

## All of Keeler, Vistamont Trail, and most of Creston

Length: 3.1 miles

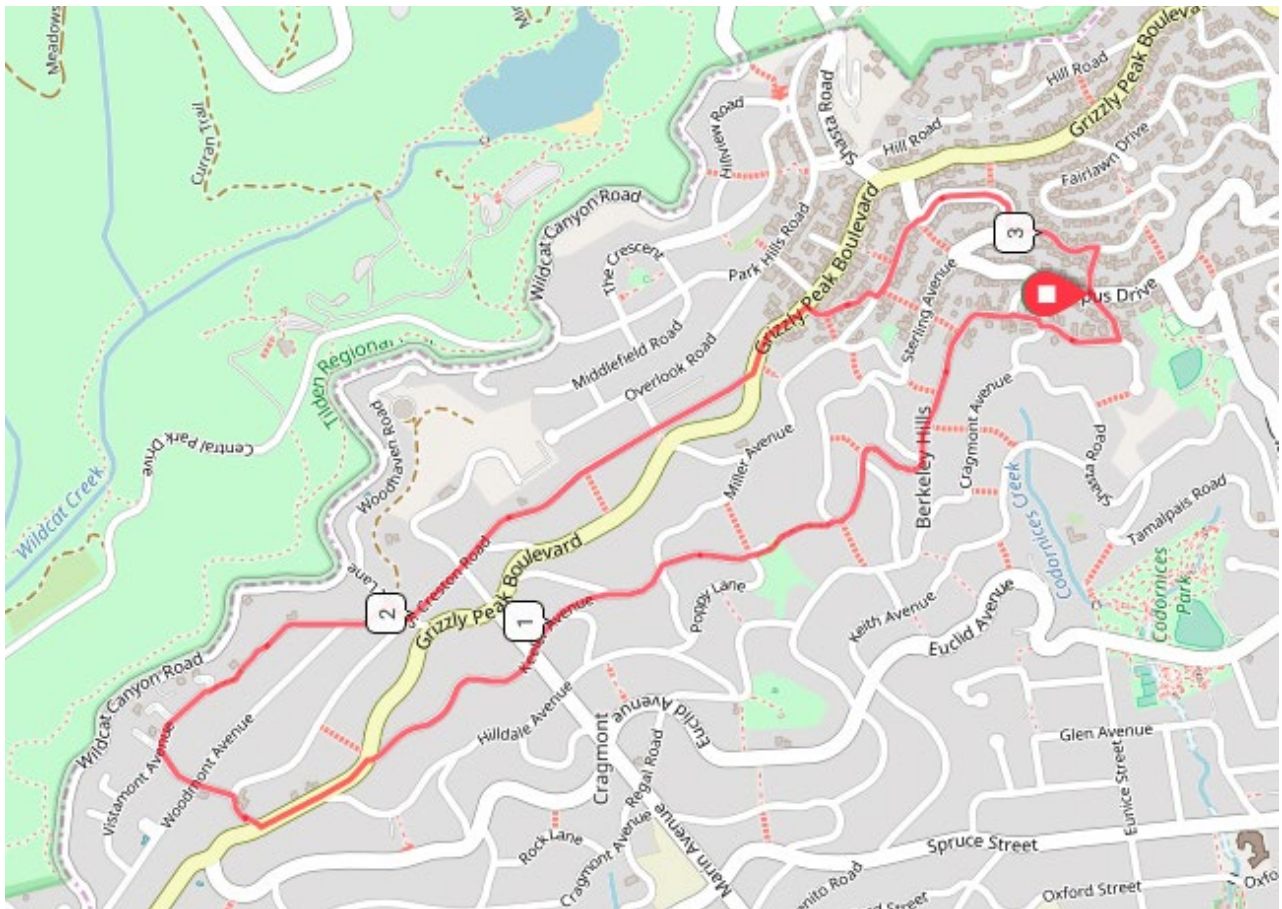
Difficulty: 2

Time: 1 hour if you walk fast, 1½-2 at more of a stroll

Elevation Gain: 300 feet

Starting Point: Campus Dr. and Quail Ave.

Transportation: AC Transit bus 65 stops at the starting point. Limited parking is also available nearby.



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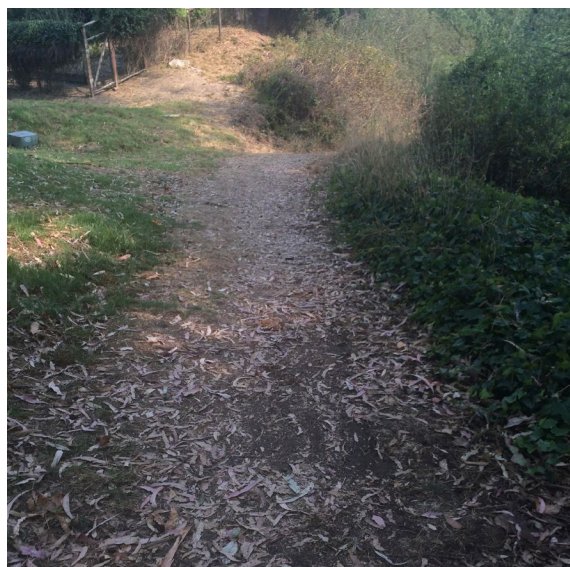
### Overview:

This enjoyable, mostly-flat walk takes all of Keeler, one of our favorite streets in the hills, as well as two flat paths and many other small, scenic, streets.

### Directions and pictures:

Start at the intersection of Quail Ave. and Campus Dr. Head west on Quail (down) one block and make a right on Northgate. After another block, make a slight right onto Shasta, then an immediate left on Keeler. Follow the lovely, quiet Keeler a half mile as it curves through the

hills, offering, in places, great views down on Berkeley. For an extra good view, take a detour a short way up Whitaker Path, then look back down to the city and the Bay beyond. Keeler turns sharply right and becomes Sterling at a steep hill. Instead of going up the hill, walk past the street sign and then turn left on Keeler Path (which as of 2019 is mis-signed John Muir Path. Don't be fooled--it really is Keeler Path). The path is mostly flat and takes you past Remillard Park, a good rest stop, to where Keeler restarts. Take Keeler another half mile to where it ends for good at Grizzly Peak Blvd, and make a slight left. Across the street, you can spot the real John Muir Path, robbed temporarily of its rightful street sign as of 2018. After two blocks, cross Grizzly Peak and turn right, up Creston Rd. You will quickly reach Rosemont Ave. Turn left and take it two blocks, then make a right on Vistamont Ave. Just before Vistamont dead ends, make a slight right onto Vistamont Trail, another mostly flat path, which takes you through the trees to where Vistamont restarts. Follow Vistamont to where it ends at Woodmont and make a slight left, then your next right one short block along Sunset Ln. to Creston again. Turn left to climb the hill on Creston to the top of Marin, a famously steep street which offers a great view down the steep hill back to the city. Continue a little under half a mile south to where Creston ends at Grizzly Peak Blvd. Cross and make a slight left, then go right on Stevenson Ave. and left on Miller Ave, taking each for a block. Where Miller ends, continue straight on Shasta down the gradual hill, then make your first left onto Queens Rd. Make your first right onto Quail Ave. which will return you in one block to your starting point. The entire loop is just over three miles, and provides a lovely intro to the North Berkeley hills.



*Keeler Path, one of the few flat paths in Berkeley*



*Remillard Park, next to Keeler Path*