

Maryland

The National Scenic Byways Program

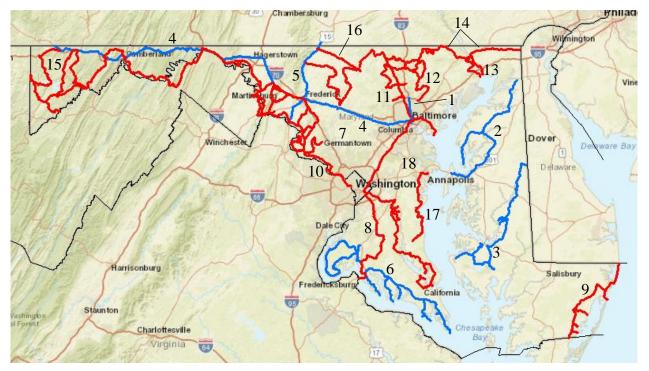
The National Scenic Byways Program, established by Congress in 1991, recognizes historic, scenic and culturally important roads and promotes tourism and economic development in nearby communities. The first scenic route map for the state of Maryland was published in 1988 by the State Highway Administration (SHA). The goal of Maryland's Scenic Byways Program is ultimately to help and enhance communities along designated byway routes. Over the last 24 years the state has established 18 scenic byways that total 2,221 miles. The funding for such progress has been nothing but an incline, securing over \$17 million in direct funding and \$3.4 million in matched funding.

Key points:

- Maryland is home to 6 National Scenic Byways and 12 State Scenic Byways.
- Tourism spending across the state totaled \$17.7 billion in 2017.
- From the \$17.7 billion dollars in tourism spending, there was a direct correlation to <u>149,000</u> created jobs from tourism across the state.
- The <u>Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway</u> stretches over 125 miles alongside both land as well as waterscape and was designated by Congress in 2014.
- 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 Maryland's Lower Susquehanna Scenic Byway.



Assateague Island National Seashore, located along Cape to Cape Scenic Byway, attracts locals and tourists alike.



Scenic Byways in Maryland

National Scenic Byways in Maryland:

Baltimore's Historic Charles Street (1)

Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway (2)

<u>Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad</u> <u>Byway (3)*</u>

Historic National Road (4)*

Journey Through Hallowed Ground Byway (5)

Religious Freedom Byway (6)

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.

State Scenic Byways in Maryland:

Antietam Campaign Scenic Byway (7)

Booth's Escape Scenic Byway (8)

Cape to Cape Scenic Byway (9)

Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Scenic Byway (10)

Falls Road (11)

Horses & Hounds Scenic Byway (12)

Lower Susquehanna Scenic Byway (13)

Mason & Dixon Scenic Byway (14)

Mountain Maryland Scenic Byway (15)

Old Main Streets (16)

Roots & Tides Scenic Byway (17)

Star-Spangled Banner Scenic Byway (18)