## Paths of the Flats

Length: 1.7 miles

Time: One hour at a

stroll

Difficulty: 1

Elevation Gain: An epic

59 feet

Starting Point: The intersection of Rose St. and Sacramento St.

**Transportation:** 

AC Transit Buses 12 and H stop near the start, on Hopkins. Parking is available on Rose.

## Overview:

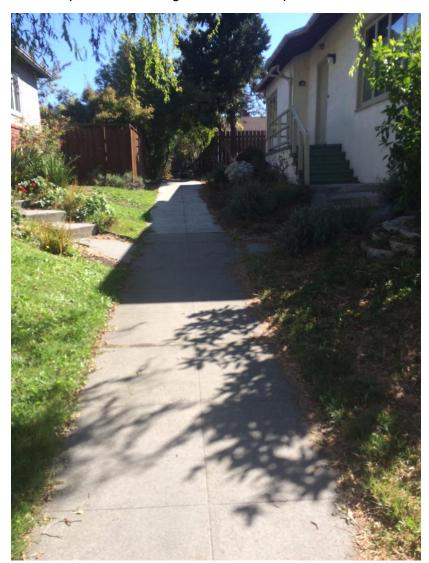
A brief tour of the historic Westbrae neighborhood, this short walk takes two of Berkeley's westernmost paths, as well as sections of the Ohlone Greenway and many small (and some big) streets.



## Directions and pictures:

Start the walk at the intersection of Sacramento St. and Rose St. Head north on Sacramento, then make your first left down Ada St. to escape the busy unpleasantness of this major street. Take the much more scenic Ada two blocks, then turn right onto Ordway. After another two blocks, turn left onto Gilman. About four blocks later, you will reach the intersection with Curtis St. Turn left, as if to take Curtis, then left again onto Geneva's Path. Though rather unexciting, this path is quite useful since it allows you to remain on the western side of the BART tracks when they go underground. (The city of Berkeley would not allow BART tracks above ground so—though elevated in parts of Albany, El Cerrito, and Oakland—BART is entirely underground in Step It Up: An Adventurer's Guide to Forty Walks on the Paths, Trails, and Streets of Berkeley and Beyond© 2020 by Jacob Lehmann Duke and Zeke Gerwein. All rights reserved.

Berkeley.) At the end of the paved path, make a slight left on Northside Ave, then your first left on Hopkins St. Turn right and cross Hopkins after one block at the intersection with Peralta St,



onto the Ohlone Greenway bike path. A block later, jog left and cross Rose to continue through the park on the path. When you reach Cedar-the street at the far end of the creatively named Cedar Rose Park-turn left, then make another left at the first opportunity onto the much quieter Juanita Way. Turn right on Tomlee Dr, right on Acton St, and left up Keoncrest Dr. Where Keoncrest turns sharply left, continue straight onto Keoncrest Path, another flat, paved, yet useful, cut-though. At the end of the path, (it can hardly be called the top since the path is flat,) turn left. One block will return you to your starting point.

Left: Keoncrest Path, gaining a daunting one foot of elevation