



Map Source: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, "Natural Resources Geographic Information Systems Library," <http://www.igsb.uiowa.edu/nrgislib/>.

How They Get There

This map shows the biking routes identified by 76 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 is the most popular biking route. Some people bike the city streets, especially 5th Avenue. A few people bike around the Luther College campus, and some bike along Ice Cave Road to Quarry Hill Road.

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 biking experience better. These features are categorized as either "connections" or "conditions and elements." Among Decorah participants, connections are more important than conditions/elements, with mean values of 3.8 and 3.4, respectively. In terms of connections, access to trails is most important with a mean value of 4.5. Other factors (4.3) are the most important elements, and include water fountains, surface conditions, existence of dedicated bike lanes, hills, and access to parks. Seasonal beauty is also an important element to cyclists (4.2).

