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OUR THANKS TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Jacob Lehmann Duke



Outgoing board member Jacob Lehmann Duke walked every path in Berkeley in one epic day — when he was 11 years old! The youngest member of our board ever at age 14, he is now a freshman at Williams College in Massachusetts. Jacob was a stellar walks coordinator and, more importantly, our inspiration. [Read more](#)

Abby Rutchick



Abby Rutchick joined the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association board in 2016, soon after she had moved to Berkeley from Minneapolis. With her extensive experience in marketing and sales, Abby completely revolutionized our brand, from our logo to our merchandise to our social media presence. Although we will dearly miss Abby on our board, we look forward to seeing her on the paths. [Read more](#)

IT'S WALKING WEDNESDAY

It's (the Day After) Giving Tuesday!

On (the day after) this special day (how about we call it "Walking Wednesday"?), please consider a donation to the Path Wanderers. Your generosity enables us to improve existing paths and work towards our goal to complete Berkeley's path network — 22 paths to go!



Despite a challenging year for all, our volunteers worked on 2 paths in 2020. At 182 steps, Lower Columbia Path is one of our longest paths to date. It connects Queens Road and Fairlawn Drive in the Terrace View neighborhood and was completed in April 2020. Handrails were added in July 2020. Work is almost complete on Lower Halkin Walk as well, a 145-step path in the hills north of Marin Avenue. Lower Halkin is a "missing link" path, completing a pedestrian corridor from Grizzly Peak Boulevard to Spruce Street. If you're enjoying walking the paths, please consider supporting our work so we can keep building paths like Columbia and Halkin. All your #givingtuesday donations will go to a handrail fund for Lower Halkin Walk.

This year more than ever we are grateful for our local paths and trails — for keeping us walking, sane, and safe and for providing a sense of wonder, adventure, and connection close to home. Thank you for your support of the paths!

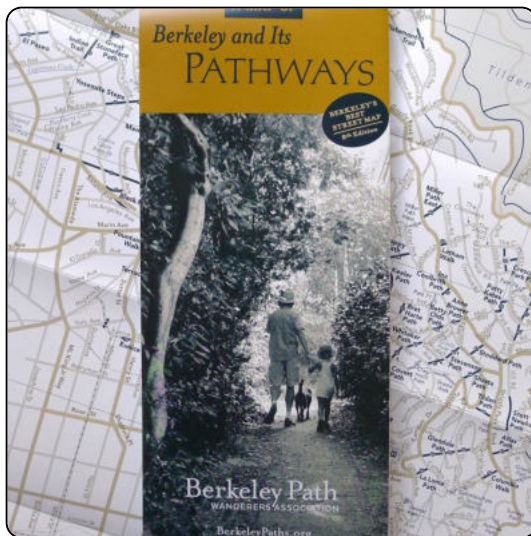
Please click here to [DONATE](#) to Berkeley Path Wanderers Association.

Sincerely,

Alina Constaninescu
President, Berkeley Path Wanderers Association

Above, volunteer David Kittams secures a step on Lower Halkin Walk.

GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS



It's no wonder the [New York Times](#) wrote that we sell "a terrific map of all the secret routes and corridors" in Berkeley.

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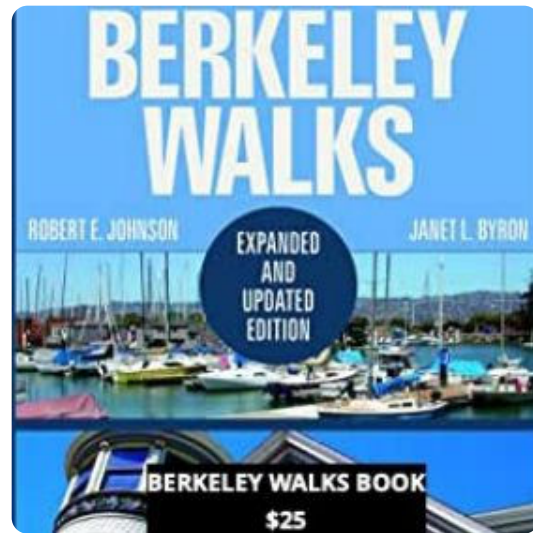
Great hat to keep the sun off your face as you explore the paths! Grey with white embroidered logo. Hats are adjustable.

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Our distinctive, talk-of-the-town tee shirts are fashionable charcoal gray with either light gray or spring-green boot graphic on the front, with our logo on the back. A blend of cotton, polyester, and rayon, they come in unisex sizes: extra small to 2XL.

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Berkeley Walks features all the things that make our town such a wonderful place to walk—diverse architecture, panoramic views, secret pathways, hidden parks, and intriguing history. Includes 21 self-guided walking tours; signed by the co-authors.

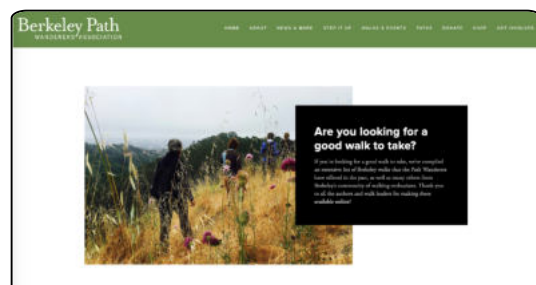
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supportive board, please write
to: info@berkeleypaths.org.

STEP IT UP - 5 NEW WALKS

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 DECEMBER:

[All the Paths of Kensington](#)

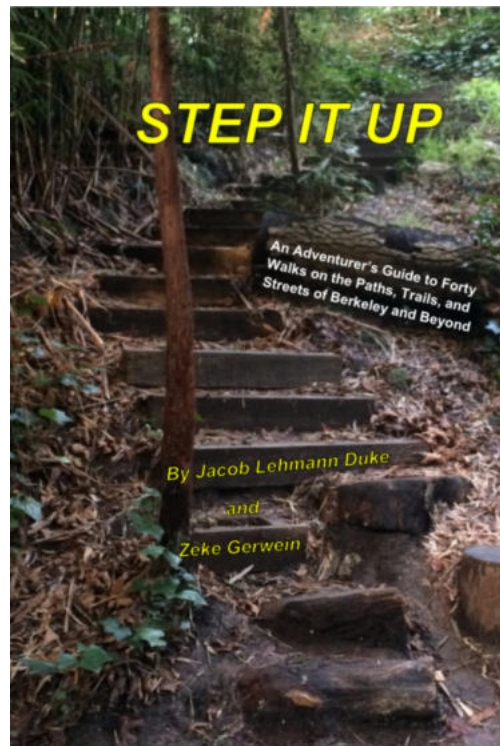
[Favorite Paths of the North Berkeley](#)

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[The Great Path Walk](#)



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

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VIRTUAL WALKING TOUR



Rock Parks of Berkeley Virtual Tour

Saturday, Dec. 12, 11-12 pm

This fun, free Zoom tour, sponsored by Greenbelt Alliance and led by Bob Johnson, features 7 rock parks centered on large volcanic rock outcroppings (shown, Contra Costa Rock Park). Bob leads us along delightful pedestrian paths and stairways to enjoy fine vistas and quintessential North Berkeley neighborhoods, with lovely gardens and architecture. The actual walk is 5 miles roundtrip with 1,100 feet of elevation gain, but Bob covers it all in 1 hour in this virtual tour. Rock Parks of Berkeley is one of 21 walks featured in [Berkeley Walks](#), co-authored by Bob and BPWA board member Janet Byron. Sign up for the free tour on [Eventbrite](#).

SELF-GUIDED WALKS

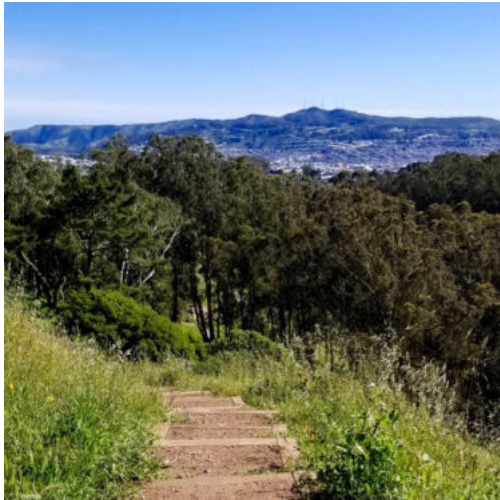
Online resources for self-guided Berkeley walks



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

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 for more information.

Your generosity enables us to build more paths and to hold fun events on the paths. [Donate Now](#)

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