

Garber and Beyond

Length: Either one mile (shortcut with dotted line on map) or two miles (solid line on map), your choice

Time: 30 minutes to one hour

Difficulty: 1

Elevation Gain: About 100 feet per mile

Starting Point: The intersection of Garber St. and College Ave, three blocks north of Ashby

Transportation:

AC transit buses 51B and 851 stop at Derby St, two short blocks north. Parking is available on side streets, such as Benvenue and Garber.

Overview:

This short and scenic walk explores a few of the less steep Claremont paths, as well as some of the lovely streets of the Elmwood neighborhood. After climbing the quiet Garber, you can either turn back for a one mile loop or continue on for a few more paths and a two mile loop, which ventures to the southern side of Tunnel Rd.

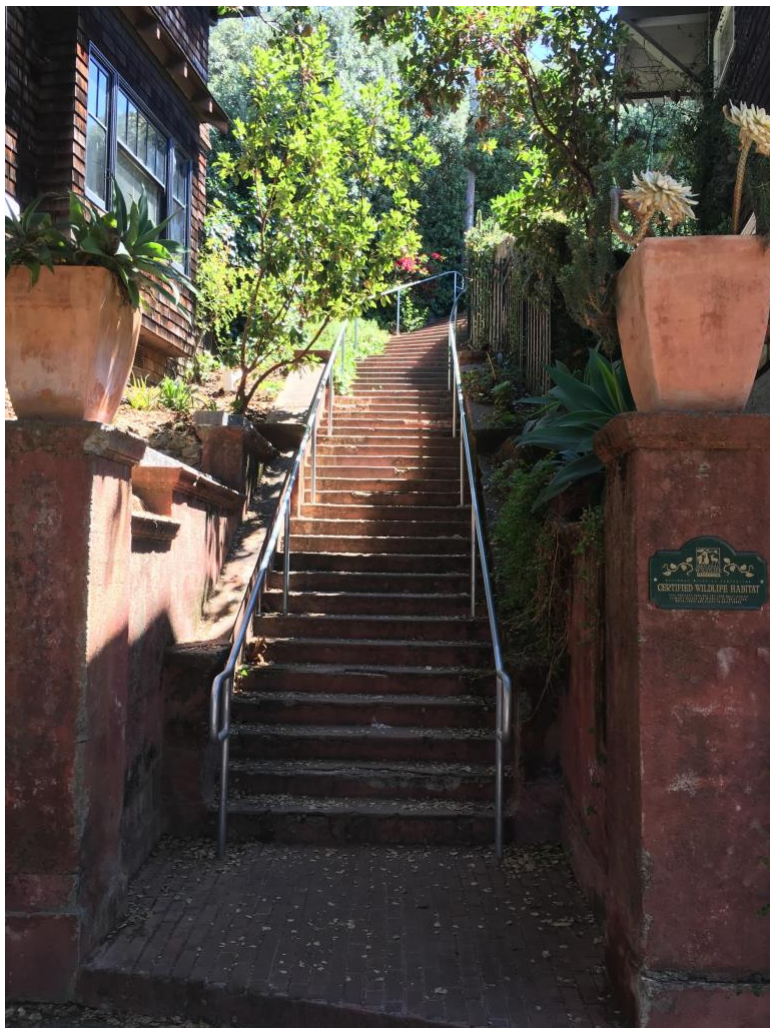
Directions and pictures:

Start at the intersection of College Ave. and Garber St. and head up Garber, for which the walk is named. After one block, Garber becomes much smaller and then dead ends. Stay on the sidewalk on the left-hand side of the street to ascend the few steps of Garber Path, which runs under some trees to where Garber restarts. Continue up the street another block to the tiny Monkey Island Park, little more than a grass island in the middle of an intersection. Here, you can either loop back for a one-mile walk, or continue on for a two-mile one. If you



want the shorter option, make a right down Oak Knoll Terr. for one block, then cross Avalon Ave. and descend the ramp-like Oak Knoll Path, then make a right down Russell and another right after one block up the slope and few steps of Pine Path. Then skip the next paragraph.

If you want the longer walk option, continue straight through the small park, then slightly right to head up two more blocks on Garber, crossing Belrose Ave, then reaching Tanglewood Rd. Make a right and an immediate second right down Claremont Ave. After two short blocks, cross Claremont and head east on Russell, which curves right and becomes Domingo. When you hit Ashby/Tunnel Rd, cross and make a left. One block later, make a sharp right onto Oakridge Rd. This road is rather unusual in the fact that it intersects no other streets but gives access to three different paths. Where Oakridge curves, make a sharp right down Oakridge Path, descending some steps past flowers gardens to Domingo. Turn left, then almost immediately right down a second block of Oakridge Path, which goes past John Muir Elementary School and through a gate onto Claremont Ave. Make a left, then your first right



down Webster. After one block, turn right onto Pine Ave. and take this small street two blocks to where it ends. Continue straight up the slope and steps of Pine Path to Avalon.

At this point, regardless of which length walk you chose, you should be at the top of Pine Path. Turn left down Avalon, which dead ends after a block. Make a slight right down the well-maintained steps and slope of Avalon Walk, which takes you down to Palm Ct. Continue down this, making a slight right at the bottom down Stuart St. After three blocks on the quiet Stuart, make a right on College Ave. One block will return you to your starting point.

Left: the curving concrete steps of Avalon Walk

Or, if you prefer, turn left two blocks to walk through Elmwood's bustling center of shops and cafes. If you rode the bus, you can catch a ride back at Ashby; otherwise,

double back once you have enjoyed this urban block to finish the walk at Garber and College.