Map labels

Iowa Arboretum
(10 miles)

Ames
(22 miles)

Ledges State Park
(11 miles)

17

1

4

Slater
(7 miles)

Snus Hill Winery
(12 miles)

210

Woodward
(6 miles)

2

3

DES MOINES RIVER

Frey's Pumpkin
Patch
(1 mile)

Big Creek
(11 miles)

Saylorville Lake
(16 miles)

0   0.15   0.3   0.6   0.9   1.2
Miles

Legend

Recreational Destinations

••• Existing Pedestrian Path

1 Swede Point Park

2 High Trestle Trail

3 High Trestle Bridge

4 Gravel Pit

Des Moines River. Source: Mary Swalla Holmes

High Trestle Trail. Source: Nate Schlorholtz

High Trestle Bridge. Source: Mary Swalla Holmes

Transportation behavior—how and why people drive, walk, and bike where they do—is different in each community. These behaviors are influenced by regional and local elements such as highways, topography, sidewalk conditions, and destination. People have destinations in mind when they set out to go somewhere, but barriers such as difficult intersections, broken sidewalks, and lack of shade or visibility create negative experiences residents want to avoid. By talking to small groups of people and mapping destinations and desired connections, as well as barriers and other problems, we can get a good sense for what works well and what should be changed.

Madrid residents often travel to Ledges State Park, Big Creek Lake and Park, and Saylorville Lake for recreation. The Iowa Arboretum, a few miles north, is another destination. A few miles west of town, **Swede Point Park (1)**, near the Des Moines River, is used for camping, parties and celebrations. The Des Moines River and **gravel pit (4)** is enjoyed by community residents for fishing and canoeing. Slater to the east and Woodward to the west are connected to Madrid by the **High Trestle Trail (2)** and its **bridge (3)**. Madrid youth use the swimming pools in Slater and Woodward communities for summer recreation. Frey's Pumpkin Patch, about two miles south of town, is a popular destination for families in the fall. Hundreds of commuters drive through Madrid on their way to or from Des Moines, Boone and Ames. Two major highways intersect in Madrid, Highway 17 running north-south and 210 running east-west. There is speculation that a new bypass off of Interstate 35 may either come through Madrid or go several miles south of it.

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