This walking route was created to encourage walking and exploring throughout the beautiful area of Starbuck, MN. Pope County Community Members assembled it as part of SHIP, our statewide health improvement efforts, creating communities that support healthy choices.

For Additional Routes Check Online at
www.westcentralwellness.org
www.glenwoodlakesarea.org
www.starbuckmn.org

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2. Hobo Park Campground and Starbuck Marina – The park has 100 campsites located on the western shore of Lake Minnewaska. A larger than life statue of a hobo greets visitors at the entrance to the park; the legend of the park is inscribed in the base of the statue. The statue is on the Minnesota Historical Society's list of Roadside Architecture. The marina, which is located at the entrance to the park, has 188 boat slips.

3. Starbuck Lakeshore Park – In 1926, the city recognized increasing development of lakeshore lots and purchased the property which is now the Starbuck Lakeshore Park. In 1982, a “Shoo Fly” was built fashioned after one in Biloxi, Mississippi. Baseball diamonds were developed in 1978. Charles Branch Memorial Field honors the ultimate sacrifice of this Vietnam War soldier.

4. Starbuck City Beach – Located in its current location in the 1930’s after the beach at the park “dried up”. The bathhouse was built in 1957.
1. **Starbuck Community Center**

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3. **First Starbuck Hospital** – Built in 1899, the Starbuck Hospital was at that time the only hospital between Minneapolis and Fargo. Physicians from a wide area took advantage of the second floor “operating suite” and consultation time with each other. The Starbuck Hospital was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. In 2001 it appeared on the Preservation Alliance list of 10 Most Endangered Historic Properties in Minnesota. It awaits renovation.

4. **Minnewaska West School** – Part of Minnewaska Area High School housing the Alternative Options School, Day Treatment Program, Early Childhood Special Education and Early Childhood Family Education Programs serving the surrounding communities of Starbuck, Glenwood, Villard, Lowry, Terrace and Sedan.

5. **Glacial Hills Elementary School** – This elementary charter school for kindergarten through sixth grade opened in 2007 to children from Starbuck and the surrounding area. Built in 1977 as the third hospital in Starbuck, it closed as a health care facility in 2005.

6. **Holly Skogen** – This two acre wooded park has several springs, stone-lined paths and bridges and many unusual rocks, one of which is a Viking mooring stone. Trolls and gnomes welcome visitors to a little bit of “Valhalla.”

7. **Minnewaska Apartments** – Starbuck residents enticed their favorite Dr. Christiansen back to town after the Great War (WWI) by building a new hospital on this site in 1913. It closed and was razed in 1977 when the new hospital opened on the west end of town. (See Glacial Hills Elementary School.)

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**Minnewaska Lutheran Home** – The nursing home was dedicated on July 23, 1961 with Governor Elmer Anderson giving the dedication speech. At that time, the home had 38 beds. In 1964 the second wing of 14 beds was built and in 1974 and additional 16 beds were added.

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