Tennessee

The National Scenic Byways Program

Tennessee has one All-American Road, four National Scenic Byways, and six State Scenic Byways. The State Scenic Byways program is administered by the Tennessee Department of Transportation. All six State Byways have committees of local leaders and volunteers that plan promotional events and activities for their communities. The byways provide an alternative to nearby highly travelled roads; unique historical, scenic and natural qualities; and furnish visitors with a safe and relaxing experience where they can experience the natural beauty of Tennessee.

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.

Key points:

- The Great Smoky Mountains Byway runs alongside the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which was the most visited National Park in 2016 according to NPS.
- According to the 2012-2013 Tennessee Tourism Roadmap, Tennessee’s tourism industry generated a $15.36 billion economic impact to the state’s economy.
- More than 177,800 Tennesseans are now employed in the state’s tourism industry.

The Natchez Trace Parkway epitomizes the scenic and historic appeal of Tennessee’s rock-studded hills, where travelers can experience spectacular foliage and the architectural beauty of the Double Arch Bridge south of Nashville.
**Scenic Byways in Tennessee**

**National Scenic Byways in Tennessee:**
- Cherohala Skyway (1)
- East Tennessee Crossing (2)
- Great River Road (3)
- Woodlands Trace (4)
- Natchez Trace Parkway (5)*

**State Scenic Byways in Tennessee:**
- Cumberland Historic Byway (6)
- Great Smoky Mountains Byway (7)
- Newfound Gap Road (8)
- Sequatchie Valley Scenic Byway (9)
- Tennessee River Trail Scenic Byway (10)
- Walton Road Scenic Byway (11)

**Map Key:**

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

Asterisk denotes an All-American Road.