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MEET OUR PATH PAL - DIANE RESEK



Path Pal Diane Resek: Mattocks and mimosas

By Janet Byron

Path Pal Diane Resek started volunteering on Berkeley Path Wanderers Association's path maintenance crew, and got (very) involved with path building 3 or 4 years ago. She was on

the small but mighty team that built out [Lower Columbia Path](#), with 180 steps; and [Lower Halkin Walk](#), with 145 steps; and the rerouting of [Wildcat Path](#).

“I love the physical exertion,” says Resek, 81, a retired SF State math professor. “For me it was really exciting to do something with my body that made a difference, and helped people.”

Resek initiated the team’s tradition of celebrating birthdays with mimosas, grapefruit juice, and a home-baked dessert, usually a fruit galette.

“There are 4 or 5 of us, and we really work together and get along,” Resek says. “We enjoy each other.” [READ MORE](#)

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 installment of Path Pals. [Write to info@berkeleypaths.org](mailto:info@berkeleypaths.org).

UPPER ROCKRIDGE VIRTUAL TOUR

[Bungalows, palaces, and paths: Exploring Oakland's Upper Rockridge](#)

May 16, 10-11 a.m.

On [Zoom](#): Meeting ID: 222 543 7257.
passcode: path

Starting on College Avenue south of the Rockridge BART, this free virtual walk led by Bob Johnson and Janet Byron, co-authors of [Berkeley Walks](#), explores tree-lined streets with diverse early 20th-century Craftsman bungalows, before ascending the hills to see how the area was rejuvenated after the disastrous 1991 fire storm. There will be architecture — including some mansions, flowering trees and gardens, views and yes — lots of fun public stairways to go up and down (virtually)!



Right, Locarno Path, at Alpine Terrace

TEE TIME! - T-SHIRT SALE



Above, former BPWA board member Abby Rutchick rocks our T-shirt with charcoal logo.

It's finally T-shirt weather! Show your Berkeley paths-love out on the trail and support our paths work by purchasing and proudly wearing out high-quality Berkeley Path Wanderers Association T-shirts.

Through May 15, adult T-shirts with the distinctive boot logo in charcoal or green are on sale for **\$20 each** (\$24 full price) and kids T-shirts with a red boot logo are on sale for **\$7 each** (\$13 full price).

ON SALE THRU MAY 15

BIRD APPS FOR WALKERS



Sounds like an owl...

By Chris Cullander

We were recently awakened by loud “hoo-hoos” outside our bedroom window, and while it was clear that this was an owl, we couldn’t figure out where it was, and weren’t sure what kind of owl it was either (though it was so loud that my wife had to go sleep in another room).

BirdNET (birdnet.cornell.edu) is a free app for both Android and iOS devices that lets you record bird sounds and then upload them to find out what bird is making the sound. It’s a citizen science platform developed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Chemnitz University of Technology to research whether computers can learn to recognize birds from the calls they make.

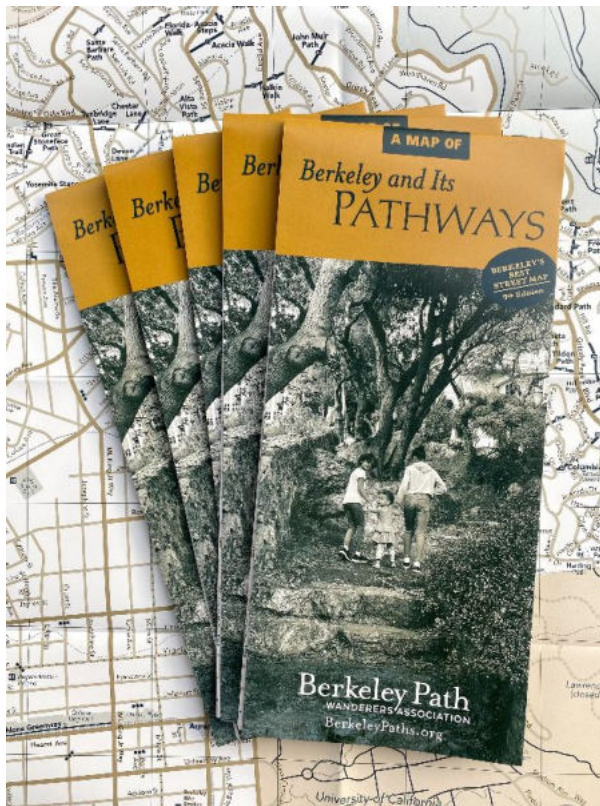
Out on the paths, I can often hear a bird but can’t see it clearly (or get close enough to do so), and this app has been fun to use to figure out who is calling (except for crows, for obvious reasons...). [READ MORE](#)

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.



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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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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 for more information.

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