

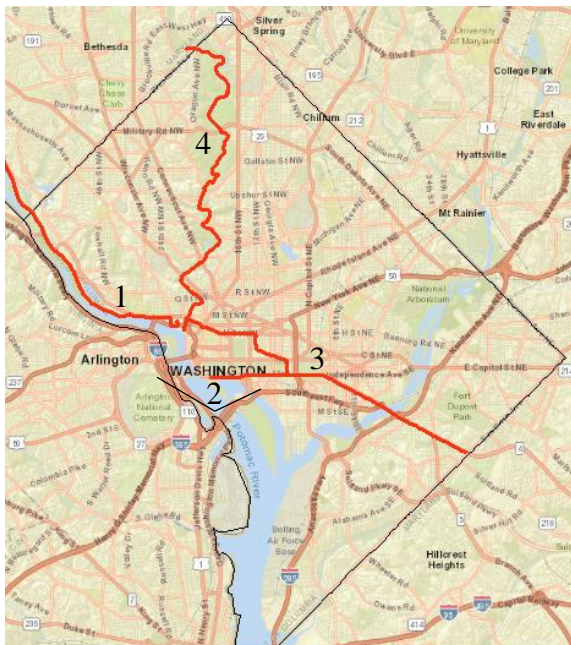
## District of Columbia

### The National Scenic Byways Program

The National Scenic Byways Program, established by Congress in 1991, recognizes historic, scenic and culturally important roads, all of which promote economic development and tourism in communities around the country. The District of Columbia's byway program was developed and is currently administered by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). In developing the program, the review process for the designation of byways is represented by what is known as "Guidelines and Procedures" (1998). One of the more prominent byways in the District of Columbia, Canal Road, follows the Potomac River into the central portions of Washington. In addition to its' own byways program, the District of Columbia is also home to the National Capital Planning Commission. The commission provides general guidance for federal lands and buildings in the National Capital region. According to the program, region is defined as the District of Columbia and neighboring towns in both Maryland as well as Virginia.

Key points:

- [Pennsylvania Avenue](#) is a primary artery in L'Enfant's 1791 Plan for the City of Washington and has become a major thoroughfare.
- The Anacostia Waterfront Initiative was a District-Federal-Community partnership to improve the waterfront and develop a Waterfront plan. The initiative was supported by more than [\\$25 million](#) in proposals.
- In part of L'Enfant's [1791 design](#), the Capitol building as well as the White House are on a sight line via Pennsylvania Avenue.
- A recent National Scenic Byway Foundation survey showed that 44 state scenic byways in 24 states are prepared to seek designation as a National Scenic Byway.



*Scenic Byways in Washington, D.C.*

#### **State Scenic Byways in the District of Columbia:**

[Canal Road Byway](#) (1)

[Monument Core Byway](#) (2)

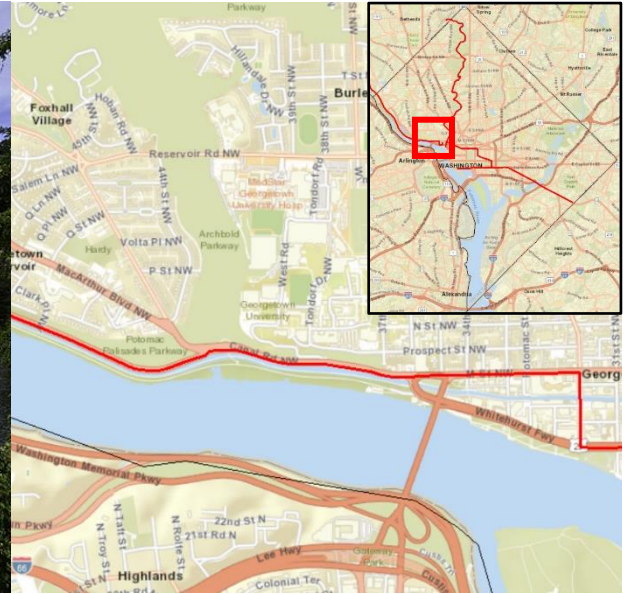
[Pennsylvania Avenue Byway](#) (3)

[Rock Creek Byway](#) (4)





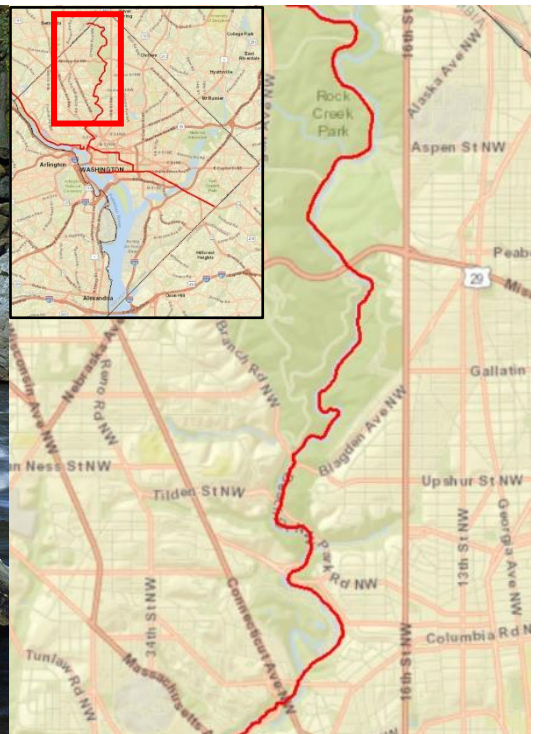
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*Canal Road follows the Potomac into the heart of Washington and offers gorgeous views of the river.*



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*Rock Creek byway runs along the water feature of the same name through the heart of Northwestern D.C. offering forest scenery a world away from the city that surrounds it.*