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## VISIT US AT SOLANO STROLL



*Former board members Elsa Tranter, Mary Lynch, and Mary Bianchi at BPWA's 2018 Solano Stroll booth.*

**Stop by the BPWA booth at the Solano Stroll on September 11 to talk all things Berkeley paths! We'll have deals on maps, books, bucket hats, T-shirts, bandanas, and more, so you can support our work and show your path pride. Find us on the north side of Solano, just east of the corner of Ensenada. See you there!**

# BPWA ANNUAL MEETING: OCTOBER 15



**Mark your calendars!**  
**BPWA's annual member meeting**  
**Live Oak Park**  
**October 15, 10–11 a.m; walks at 11 a.m.**

BPWA's annual member meeting will be from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by three walks of varying levels led by our board members.

We'll review the year, elect new board members, and brainstorm about our 25th anniversary year in 2023.

More info to come in October's newsletter, or visit our events page soon.

## UPCOMING WALKS

**NOTE: Walk leaders request that all participants be vaccinated and boosted, or masked. Heavy rain cancels.**

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## [Tank House Tour: Discovering Berkeley's Forgotten Wind-Powered Wooden Water Towers](#)

**When:** Saturday, September 3, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Leader:** Aaron Goldstein

**Start:** [Corner of California and Fairview streets](#), Berkeley (near Ashby BART Station)

**End:** Near [63rd Street and College Avenue, Oakland](#), (near Rockridge BART Station)

**Distance:** 2.5 miles

**Accessibility:** Flat. Well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome.

**This walk is full. Please sign up [here](#) to be on the waitlist.**

This walk traces the history of a once-ubiquitous but now largely forgotten piece of the circa-1900 East Bay urban landscape — the tank house. From the 1860s through the 1920s, windmill-topped water towers stood on nearly every city block, pulling up water from wells into elevated redwood tanks, providing pressurized water for domestic use. During their heyday, there were many thousands of these tank houses in the urbanizing East Bay. [Read more](#)

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## [Rocky Berkeley](#)

**When:** Saturday, September 4, 8:30–11 a.m.

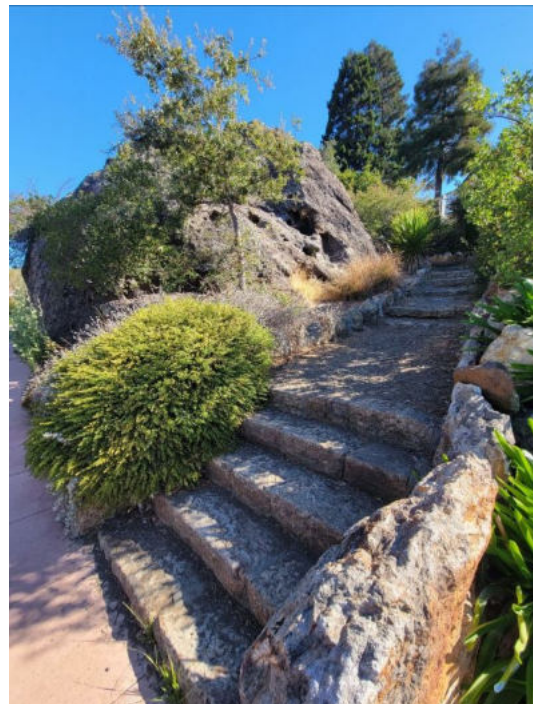
**Leader:** Tamara Gurin

**Start/End:** [Southwest corner of The Alameda and Solano Avenue](#)

**Distance:** 4 miles

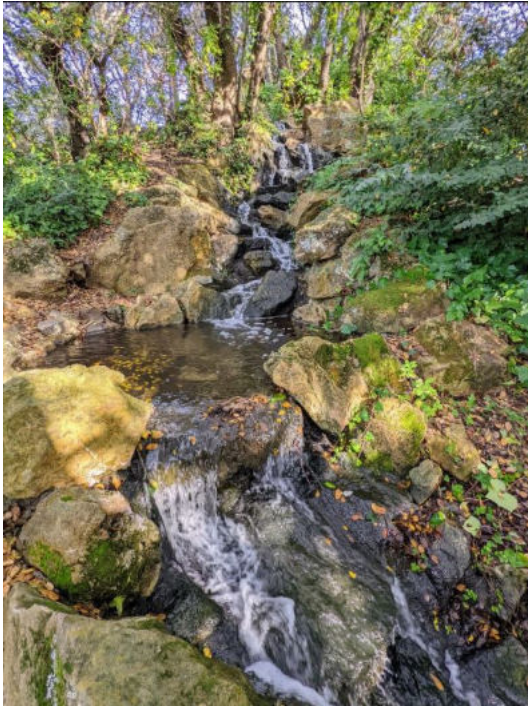
**Accessibility:** Some steep steps and uneven trails on the route. This walk includes 10 stairways, exploring rock features in the parks by climbing steep, carved steps. This part of the walk is not wheelchair accessible. Dogs on leash are welcome. Kids are welcome, too, if they are well supervised. An elevation gain of 817 feet.

We'll visit 7 of Berkeley's wonderful rock parks by following the [rock walk](#) (walk 10) laid out in *Berkeley Walks*, a guidebook



written by our board members Janet Byron and Bob Johnson. We'll enjoy the views, talk about the history of the parks and their geology, and do a little bit of climbing (optional!). Then we will loop back to the starting point. Please dress in layers and bring snacks and water. [Read more](#)

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### [Sunset Hike in Upper Rockridge](#)

**When:** Friday September 16, 6–8 p.m.

**Leader:** Alina Constantinescu

**Start/End:** [Southeast corner of Broadway and Rockridge Boulevard](#), by the white pillars marking the entrance to the neighborhood. The meeting point is a half-mile walk from Rockridge BART.

**Distance:** 4 miles

**Accessibility:** Many stairs and some uneven trails. Well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome.

Grab your flashlight and start the weekend with an evening stairway hike in Oakland's beautiful Upper Rockridge neighborhood. This hilly hike packs over a dozen secret stairs in a 4-mile loop with winding streets, beautiful homes, and fun yard art. We'll loop around Lake Temescal in the glowing sunset hour and check out a nearby cascade (pictured). [Read more](#)

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### [By the Bay, Berkeley and Albany](#)

**When:** Saturday, September 17, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Leader:** John Ford

**Start/End:** SE corner of [4th St. and Hearst](#) in Berkeley

**Distance:** 6 miles

**Accessibility:** This is a relatively flat walk with no stairs, but there is gravel and/or uneven ground here and there throughout.

We'll start by crossing the pedestrian/bike bridge at the foot of Addison and check out the newest parkland in the Berkeley Marina, Brickyard Cove. From there, we'll walk through the meadow on the north side of University and then along the shoreline to the foot of Gilman where we'll



meet the Bay Trail. We'll take the trail to the Albany Bulb and explore a bit there.

[Read more](#)

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## **BPWA BUCKET HATS!**

### **Support Berkeley paths with style!**

Combine comfortable sun protection with a smart fashion statement — all while supporting BPWA's valuable work on our paths. Our hats are 100% garment-washed cotton twill in a goes-with-everything beige, and they feature BPWA embroidered in a cheerful green. \$33, sales tax and shipping/handling included. S/M and L/XL sizes. Click here to [buy now](#). Supplies are limited!

*Below, former BPWA board member Elsa Tranter models our new bucket hat.*



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## **PATH MAINTENANCE WORK PARTIES**



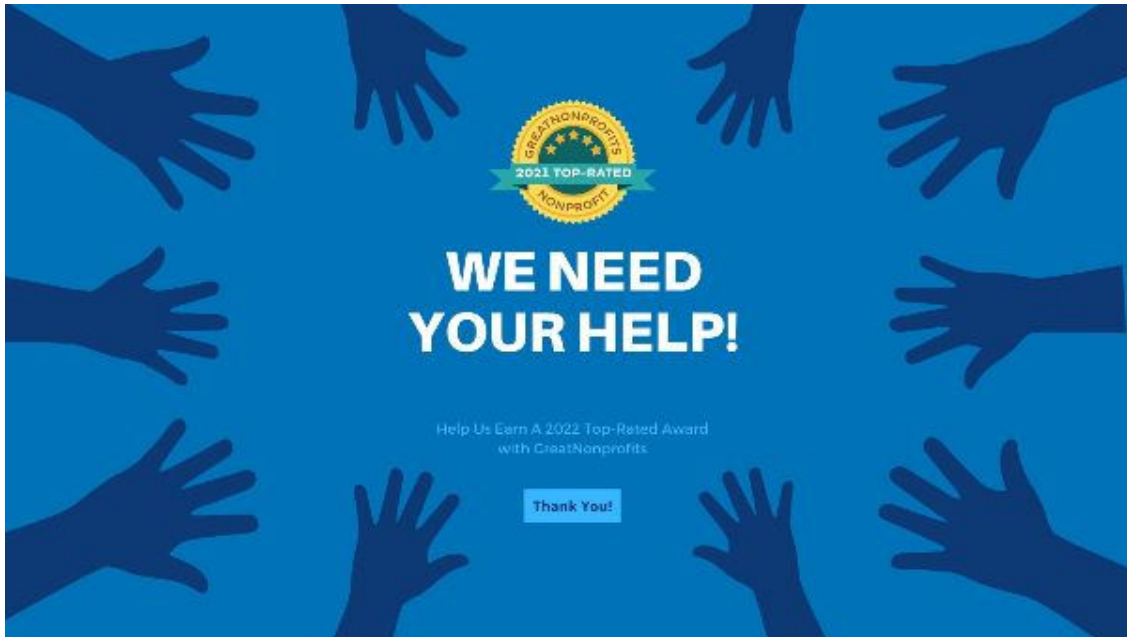
## **Join a path maintenance work party!**

**Saturday, September 10, 2:30–4:30 p.m.**  
**Thursday, September 15, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.**

Help us keep our paths clear for all to enjoy by joining us at a path maintenance work party! The work is mostly weeding, sweeping, raking, and clipping. We will have gloves and tools available, but feel free to bring your own. Please bring your own water; we won't be offering water or refreshments.

Please RSVP to receive an email with the locations for this month's work parties:  
[path.maintenance@berkeleypaths.org](mailto:path.maintenance@berkeleypaths.org).

## **HELP US BECOME A GREAT NONPROFIT**



### Review us on GreatNonprofits!

If you love Berkeley Path Wanderers Association, then tell the world! You have an opportunity to help us make even more of a difference in our community. GreatNonprofits, a review site like TripAdvisor, is honoring highly reviewed nonprofits with their 2022 Top-Rated Awards. Please help us raise visibility for our work by posting a review of your experience with us. All reviews will be visible to potential donors and volunteers. It's easy and only takes 3 minutes!

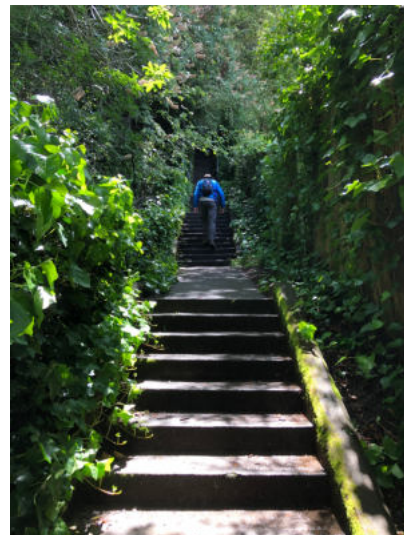
Thank you to all who have already reviewed us! Go to [greatnonprofits.org/org/berkeley-path-wanderers-association](https://greatnonprofits.org/org/berkeley-path-wanderers-association) to get started! Scroll down and click on "Share experience with this nonprofit today."

### 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 generally meets monthly. Our next meeting is September 15, 7–8:30 pm on Zoom. Guests are welcome! Please contact [info@berkeleypaths.com](mailto:info@berkeleypaths.com) for more information.

To support our path-building efforts, you can [donate online](#). All donations go toward building new paths, repairing and clearing paths, purchasing handrails, and advocating for paths and walkers.



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