

## South Carolina

### 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 U.S. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) partnered with the South Carolina Scenic Highways Committee in 1994. The creation of the committee stemmed from Act [484](#), 1994, and was then amended by [Act 285](#), 1996. The SC Scenic Highways committee consists of 11 members ranging from the Director of Tourism to the Director of the Department of Parks. It serves in place until the reelection of a new Governor every 2 years. The committee plays the most influential role in the development of criteria for the designation of scenic byways across the state. To date, the committee has designated 21 scenic byways in South Carolina, stretching over 450 miles.

Key points:

- The Ashley River Road National Scenic Byway is home to the [Middleton Place Plantation](#), built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Middleton Place is home to the oldest landscape gardens in the U.S.
- The [Savannah River](#) National Scenic Byway is over 100 miles long and stretches through 4 counties and 3 major lakes near the Western tip of the state.
- Cowpens National Battlefield State Scenic Byway is home to the [Battle of Cowpens \(1781\)](#), which started Cornwallis on his journey to Yorktown.
- 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.



Credit: SC DOT



*Old Sheldon Church Road Scenic Byway offers a pleasant blend of natural beauty, historic character, and cultural insight.*



*Scenic Byways in South Carolina*

**National Scenic Byways in South Carolina:**

- [Ashley River Road](#) (1)
- [Cherokee Foothills Scenic Highway](#) (2)
- [Edisto Island National Scenic Byway](#) (3)
- [Savannah River Scenic Byway](#) (4)

**Map Key:**

The numbers following each byway name above match with the respective byway's numbered location on the map.

**State Scenic Byways in South Carolina:**

- [Bohicket Road Scenic Highway](#) (5)
- [Cowpens National Battlefield Scenic Byway](#) (6)
- [Edisto Beach Scenic Highway](#) (7)
- [Falling Waters Scenic Byway](#) (8)
- [Fort Johnson Road Scenic Highway](#) (9)
- [Hilton Head Island Scenic Byway](#) (10)
- [Hilton Head Scenic Highway](#) (11)
- [Long Point Road Scenic Highway](#) (12)
- [Mathis Ferry Road Scenic Highway](#) (13)
- [May River Scenic Byway](#) (14)
- [McTeer Bridge and Causeways Scenic Highway](#) (15)
- [Old Sheldon Church Road Scenic Byway](#) (16)
- [Plantersville Scenic Byway](#) (17)
- [Riverland Drive Scenic Highway](#) (18)
- [SC 170 Scenic Highway](#) (19)
- [US 21 Scenic Highway](#) (20)
- [Western York Scenic Byway](#) (21)