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The two keynote speakers at our annual meeting will encourage us to appreciate our local bees and birds, like this Cooper's Hawk.

Drawing by Oliver James

Beyond Fall Leaves: Our Annual Meeting on Oct. 18 to Focus on Berkeley's Birds & Bees

Who doesn't want to learn more about the Birds and the Bees? You'll get your chance at our Annual Meeting on October 18 at 7 p.m. at the Hillside Club ([2286 Cedar St.](#))

Buy Our Map



The best map of Berkeley's paths and streets just got even better! Order your copy of the fresh-off-the-presses 8th edition of *Berkeley and Its Pathways*. [Get your copy.](#)

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Did you forget to pay your \$5 dues for 2018? We do not

Our keynote speakers will be Oliver James, author and illustrator of [Birds of Berkeley](#); and Prof. Gordon Frankie, a co-author of [Common Bees in California Gardens](#).

The evening will open with a very brief business meeting to elect board members, followed by path builder Steve Glaeser's ever-popular slideshow that reviews all the amazing work our dedicated volunteers have accomplished in the last year. [Read more.](#)

Walk With Us

Join us on our terrific guided walks, which are free and open to all. Unless otherwise noted, they last 2-3 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



These signs indicate two different ways Panoramic Hill residents can descend from their neighborhood.

Preparing for Emergencies: Three Paths-to-Safety Walks

In partnership with BPWA, three Berkeley neighborhoods will practice routes — including key paths — that would lead residents to safety in case of a fire or other disaster. These walks will combine business (emergency planning) with pleasure (hiking) and are part of the citywide events

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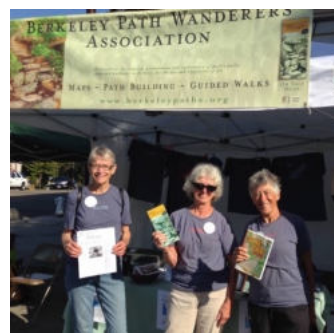
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Get to Know Us



Berkeley Path Wanderers Association (BPWA) is a grassroots organization of people who treasure the public

in October that focus on emergency preparedness. Even if you don't live in one of these areas, you can come see how they are preparing and consider how your neighborhood might plan a similar drill.

Or just come to enjoy one of these three hikes in different sections of the beautiful Berkeley Hills. Each walk will last about two hours and include stairs and hilly streets.

Northeast Berkeley Hills

Sunday, October 7 @ 11 a.m.

Start: [Terrace View Park](#) (1421 Queens Rd. near Fairlawn Dr.)

Leaders: Alina Constantinescu (BPWA) and Victoria Legg (Terrace View Alliance)

We will walk down to Euclid Ave near the Rose Garden and then head back up on a different route.

Panoramic Hill

Sunday, October 21 @ 10 a.m.

Start: [Entrance to the Upper and Lower Jordan trails](#) (near 367 Panoramic Way)

Leader: Colleen Neff and Jacob Lehmann Duke (BPWA) and Steve Chainey (Panoramic Hill Association)

We will walk down to Memorial Stadium using the paths and return a different way. Please note: Public parking is limited on Panoramic Hill, so carpool or walk to the meeting point if at all possible.

East Berkeley Hills

Sunday, October 28 @ 10 a.m.

Start: [Grizzly Peak Blvd & Muir Way](#)

Leader: Alina Constantinescu (BPWA) and Bob Flasher (Grizzly Peak Neighborhood Watch)

We will walk down to Euclid Ave. and then climb back up on an alternative route.

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](#).



Pooches and their people will “parade” through West Berkeley on the next installment of our All-the-Parks-in-Berkeley series.

Wagging in West Berkeley

Sunday, Oct. 28 @ 10 a.m.

Leaders: Wally & Figgy

Start: [Lower Codornices Path](#) near 1101 8th St.

Continuing our quest to visit every park in Berkeley, this installment of Pooches on the Paths will take us through West Berkeley. An eclectic neighborhood of houses, artist studios, and commercial enterprises, this area does not disappoint when it comes to diversity. The parks we’ll visit on this four-mile, flat and paved route also offer a wide range of fun and frolic, from soccer and skateboarding at Harrison Park to bird watching and boating at Aquatic Park. There will be something for pets and people alike on this leisurely stroll. As always, dog or no dog, all walkers are welcome.



The paths and bridges in Live Oak Park will be a sylvan segment during this nostalgia walk.

Coffee Constitutional: Stepping Back in Time
Friday, November 9 @ 10 a.m.

Leader: Jacque Ensign

Start: [Peet's on Walnut and Vine](#)

Follow Jacque, a BPWA cofounder, on this leisurely 1.75 mile walk down her personal memory lane. Along the way, she will share reminiscences about the neighborhood of her childhood in the late 1930s. She'll point out the old Northbrae Station, where she used to catch the train to San Francisco; the site of an old spring and well; and where her favorite mud holes used to be. She'll also share some local history. Her route includes four paths, some mild hills, and a few stairs.



The Ginkgo trees near San Pablo Park are a lovely feature of this neighborhood, especially in their autumn glory. Photo: Bob Johnson

Sites and Stories of San Pablo Park

Sunday, November 18 @ 10 a.m.

Leaders: Janet Byron and Bob Johnson

Start: [SW corner of Sacramento St. & Dwight Way](#)

Explore the neighborhood around San Pablo Park, Berkeley's first public park, with the co-authors of *Berkeley Walks*. The story of this area in Southwest Berkeley is a rich chapter in the history of Berkeley's African American community. You'll see quirky architecture, the former Santa Fe Railroad right of way, and tree-lined streets. If we are lucky, those trees will still have their brilliant autumn leaves. This two-mile walk, featured in the second edition of Bob's and Janet's book, is flat and accessible.

Join Our Work Parties



The father-and-daughter team of Star and Scott helped us clear the badly overgrown Martinez Path last month.

Help us Keep our Paths Clear for Emergencies Monday, October 22 @ 11 a.m.

Help us transform a weed-obscured path into a safe and lovely walkway. Please email [Mary Lynch](#) if you can come to the work party, and she will send you the location. We'll supply refreshments and gloves and tools, but feel free to bring your own.



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