on www.berkeleywalks.com.

Join Our Work Parties



Ivy has a sneaky tendency to encroach on paths!

Help us Keep our Paths Clear for Emergencies Monday, March 18 @ 11 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 supply refreshments and gloves and tools, but feel free to bring your own.



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