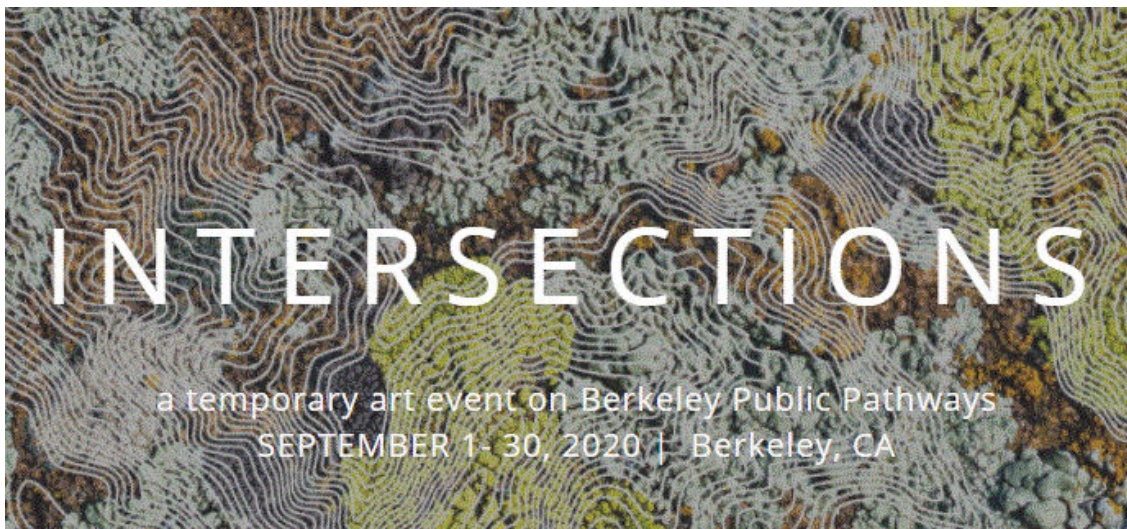


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## INTERSECTIONS: ART ON THE PATHS



### **Intersections: Art on the Paths in September**

We are excited to share that this month, five local artists are engaging Berkeley with installations on several paths surrounding Live Oak and Codornices parks. The works explore the concept of [Intersections](#) — how things connect and come together in our community. The event brings temporary art to the pathways, linking art and nature, and using the paths as a canvas for artwork that encourages public engagement and connection particularly in this time of distance. We invite you to walk the paths and discover the installations on your own, or you can join us for several small group, [guided walks](#) throughout the month (advance registration and face coverings required).

“We are all connected by nature of living in this moment together,” says Hadley Dynak, *Intersections* curator. “The goal of this event is to create an unexpected experience in a public place that provides an opportunity to reflect on life in Berkeley, past, present and future, through a lens of creative expression. The natural setting offers an ideal place to acknowledge and bridge differences, observe what draws attention, and consider the relationship between things in a deeper way.”

The five commissioned artists are Connie Zheng, Dawline-Jane Oni-Eseleh, Karin Dahl, Kim Bennett, and Jessica Sabogal. Each brings a different perspective, visual style, and background to the project. A moderated conversation with the artists will be held live online on September 16 (link to be announced). Visit <https://pathway-art.com/> for more information about the artists and the installations.

Intersections is supported by donations (thank you!) and two small grants from Berkeley Civic Arts and Awesome Without Borders. It is made possible by the tireless enthusiasm and dedication of Hadley Dynak from the creative consultancy [PEAK86](#). This is a free event, but we would appreciate your support either through [GoFundMe](#) or directly on our [website](#). Thank you!

Download a map of art locations and learn more about Intersections [here](#).

## A FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT



### Take a Family Scavenger Hunt

After a 3-year hiatus, the [Parks and Paths Challenge](#) returned on July 25, 2020, as the perfect path-wandering pandemic pursuit (and fundraiser). About 25 participants, many of them entirely new to BPWA and our events, joined us at a safe social distance in Great

Stoneface Park to receive maps marked with checkpoints and questions, then they scattered in the hills to explore the paths and scavenge for answers. If you missed the challenge, don't despair! The self-guided scavenger hunt, with a variety of fun options for walkers of all ages and fitness levels, is now available for download on our website.

**Purchase a PDF with the 2- and 6-mile versions [here](#) for \$5** (all proceeds go to the handrail fund).

## TAKE A SELF-GUIDED WALK

**STEP IT UP: *An Adventurer's Guide to Forty Walks on the Paths, Trails, and Streets of Berkeley and Beyond***  
**by Jacob Lehmann-Duke and Zeke Gerwein**

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association is honored to publish this exciting new book of 40 walks in Berkeley and beyond. We're posting 5 new walks each month until the whole book is available online.

**NEW IN SEPTEMBER:**

[Murals and sights and sounds of South and west Berkeley](#) (2+)

[A short but steep northern path tour](#) (3)

[Every Path in Berkeley, Part 4](#) (4)

[Paths of Oakland and Trails of Huckleberry](#) (4+)

[The Wildcat Loop](#) (5)



To download PDFs of all currently available walks, visit the [Table of Contents](#).

To contact the authors, please write to [stepitup@berkeleypaths.org](mailto:stepitup@berkeleypaths.org)

### More 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.

If you've exhausted our walks, we recommend two more Berkeley-focused websites from long-time guides and friends of the paths:

(1) Bob Johnson has made available 15 new itineraries for free on the [Berkeley Walks](#) website, in addition to those in the [book](#) by the same name, co-authored with Janet Byron.

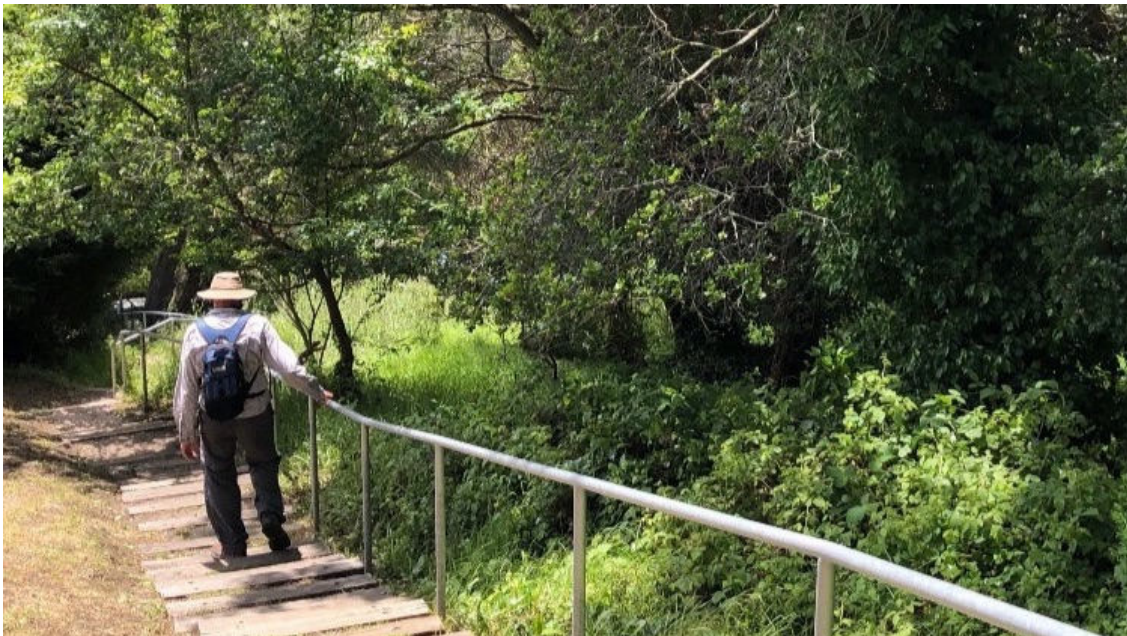
(2) Ron Sipherd, another long-time walk leader for BPWA, let us know that he recently updated his walks with up-to-

date descriptions, maps, and photos on his [website](#).

(3) View recordings of two virtual walks — [Panoramic Hill](#) and [Cragmont Literary Lanes](#), by Bob and Janet on Zoom.

*Above, a stone house at 2595 Piedmont, on Ron Sipherd's [Willard neighborhood walk](#).*

## EVACUATION BY PATHS



### Evacuation Using the Pathways

*By Chris Cullander, BPWA Emergency Prep Liaison*

In an emergency such as a wildfire, you may need to evacuate on foot if streets are blocked or if driving out will take too long (check local traffic on Google maps). The City of Berkeley considers the pathways to be a key resource for evacuation; however, walking

out requires forethought and preparation.

### **Preparation**

- If you have not already done so, sign up for [AC Alert](#).
- Use the [BPWA map](#) to find the paths near your home.
- Determine at least two walk-out routes using a combination of roads (preferably with sidewalks) and pathways, and practice walking these routes. You want to know where the pathways are and be able to find them if it's dark or smoky, whether there are handrails, and how steep the road or pathway is. Highlight these routes on your map.

### **Evacuation**

- Basic go-bag: Minimize weight, but be sure to include water, a flashlight and spare batteries; fully charged cell phone and charger (for AC Alert & 911 calls); and the BPWA map with the walk-out routes marked.
- Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, and a dry bandana face cover – all of these should be 100% cotton – along with closed-toe footwear as well as goggles or glasses.
- Before you start, take a quick look up and down your street. If you see smoke, fire, or downed electrical wires and other hazards, go in the opposite direction!

### **Proviso**

While evacuation via pathways may provide the shortest and most direct route, many are steep and/or have steps, and may thus not be the best option for evacuees with mobility issues or limited vision.

### **Online resources**

Review Berkeley's [Wildfire Evacuation site](#). In particular, see the 'Berkeley evacuation routes map,' and the 'Wildfire evacuation presentation slides' from the City of Berkeley Office of Emergency Services.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Berkeley Path Wanderers Annual Meeting**

When: Sunday, October 18, 1:30 to 3 pm

Where: Zoom webinar, link to come

**Featuring:** Virtual tour of South Berkeley

**Speakers:** Bob Johnson and Janet Byron, co-authors of *Berkeley Walks*, and special guests.

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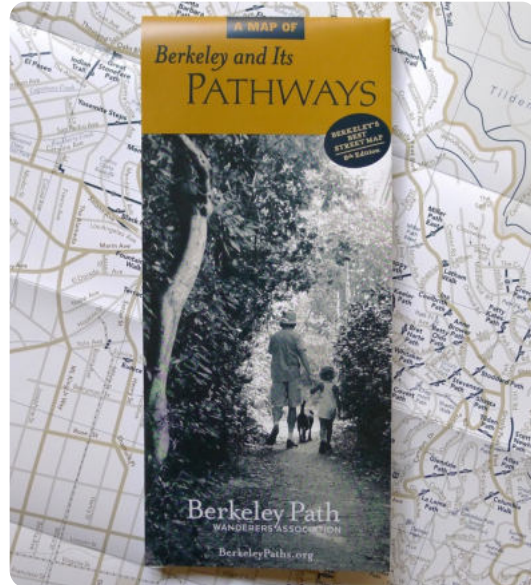
## BUY OUR MAP

### Simply the Best Map of Berkeley

With proper social distancing and mask-wearing, walking is one of the best ways to ease the anxiety and "cooped-up-ness" of sheltering in place. Not surprisingly, our map has been flying off the shelves during the coronavirus pandemic.

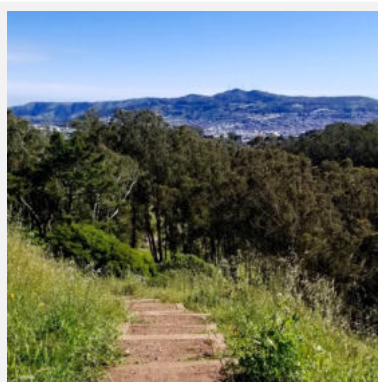
If you want to get out of the house and explore Berkeley on foot, *Berkeley and Its Pathways* is hands-down simply the best map of Berkeley. This sturdy, detailed and beautiful map features the entire city — including neighborhoods without a lot of paths — plus all 136 of the picturesque public stairways, ramps, and foot paths that make walking in our city so engaging.

[Buy Our Map](#)



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### 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 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.

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