Florida

The National Scenic Byways Program

The National Scenic Byways Program, established by Congress in 1991, recognizes historic, scenic and culturally important roads and promotes tourism and economic development in nearby communities. Florida’s Scenic Highway program was launched in 1996 in partnership with Visit Florida; in 2016, the program celebrated its’ 20th anniversary. The program is intended to promote awareness of Florida’s unique resources that are valued by both residents and the millions of tourists that visit the state each year. Florida boasts 26 scenic byways that stretch over 1,500 miles and through 32 counties. Six of the byways are federally designated, with the Florida Keys Scenic Highway recognized as an All-American Road.

Key points:
- The A1A Scenic and Historic Coastal Byway was designated a National scenic byway in 2002- it was managed by The Friends of A1A which also manages several other National and State byways.
- The Friends of A1A has over 6,000 members on its’ distribution list, making it the state’s largest.
- Tourism generates 23% of the sales tax revenue in the state of Florida, and with that employs over $1 million residents.
- 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, including four in Florida – River of Lakes Heritage Corridor, Heritage Cross Roads: Miles of History, Scenic Highway 30A, and Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway.

Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail offers breathtaking views of Florida’s coastal waterways and forests.
National Scenic Byways in Florida:
A1A Scenic and Historic Coastal Byway (1)
Big Bend Scenic Byway (2)
Florida Black Bear Scenic Byway (3)
Florida Keys Scenic Highway (4)*
Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway (5)
Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail (6)

State Scenic Byways in Florida:
A1A Ocean Islands Trail (7)
Bradenton Beach Scenic Highway (8)
Broward County A1A Scenic Highway (9)
Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway (10)
Green Mountain Scenic Byway (11)
Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History Scenic Highway (12)
Indian River Lagoon-Treasure Coast Scenic Highway (13)
JC Penney Memorial Scenic Highway (14)
Lemon Bay/Myakka Trail Scenic Highway (15)
Martin Grade Scenic Highway (16)
Old Florida Heritage Highway (17)
Palma Sola Scenic Highway (18)
Pensacola Scenic Bluffs Highway (19)
River of Lakes Heritage Corridor (20)
Scenic Highway 30A (21)
Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway (22)
Suncoast Scenic Parkway (23)
Tamiami Trail-Window to the Gulf Coast Waters Scenic Highway (24)
The Ridge Scenic Highway (25)
William Bartram Scenic and Historic Byway (26)