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Workers completed the new handrails in mid-May.

### New Handrails on Upper Covert Path Mark the Start of Long-Awaited Handrail Corridor

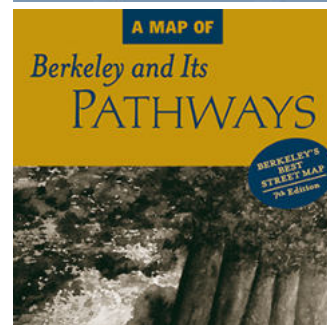
More than 300' of new handrails now make it easier to use Upper Covert Path, which connects Cragmont and Keeler Avenues. The handrails on this long, steep path are the first step in what BPWA hopes will one day become an official handrail corridor. Intended as a route for people who need a little extra help to enjoy some of the hills and views in North Berkeley, the designated corridor will provide a safe, scenic way to go from Euclid Avenue to Grizzly Peak Blvd. — or the reverse. It will include two older concrete stairways, which always have had

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handrails; three newer wood-tie paths that BPWA volunteers have built, two of which still need handrails; and some gentle streets in between those paths. [Read more.](#)

## Upcoming Events



All three walks for the Parks and Paths Challenge start and finish in Great Stone Face Park.

### Fun for All Ages, Parks & Paths Challenge July 16 Will Raise Money for More Handrails

You can contribute toward a handrail corridor in the Berkeley Hills [see previous story] — and have a great time in the process! Plan to bring your family and friends to our second annual Parks and Paths Challenge, Sunday, July, 16, starting at [Great Stone Face Park](#). Our version of choose-your-own adventure, this family-friendly fundraiser will offer something for all ages and fitness levels. Tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#), starting June 1. Prices are: adults, \$15 (\$20 day of the events); students, \$10; children 6-12, \$5. The family maximum is \$35. [Read more.](#)

## Walk With Us



Your generosity enables us to build more paths and continue to offer our path-oriented events. [Donate now.](#)

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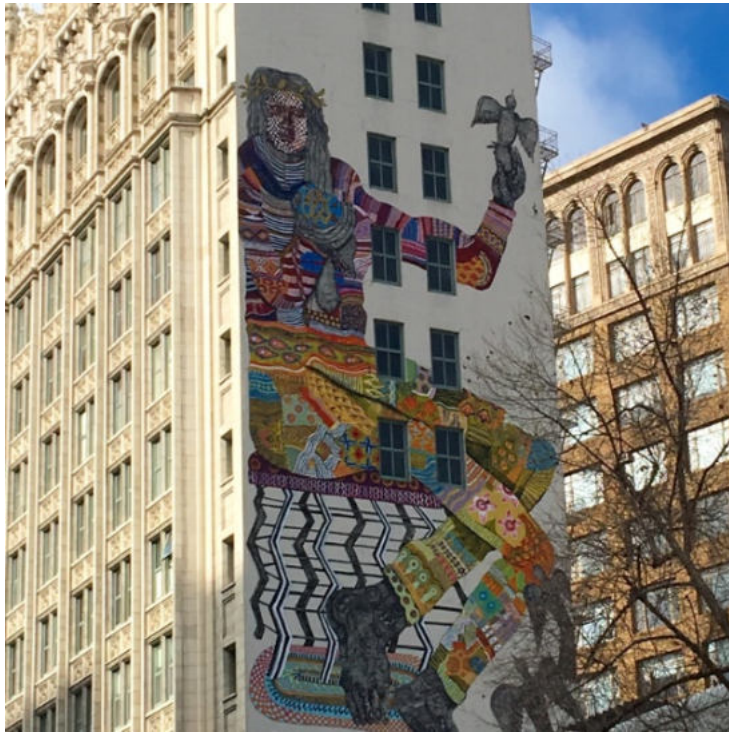
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## Get to Know Us



This 135-foot tall mural, "A Bird in Hand," graces the Cathedral Building at Telegraph and Broadway and commemorates the 70th anniversary of the United Nations.

## Oakland's Magnificent Murals

**Saturday, June 3 @ 10 a.m.**

**Leader:** Colleen Neff

**Start:** NE corner of [Broadway and 19th Street, Oakland](#)

Big art is happening in Oakland! Join us for an easy, two-hour walk through the Uptown and Downtown neighborhoods as we enjoy the incredible murals there. We'll take time to look at and learn about these pieces of vibrant public art, so bring your camera. The local food scene is also thriving. If you're up for breakfast at one of the best donut shops around, join Colleen at 9:30 at [Donut Savant](#). As we chat and savor our delicious donuts, we also will soak up some of the cool Oakland vibe!



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](#).



The Taylor Mansion, built in 1910, was just one of the grand estates in the Claremont neighborhood.

**From Cottages to Estates: History and Houses of the Elmwood and Claremont Neighborhoods  
Saturday, June 10 @ 10 a.m.**

**Leader:** Ron Sipherd

**Start:** [SW corner of Ashby & Elmwood Aves.](#)

Turn back the clock on this 3.25-mile tour that will focus on the history and architecture of two lovely Berkeley neighborhoods. Among the highlights will be a remnant of the forty-room Taylor mansion and the far more modest cottages lining Pine Street, which developer “One-Nail MacGregor” built in the early 1900s. Along the way, we’ll pass an urban farm, complete with assorted fowl, fruit trees, and quirky art. The pace will be moderate with frequent stops for commentary from Ron, a local history buff, as well as a rest stop at Peet’s. This route includes stairs and hilly streets. More details are available on [Ron’s website](#).

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If the fog stays away, hikers will enjoy a stunning sunset.

## **Sunset Hike in the Berkeley Hills**

**Thursday, July 6 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Leader:** Alina Constantinescu

**Start:** [Bottom of Indian Rock Path](#) (NE corner of Solano Avenue and The Alameda)

Unwind after work with a hike in the North Berkeley Hills that includes some much-loved paths and parks. We'll do a 3.5-mile loop, starting with a climb from Solano to a block shy of Grizzly Peak Blvd., mostly on stairs and steep sidewalks. Our pace will be moderate, with stops to enjoy the views and conversation. We'll watch the sunset from one of the [rock parks](#) and be back to our start around 9 p.m. Bring water, a snack, and a flashlight or headlamp.

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A stop at the Peralta Community Gardens will provide lots of sensory pleasures.

### **A Walk for All Senses on the Ohlone Greenway Sunday, July 23 @ 11 a.m.**

**Leaders:** Janet Byron and Robert Johnson

**Start:** [North Berkeley BART Station](#) (southeast side)

Join the co-authors of [Berkeley Walks: Revealing Rambles in America's Most Intriguing City](#) for this accessible stroll — or roll — along the [Ohlone Greenway](#) in Berkeley. We'll focus on the varied sights, sounds, touches, smells, and tastes along 1.2 miles of this flat, well-loved bike and pedestrian trail on a former railroad right-of-way. At Marin Avenue, you can continue to Solano Avenue for lunch at a nearby eatery or double back with the group, passing a few more restaurants on Gilman Street. [Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program \(BORP\)](#) is co-sponsoring this walk. The route has sitting areas and accessible restrooms, and service and guide dogs are welcome. If you are physically disabled or sight impaired and need transportation, contact BORP's Lori Gray by July 1 at [\(510\) 849-4663, ext. 1373](tel:5108494663) or [lori@borp.org](mailto:lori@borp.org). Janet and Bob will have books for sale for \$20 (cash, check, or credit card).

Join Our Work Parties



There's a handrail, so we know the steps must be somewhere in the weeds. But can you spot the cat?

### **La Loma Path Needs Your Help!**

**Here are the details of our next work party:**

**Sunday, June 25 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Bottom of La Loma Path - [1403 Glendale Ave.](#)**

Meet us at the top of the path. We'll supply gloves and tools, but feel free to bring your own. Refreshments will be served. Heavy rain cancels. Please RSVP to [Mary Lynch](#).



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