



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 walking routes identified by 40 survey respondents. The frequency that the routes are used is depicted by their thickness, with most frequently used routes being the thickest. Hynes Trail is the most popular walking route among survey respondents. People also frequently walk the streets surrounding Waldorf University, as well as North Clark Street and West J Street. Some people walk in Clarks Woods Park and the cemetery.

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 Forest City participants, connections and conditions/elements are of similar importance, with mean values of 3.2 and 3.3, respectively. In terms of connections, access to trails is most important with a mean value of 3.8. Good sidewalks (4.3) are the most important element to walkers, followed by well-kept surroundings (3.8) and seasonal beauty (3.7). Other significant factors include lighting (3.6) and trees and shade (3.5).

