

BERKELEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

FALL 2022 WALKING TOURS

Saturday, September 24: Berkeley's Civic Center: Past, Present, Future. Led by Ann Harlow & Sergio Mazariegos

Big plans are underway for revitalization of the Civic Center neighborhood. The City of Berkeley has entered a second phase of planning for the Maudelle Shirek Building ("Old City Hall"), the Veterans Memorial Building, and MLK Civic Center Park. This tour will include historical background and a chance to see areas of the buildings that have not been open to the public for years. Sergio and Ann are on the coordinating committee of Community for a Cultural Civic Center as well as active in BHSM. Includes one flight of stairs in each building, with no elevators. Limit 20.

Saturday, October 1: Tank House Tour: Discovering Berkeley's Forgotten Wind-Powered Wooden Water Towers. Led by Aaron Goldstein

This walk reconstructs a once ubiquitous but now largely forgotten piece of the circa-1900 Berkeley landscape. Back then, windmill-topped water towers stood on nearly every city block, pulling up water from wells into elevated water tanks and providing pressurized water for domestic use. Of the hundreds of "tank houses" that once existed in Berkeley, only a handful remain. We'll visit six surviving examples in North and West Berkeley and learn about what people had to do to get water in the pre-EBMUD East Bay. 2.75 miles, flat terrain.

Saturday, October 15: Elmwood: A Village Revealed. Led by Burl Willes

Small and compact, a "cozy village within a city," we'll explore what makes this village unique: its small stores, many women- and minority-owned businesses; hidden gardens and cottages; its political activism and strong sense of preservation (think Elmwood Theater, height restrictions, commercial rent control). A 90-minute stroll. Limit 20.

Saturday, October 22: Cragmont Literary Lanes Led by Robert Johnson

This is a leisurely walk through the lesser-known Cragmont subdivision area where we will hear about former prominent residents (including some who are nationally famous), learn a little about the history of this hillside area and its street names, enjoy occasional views, and admire a few bits of architecture and gardens. The route is mostly on pavement (but with few sidewalks) and includes some up and down but no long, steep climbs. About 1.7 miles.

Saturday, October 29: Restoring and Reconnecting to the Bay: A Walk (Through Time) Along the Berkeley Waterfront. Led by John Steere and Susan Schwartz

Join John Steere, president of Berkeley Partners for Parks, and Susan Schwartz, coordinator, of Friends of Five Creeks, in a stroll from Aquatic Park to the mouth of Schoolhouse Creek, all along the recently established McLaughlin Eastshore State Park. We will pass through the just-dedicated Brickyard Cove and the remarkable "restoration area" that re-creates the habitats of West Berkeley before settlement, while learning about the ecology and history of the Berkeley shoreline and the fight to protect it from development and create a new kind of park.

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Number of tickets per tour:

9/24 Civic Center _____ 10/1 Tank House Tour _____ 10/15 Elmwood _____

10/22 Cragmont _____ 10/29 Waterfront _____

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