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Join us at City Hall Tuesday, May 1, at 6 p.m., when BPWA will be honored for its twenty years as the steward of Berkeley's treasured stairs and pathways.

City To Honor BPWA's 20 Years of Protecting, Promoting, and Extending Public Paths

Join the Berkeley Path Wanderers as Mayor Jesse Arreguin and the City Council honor us with a special proclamation recognizing our 20th anniversary as stewards of Berkeley's public pathways. The presentation

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.](#)

Join or Renew

will be Tuesday, May 1, at 6 p.m. at the City Council Chambers at [2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way](#). Join us afterward for a celebratory beer at [Spats](#) (1974 Shattuck). Show your support by proudly wearing your BPWA hat and tee shirt!

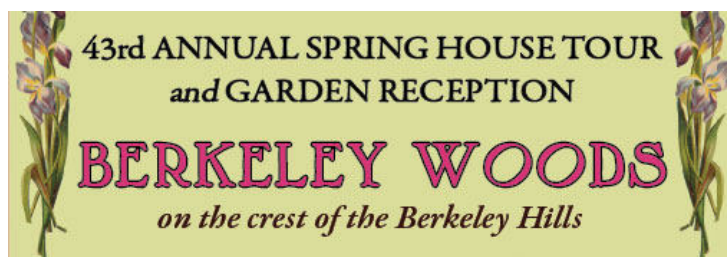


The first step of the improved Clark Kerr Trail encourages hikers to, well, head up — and up and up!

BPWA Path Builders Scale New Heights

Our dedicated volunteer path builders are adding their skills, muscles, and enthusiasm to another group called [Take to the Hills](#). Together, they've been improving the treacherously steep Derby Creek Canyon Trail (aka Clark Kerr Trail) that starts at the top of Dwight Way and extends to the top of Panoramic Hill. They have replaced badly eroded steps and are installing many new ones to make the trail much safer and easier to climb. Read about their efforts on [Berkeleyside](#).

Upcoming Events



Visit our Booth at BAHA's 43rd Annual Spring House Tour, "Berkeley Woods," Sunday, May 6

Named for the eucalyptus trees once scattered within it, Berkeley Woods is the location of the [Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association](#) (BAHA) annual Spring



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.](#)

Shop Online



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

Get to Know Us

House Tour, Sunday, May 6, from 1 to 5.

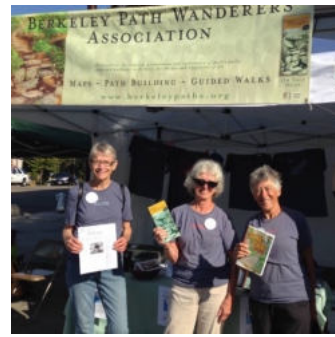
This little-known neighborhood high in the northeast corner of the city was the last parcel to be annexed to Berkeley. Once the site of commercial greenhouses and nurseries, it had more than 100 houses by 1959, when it became part of Berkeley. The neighborhood still retains its “bucolic character,” according to BAHA, thanks to its lovely gardens, the eclectic architecture, and the absence of sidewalks.

Be sure to stop by our BPWA booth at [800 Woodmont Ave](#), where you can buy the latest edition of our [Berkeley and Its Pathways](#) map as well as our [hats](#), [notecards](#), and [books](#) about walking in Berkeley and beyond.

In honor of our 20th anniversary, we'll also be selling our distinctive [tee shirts](#) at a 20% discount. Adult shirts, originally \$25, will be \$20; the child's shirt, originally \$18, will be \$14. The proceeds from all our merchandise sales help pay for handrails on the steepest paths and for new timber steps.

Among the highlights of the house tour will be two Spanish Colonial Villas, until recently part of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and now owned by Zaytuna College.

For more information about Berkeley Woods and to purchase tickets for the tour, click [here](#).



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](#).

Save the Date



Our 20th anniversary celebration continues! We're planning a family-friendly, path-oriented event Sunday, July 22, in the morning. Mark your calendars, and watch for details in our June e-newsletter.

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



Both walks will include trails, stairs, and sidewalks.

Our 8th Annual Long Walk April 29: Two Ten Milers Plus an Anniversary Party!

Sunday, April 29 @ 8 a.m.

Sunday, April 29 @ 2 p.m.

Leaders: Alina Constantinescu & Jacob Lehmann Duke

Start: Both hikes will start and end at the bottom of the [UC Campus, at Oxford and Center](#), on the sidewalk near [Arnaldo Pomodoro's](#) metal sculpture [Sphere within Sphere](#).

We're celebrating our 20th anniversary this year with two special, ten-mile walks. Come to one or both, but don't miss our picnic and party in between them, starting at 1 p.m. Bring your own lunch, or buy one from one of the many eateries on Center St. We'll supply the cake.

[Read more.](#)



We'll pass this personalized sign off Vistamont Road on the Paul Grunland Memorial Walk. (Do you think Frank Sinatra once visited?)

In Paul Grunland's Footsteps: A Memorial Walk Saturday, May 5th @ 10 a.m.

Leader: Colleen Neff

Start: Summit Reservoir ([NW corner of the intersection of Spruce Street and Grizzly Peak Blvd.](#))

This walk is dedicated to Paul Grunland, a founding board member of BPWA, who passed away in February. Paul was passionately dedicated to the pathways, was instrumental in the publication of our first map, and led many walks for us. This four-mile route was a favorite of his because it included his own neighborhood. Originally called Berkeley Woods, it was annexed to Berkeley in 1959. Among the highlights of this route are the Flagg house, designed by Bernard Maybeck and a house that was shipped from England in two pieces.

Be prepared for a few moderate hills and some uneven footing, but most of the walk will be on flat gravel roadsides, paths, and trails as we follow the ridge of the North Berkeley hills. We'll maintain an easy pace for about two hours, enjoying the lovely woods that gave this area its name, and reminiscing about Paul and his many contributions to Berkeley.



This sign, an Arts & Crafts gem, replaced the worn out original about ten years ago. Now major improvements are underway for the rest of the Rose Garden.

Celebrate the Rose Garden — and Moms!

Saturday, May 12 @ 10am

Leader: Alina Constantinescu

Start: [Top of the Berkeley Rose Garden, 1200 Euclid Ave](#)

The Saturday before Mother's Day, we'll gather to celebrate the latest improvements in this beautiful Berkeley landmark. After a stroll among the roses, we'll head into the nearby neighborhoods to find more gardens, great views, and some Berkeley quirk. The first part of our walk will include the [Rose Walk](#) and [Greenwood Common](#) and the expansive views from La Verada Road and Cedar Path. As we loop back to the Garden, we'll learn the story of [Annie's Oak](#); walk through Holy Hill, noting a library designed by famed architect [Louis Kahn](#); and check out an elephant in his jungle setting. The route is about 2.5 miles on sidewalks, paths, and stairs and includes some hilly sections. We'll keep a moderate pace with breaks to enjoy the vistas and conversation. Afterward, you can linger in the Rose Garden for a special event with live music, family arts and crafts, and roses and candy for mothers. Sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Rose Garden, the party runs until 1 p.m.



This cascade and the granite stairway next to it will be a highlight of our walk in Joaquin Miller Park.

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.



Janis Pearson “adopted” Scout for the morning so they both could enjoy our last Pooches on the Path walk.

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 49th 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.



Outcrops of Franciscan chert are among the interesting features of 70-acre Glen Canyon. Photo by Joyce Inkrott

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 24th St. in the heart of Noe Valley, or proceed directly to the 24th 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.

Join Our Work Parties



The orange-bucket brigade did a masterful job of cleaning Miller Path East last month, making it much safer to use.

Help us Keep our Paths Clear for Emergencies Monday, May 21@ 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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