Pennsylvania

The National Scenic Byway 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. Pennsylvania created its’ own Scenic Byways Program in 2001 with the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). The program was created and is managed by the Program Management Committee within the Department of Transportation. Pennsylvania boasts 16 scenic byways, 3 of which that are FHWA National Scenic Byways. The programs upmost goal is to support local governments and economies. However, it is also stated that the program focuses on maintaining resource quantities, protection and preservation of scenic land, and education for tourists and residents in the communities along scenic byways.

Key points:

- The Great Lakes Seaway Trail National Scenic Byway stretches over 500 miles over several states and is one of the most well known and traveled byways in the United States.
- The Historic National Road National Scenic Byway, built in 1811, is the first major highway in the United States.
- 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 High Plateau Scenic Byway offers travelers fantastic panoramic views central Pennsylvania.
National Scenic Byways in Pennsylvania:

Great Lakes Seaway Trail (1)
Historic National Road (2)*
Journey Through Hallowed Ground (3)

State Scenic Byways in Pennsylvania:

Blue Route (4)
Brandywine Valley (5)
Bucktail Trail (6)

Delaware River Valley (7)
Exton Bypass (8)
Gateway to the Endless Mountains (9)
Governor Casey Byway (10)
Grand View Byway (11)
High Plateau – PA 144 (12)
Kinzua Scenic Byway (13)
Lake Wilhelm Byway (14)
Laurel Highlands (15)
Viaduct Valley Way (16)

Asterisk denotes an All-American Road.