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El Mirador Path could serve as an escape route in case of a disaster in the Berkeley Hills.

Berkeley Hills Wildfire Evacuation Drills in August

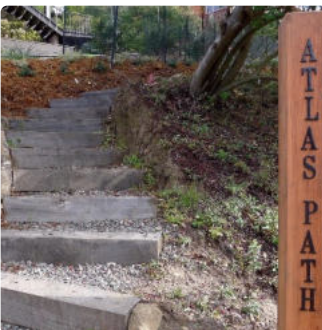
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Services are organizing wildfire evacuation drills on Sundays in the Berkeley Hills:

- Aug. 4: South Berkeley/Claremont
- Aug. 11: North of Eunice Street
- Aug. 25: North of the UC campus to Eunice Street

More information and a map of the drill areas is [here](#).

Participation by residents is voluntary. City officials encourage residents in these areas to plan their evacuation routes beforehand, including by referring to BPWA's [city map](#). Those who choose to evacuate can do so by foot or by car, and they will go to set meeting spots to debrief. BPWA volunteers will be there along with first responders to discuss the experience. If you live in one of the areas and would like to participate, send your contact information and address to OES@cityofberkeley.info and the Berkeley Fire Department will provide instructions on how to participate in the drill.

Whether or not you participate, we would appreciate your feedback on using the paths for wildfire evacuation. Would a handrail have made it easier? Or how about having a particular path be built? Please share your thoughts on how Berkeley's paths can aid in safe evacuation during a fire or earthquake by writing to info@berkeleywalks.org.

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Get to Know Us



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](#).

Upcoming Events



Elsa Tranter, Mary Lynch, and Mary Bianchi at the Solano Stroll in 2018.

**Visit us at the 45th Annual Solano Stroll
Sunday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

The [Solano Stroll](#) is always one of our favorite events of the year. Please stop by our booth to chat and learn more about our activities and volunteer opportunities. Also be sure to check out our new BPWA T-shirts — kid sizes, too! — plus our maps, hats, books, and posters. You can also join or renew your membership at the Stroll. Our booth will be near the intersection of [Solano and Ensenada Avenues](#).

Walk With Us

Join us on our terrific guided walks, which are free and open to all. Unless otherwise noted, they last 2 to 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.



A network of paths alongside Bushy Dell Creek in Piedmont Park.

**Parks and Stairs in Lovely Piedmont
Saturday, August 3, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Leaders: Alina Constantinescu & Sharon Taylor**

Start: [Morcom Rose Garden](#), 700 Jean St, Oakland, CA

Join us on a visit to Oakland's Rose Garden and a hike through Piedmont's posh neighborhoods and beautiful parks. Like Berkeley, Piedmont is crisscrossed by many staircases and hidden paths. We'll explore about a dozen of these all over town, including a beautiful redwood and oak path off Moraga Avenue that few know about. We'll also walk in Mark Twain's footsteps in Piedmont Park and meander through beautiful Dracena Park, the site of an old rock quarry. In all, this is a 5-mile loop with 800-foot elevation gain. There are a couple of back-to-back staircases that are sure to get our hearts going. We'll take breaks as needed and keep a comfortable pace to enjoy the sights and the conversation.



Sunset at the Berkeley Rose Garden.

Sunset Dinner Hike

Friday, August 23, 6 - 9 p.m.

Leader: Alina Constantinescu

Start: [East side of Euclid Ave., across from the end of Eunice St.](#)

Grab your flashlight and your dinner and let's kick-off the week-end with a nice 4-mile evening hike. The route is steep and we'll have to get up six long staircases as we head to Grizzly Peak Blvd., onto a nice stretch of Tilden's Selby Trail, and then to our dinner spot on the ridge above the Lawrence Hall of Science. But if the fog stays away,

the views are worth the effort! We will enjoy a dinner break with panoramic views and wait for the sunset before we head back down. Bring flashlights, dinner for yourself and something to share if you'd like, and a jacket and layers for our al fresco dinner.



Lands End Path is a stop on the new 17-mile Crosstown Trail in San Francisco; we'll hike the entire length in 4 segments.

San Francisco Crosstown Trail Part 1: Lands End to Golden Gate Park (Hike 1 of a 4-Hike Series)

Sunday Sept. 22, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Leader: Alina Constantinescu

Start: Outside the [Lands End Lookout Visitors Center](#) at 680 Point Lobos Ave. in San Francisco. On-site parking is free, though it's not always easy to find a spot. Muni bus 38 stops 2 blocks away.

End: Golden Gate Park, Park Presidio Blvd. at Fulton St., on the route for Muni bus 5 and 2 blocks from bus 38.

This fall, the Wanderers are determined to hike the entire length of San Francisco's latest urban adventure: the [Crosstown Trail](#). We plan to cover the 17-mile route in a series of four hikes, scheduled once a month from September through December. For our September hike, we'll start at Lands End, hike a spectacular stretch of the Coastal Trail through the Golden Gate National Recreational Area, go through the Sea Cliff neighborhood to the Presidio, and wind down along the Park Presidio

Greenway to Golden Gate Park. We estimate to arrive at Golden Gate Park around 12:30pm. At this point, hikers can choose to return to Lands End (or other destinations) via public transit or car share. This walk is 4.7 miles with 550 feet of elevation gain.

Optional: Those who would like an extended hike can continue with the group and hike the route in reverse, back to the starting point. Bring a picnic lunch if you are sticking around for the return hike. We will take a lunch break at the Rose Garden in Golden Gate Park before heading back to the start. Estimated end-time for the round-trip option is 3:30 p.m.

Save-the-date for the remaining hikes in the series:

Sun., Oct. 27; Sat., Nov. 16; and Sun., Dec. 15.



A storybook-style house at 850 Keeler St. in Berkeley's Cragmont neighborhood.

Cragmont Literary Lanes

Saturday, September 7, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Leader: Bob Johnson

Start: [Intersection of Grizzly Peak and Keller](#)

Join Bob Johnson, co-author of [Berkeley Walks](#), for a jaunt through the Cragmont neighborhood in the north Berkeley Hills. Cragmont is characterized by modest cottages and larger homes, great views of the Bay and beyond, curvy roadways, and numerous paths and streets named for poets and authors of the 19th and early 20th centuries, including Ina Coolbrith, Brett Harte, and Robert Louis

Stevenson. “Cragmont” refers to the large craggy rock outcrops in the area, some of which have been made into small parks. This 2-mile walk includes 4 paths and some uphill, but mainly follows the contours of the hills.

Join Our Work Parties



Path Wanderers volunteers clear out the biomass from John Muir Path.

Help us Keep our Paths Clear for Emergencies Monday, August 26, 11a.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 supply refreshments and gloves and tools, but feel free to bring your own.



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