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PATH NEWS

"Paths connect. It is their first duty and chief reason for being. They relate places in a literal sense, and by extension they relate people."

— Robert Macfarlane, *The Old Ways: A Journey of Foot*



El Paseo Path in North Berkeley's Thousand Oaks neighborhood.

Keep on (solo) walkin'!

Dear Path Wanderers,

Until we can once again walk the paths together with neighbors and friends, the paths' simple presence connects our socially distant community in more ways than one. A myriad of steps and sidewalks connect us as we go about our solo walks: a walker on Oakridge Path, with the jogger on Tunbridge Lane, and the hiker on Visalia Steps. Enjoy your solo walks, give lots of room when you encounter others on the paths and sidewalks, and we shall get through this — together, if momentarily apart.

If you're looking for solo walk ideas, we recommend that you stay within your neighborhood as much as possible. A selection of past BPWA routes are available [here](#). The authors of *Berkeley Walks* also have a number of free new walks [here](#). And Alina Constantinescu, our current president, offers a series of annotated mapped routes at this [link](#). Please hike responsibly: go solo or only with people you live with, and keep your distance from anyone else you encounter. Thank you for being safe and keeping your fellow walkers safe as well.

Sincerely,

Alina Constantinescu

BPWA President



Volunteer path-builders (left to right) Diane Resek, Bob Gomez and Sean Drost (in back), take a break around the 100th step.

Volunteers complete Lower Columbia Path, with 180 steps

We are thrilled to announce that [Lower Columbia Path](#), between Campus Drive and

Queens Road in the Terrace View neighborhood, is now complete. We would love to have a handrail, a sign, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony to go with this announcement. But given the circumstances, those finishing touches are on hold. Nevertheless, we thought you might appreciate knowing the path is walkable, and perhaps enjoy the challenge of finding and exploring it without mounted signs and handrails. [Read More](#)

WALKS CANCELLED



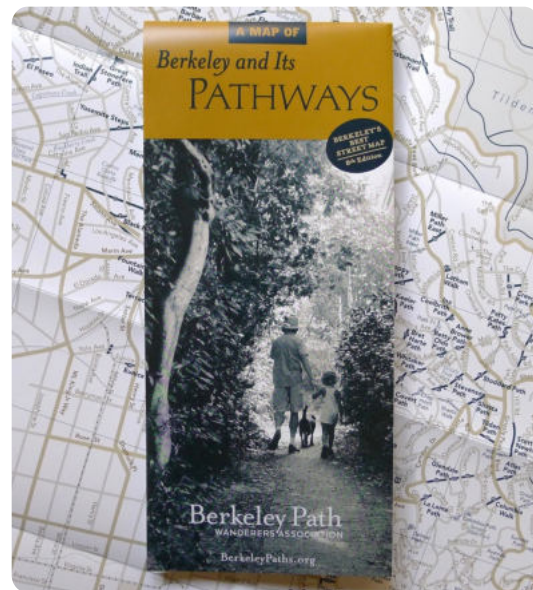
Due to the shelter-in-place order, our scheduled walks, the Intersections public art project and all other events are cancelled through May, and until further notice. We will update our website and send an email when our walks and events resume. We look forward to the day when we can walk together again!

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Our maps are still for sale!

While the BPWA online store is closed until further notice, our best-selling map is still for sale! If you want to explore Berkeley on foot, *Berkeley and Its Pathways* is indispensable. Hands down, it's the best guide to all 136 of the picturesque public stairways, ramps, and footpaths that make walking in our city so engaging.

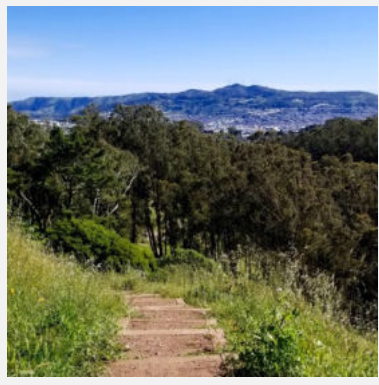
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Berkeley Path Wanderers Association

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association (BPWA) is a grassroots 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 for



more information.

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