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

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Walk, Bike and EXPLORE
District 615 was formed in 1913 by consolidating 7 rural school districts. That same year the original two-story brick building was constructed at a cost of $35,000. At the time, it was the largest district in Minnesota.

Villard Post Office — The first post offices in Villard were mail drop stations along the Wadsworth trail. In 1967, the Villard Post Office was moved to its present location. Previously the land held the old school house which was used for dances and had a theater on the ground floor.

Villard Community Center — Villard Community Center was made possible by the donations and dedication of many in the community. Grand opening was held in 1982 and since then, the community center has held many town meetings, celebrations and is used as a polling place. The cannon in the front of the center dates back to the civil war and was given to the Villard School District. The cannon was a fixture in front of the Villard school in pictures that date back as early as 1910.

Stockyard — This site held the Villard Stockyard in the late 1880’s to early 1900’s. Livestock were being bought and shipped here making Villard the largest shipper in the branch railroad.

Gospel Hall — The Gospel Hall was purchased by members of the Plymouth Brethren Assembly from an Advent Congregation in 1896. Early leaders of the Assembly were E.A. Booth who walked around the area teaching and preaching and later John Allen drove a horse and buggy between Villard and Lowry.