

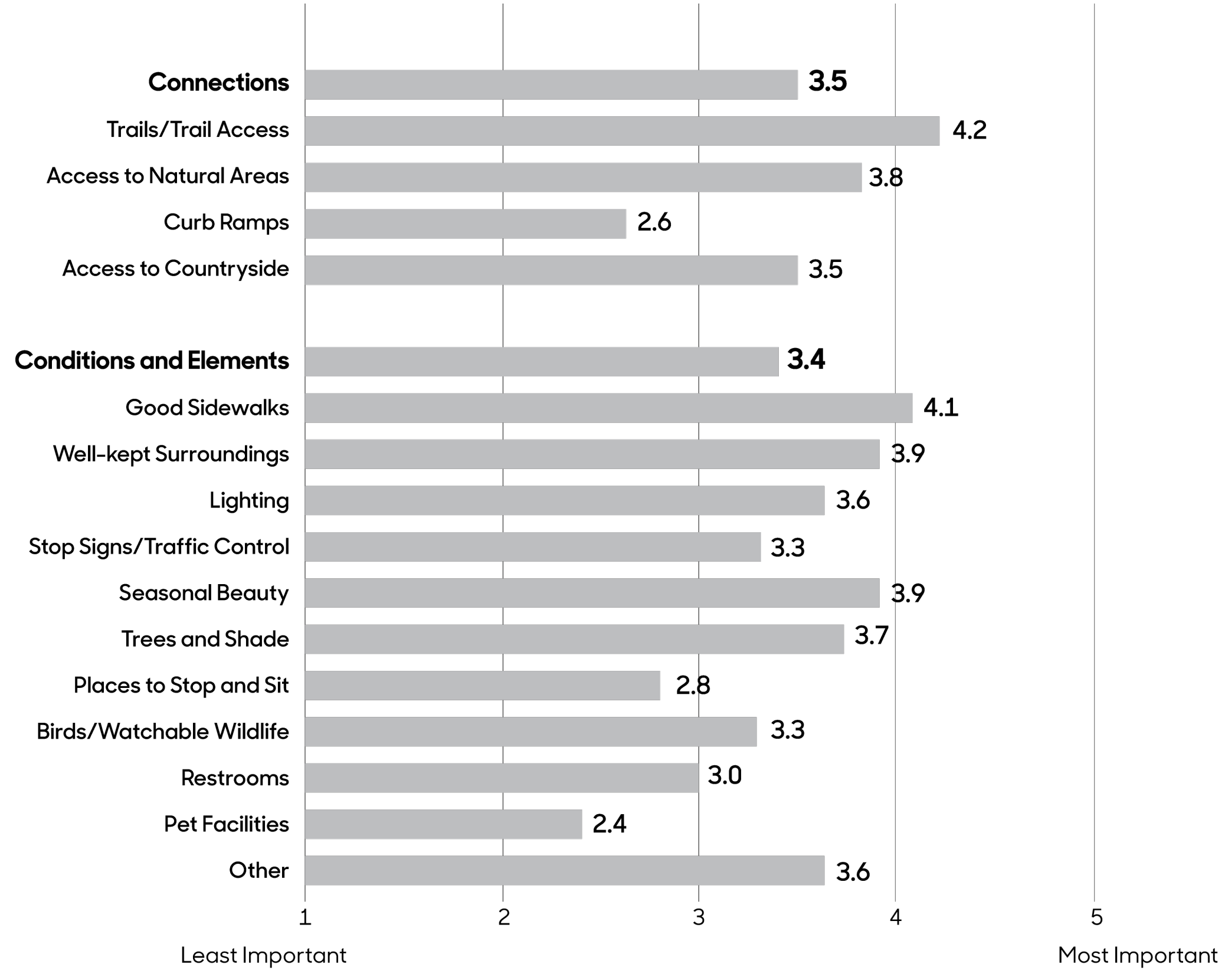
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How They Get There

This map shows the walking routes identified by 101 survey respondents. The frequency that the routes are used is depicted by their thickness, with most frequently used routes being the thickest. Trout Run Trail within town and Water Street downtown are the most popular walking routes. A number of people walk on Ice Cave Road and 5th Avenue, and connect to Trout Run Trail at the west end of 5th Avenue. Some people walk in the parks and at the Decorah City Prairie, some walk in Phelps Cemetery, and some walk the Luther College cross country course.

Why They Go That Way

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most important, survey participants ranked the characteristics and features that made their walking experience better. These features are categorized as either "connections" or "conditions and elements." Among Decorah participants, connections and conditions/elements are of similar importance, with mean values of 3.5 and 3.4, respectively. In terms of connections, access to trails is most important with a mean value of 4.2. Good sidewalks (4.1) is the most important element to walkers, followed by well-kept surroundings and seasonal beauty (3.9). Other factors include snow removal, water fountains, surface conditions, and access to parks.



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