

Rockridge / Claremont Loop

This hike is modified from a Rockridge Bart to Downtown Berkeley Bart hike that Fran and I lead. It is now a loop, no longer going to UC Berkeley. There are a lot of beautiful homes to see, some designed by famous architects. It is approximately 4 miles; about 500 ft elevation. The Berkeley Path Wanderer's map would be helpful (except for around Rockridge Bart, which would need an Oakland map). Unfortunately, no official restrooms are available during pandemic time; however there is usually a port-a-potty along the route. The starting and ending points are close to Rockridge Bart, and parking is available. Best to park on Miles Ave in Oakland, which runs parallel to Hwy 24 on the North Side. I have found plenty of parking available on Miles Ave near Presley Way (street cleaning is on 2nd and 4th Mondays, so check signs) with either no time limit, or 4 hour limits closer to College. Miles Ave is a one-way going West, and is on the College Ave exit from Hwy 24 West.

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From Rockridge Bart, go East on Miles from College Ave
Left, North, on east side of Presley
Right, East, on Chabot
Left, North, on Ivanhoe
Left, West, onto Harwood
Quick Right, North, onto Rockwell
Right, East, on Florio
Left, North, on Ross (short)
Right, East, on Ross Circle (go all around the circle)
Left, South, on Ross
Left, East, on Harwood
Left, North, up sidewalk (across from 6505 Harwood; right of #72 on the garage; next to Driveway that says Private Property, Do Not Enter); (there is no street sign, it is a continuation of Eucalyptus from next step)
Right, South, on Eucalyptus
- Enter Berkeley after Eucalyptus Road curves left, running North
- #1 Eucalyptus was designed by Julia Morgan; as of 4/20/21 it is being remodeled
Left, West, on Hillcrest Rd
Right, North, on Hillcrest Court
- #9 Hillcrest Court designed by Julia Morgan
- #2, #10, #12 Hillcrest Court designed by John Hudson Thomas
- #15 #16 Hillcrest Court designed by Walter Ratcliff
Down 'The Footway'; right of #18 Hillcrest Court (ramp then 36 steps down)
Cross the Crosswalk, then Right, East, on Uplands walking the whole path in the center strip (dirt trail); careful of the roots and water sprinkler heads
Continue on the sidewalk of Parkside and go around the circle at the top of Parkside
Right, North, on Plaza
Right, East, on 'The Cutoff'; right of #95 Plaza (up 12 steps, up steep ramp, then up 25 more steps)
Right, South, on El Camino
Left, East, on 'Oakridge Steps'; right of #85 El Camino (up 125 steps)

Left, North on Oakridge

Continue straight North on 'Oakridge Path'; right of #34 Oakridge (Down 4 steps then a down ramp and down 17 more steps)

Right, North, on Domingo

Right, East, on Tunnel

Use the crosswalk to cross to the Claremont's parking lot and cross the parking lot to the large Claremont Club & Spa sign (looking diagonally for stone steps) , then go by the green curb, then diagonal to the East Side, and take the 'Evergreen Path' (not marked); right of start of concrete wall (10 steps up, then a up ramp, then 35 more up steps) (At the top of 'Evergreen Path', look straight ahead for concrete up steps)

Left, North, onto Alvarado Place

Cross street to take 'Eucalyptus Path'; right of #4 Alvarado Place and #36 mailbox) (Up 57 steps)

Right, South, onto 'Sunset Trail' (do not continue going up more steps on the 'Eucalyptus Path'; 'Sunset Trail' is perpendicular to the middle of the 'Eucalyptus Path' and is at junction with #27 gate)

Right, South, onto 'Willow Walk' (down 8 steps then down ramp then 18 more down steps)

Right, West, onto Alvarado Road

Left, South, onto Bridge Road (sign for Tunnel Rd with arrow)

Right, West, onto Tunnel Road for short bit

Left, South, onto The Uplands (use crosswalk and click on button for warning lights)

Left, South, onto El Camino Real

Right or Left (depending on which side of the street you are on), West, onto 'Claremont Path'; right of #169 El Camino Real (path then 9 steps down)

Right, North, on Hillcrest Road (cross Roanoke and keep Left to stay on Hillcrest; be careful not to get on The Uplands; Hillcrest is like the tip of an arrow, with Roanoke at the center)

Left, South onto 'South Crossways'; right of #152 Hillcrest (down ramps and down steps (27, 6, 6 4 and 7)

Down, Southeast, on Roslyn Court

Right, South, on Chabolyn Terr

Right, West, on Chabot Road

Left, South, on Ivanhoe

Right, West, on Miles