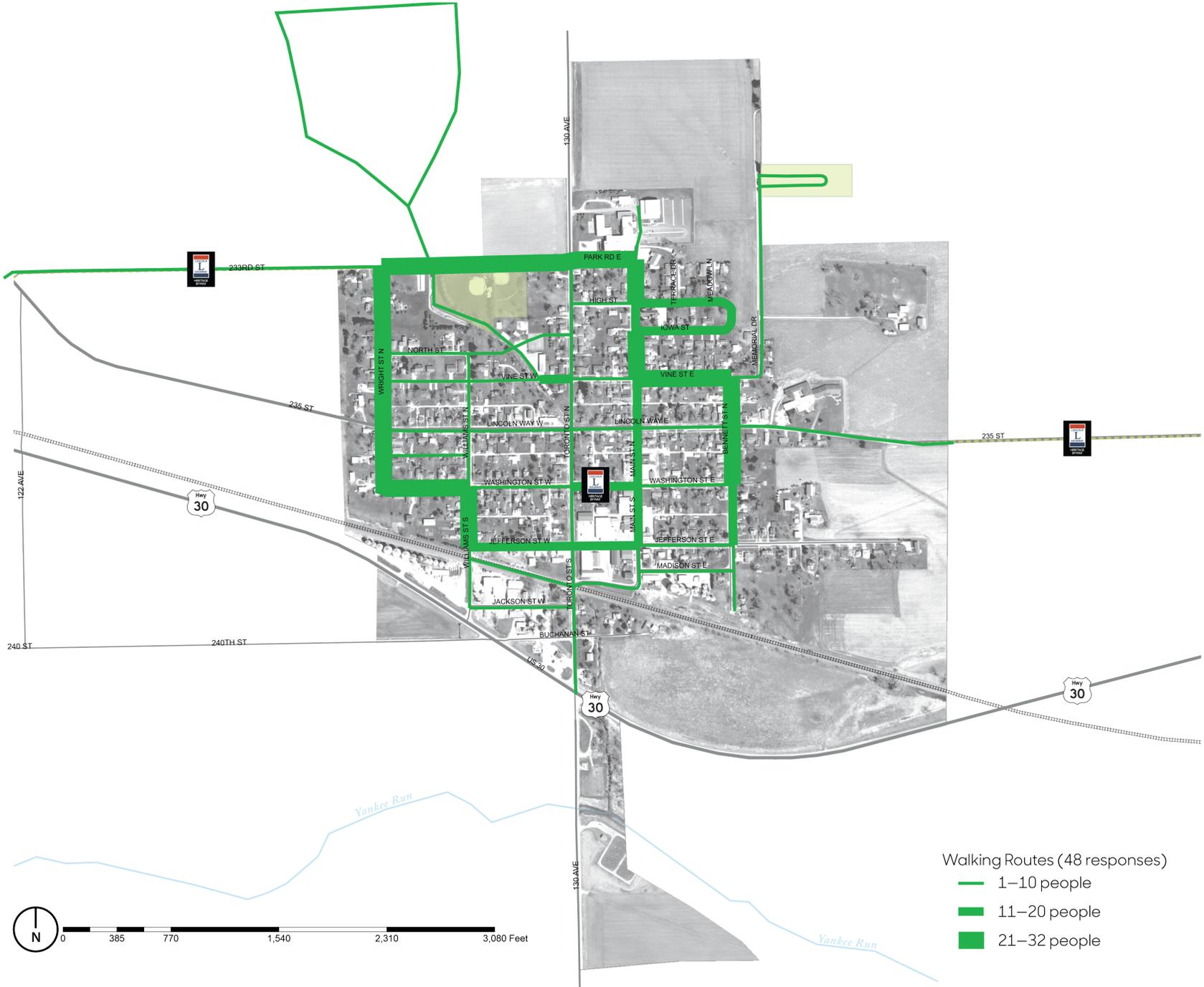


Where They Walk

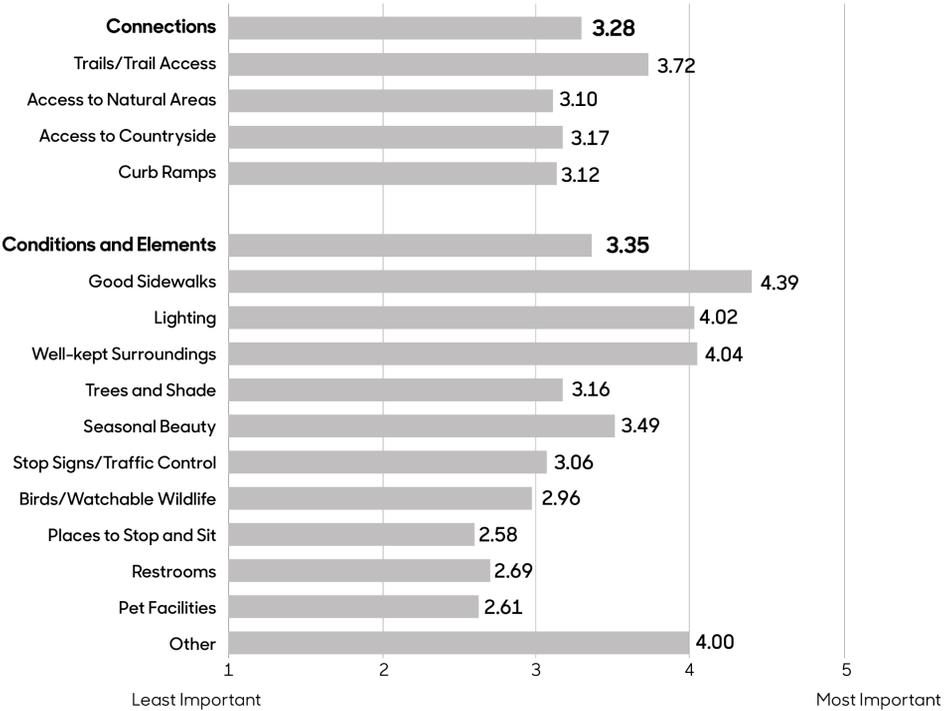
This map shows the walking routes identified by 48 survey respondents, 2 of whom were high school students. The frequency that the routes are used is depicted by their width, with most frequently used routes being the thickest. Walkers in Wheatland tend to make a loop around the community on the peripheral streets, including Park Road, Wright Street, Washington Street, Williams Street, Jefferson Street, Bennett Street, Vine Street, and Main Street. Some people also include the loop of Iowa and High Streets. Walkers go to St. Paul's Cemetery, and some follow along the west side of the Lions Park and then head north out of town. A few people walk along the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway as well.

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 Wheatland participants, conditions/elements are of somewhat more important than connections, with mean values of 3.35 and 3.28, respectively. In terms of connections, access to trails is most important with a mean value of 3.72. Good sidewalks (4.39) are the most important element to walkers, followed by well-kept surroundings (4.04) and lighting (4.02). Other factors (4.00) affecting the routes that walkers take include road conditions.



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



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