Missouri

The National Scenic Byways Program

The Missouri Byways Program is a part of the National program consisting of All-American roads as well as National and State scenic byways. The program was established under the ISTEA in 1991. After this, the general assembly passed the state statute of 226.797 for further recognition. 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 U.S. In Missouri, there are 2 National scenic byways and 12 State scenic byways. The Missouri Byways Program Guide stated that the benefits of having byways throughout the state revolve around both recognition as well as awareness.

Key points:

- The Crowley Ridge Parkway is home to unique and individualized animal and plant species thanks to millions of years-worth of land changes.
- Research found that the annual economic activity from Route 66 stood at $132 million in 2011.
- The Great River Road runs along the Mississippi River across 10 states and was conceived in 1938.
- 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.

The Crowley’s Ridge Parkway offers an array of wildlife and plant communities along the Crowley Ridge. Countered by stunning views along the hills which make their way through both natural and historical sites.
Scenic Byways in Missouri

National Scenic Byways in Missouri:
- Crowley’s Ridge Parkway (1)
- Great River Road (2)
- Ozark Mountain Highroad (6)
- Ozark Mountain Parkway (7)

State Scenic Byways in Missouri:
- Cliff Drive (3)
- Glade Top Trail (4)
- Sho-Me Santa Fe Trails (8)
- Spirit of Kansas City (9)
- Old Trails Road (5)
- Stars and Stripes Historical/Cultural Byway (10)