

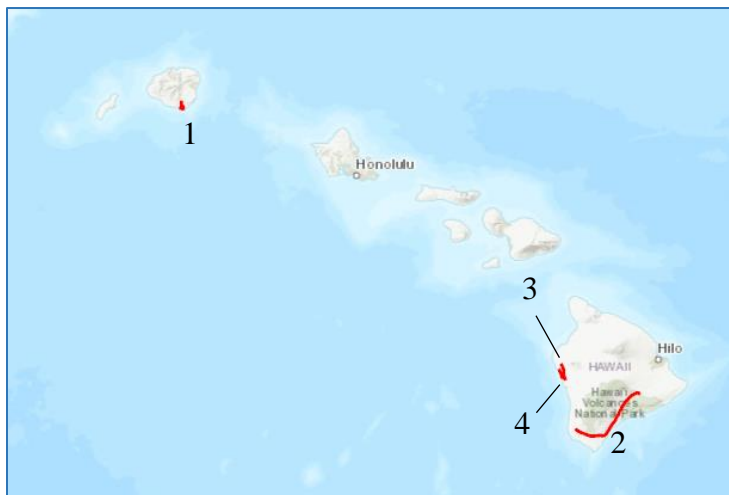
Hawaii

The National Scenic Byways Program

Hawaii joined the National Scenic Byways Program in [2008](#) through the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT). 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 Hawaii, local government agencies or [501\(c\)\(3\)](#) nonprofits are eligible to sponsor a scenic byway. The program is a volunteer-based grassroots program that identifies and supports roads on all the Hawaiian Islands. The HDOT supports the byway sponsors as well as guides them through the formation process. As of now, there are 4 State scenic byways on the Hawaiian Islands with hope for more to be designated in the future.

Key points:

- Hawaii is home to 4 State Scenic Byways.
- The Kau Scenic Byway- The Slopes of Mauna Loa, runs alongside the Mauna Loa volcano, resting at over [13,000 feet](#), and last erupted in April of 1984.
- Hawaiian Volcanoes National Parks attributed to [\\$166](#) million in surrounding communities in 2017.
- The Royal Footsteps Along The Coast State scenic byway runs through the Historic Kailua Village where King Kamehameha died in [1819](#).
- 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.



Scenic Byways in Hawaii

State Scenic Byways in Hawaii:

[Holo Holo Koloa Scenic Byway](#) (1)

[Kau Scenic Byway-The Slopes of Mauna Loa](#) (2)

[Mamalahoa Kona Heritage Corridor](#) (3)

[Royal Footsteps Along the Coast](#) (4)



The Holo Holo Koloa Scenic Byway, extremely popular among tourists, traverses through a variety of picturesque landscapes.



Kau Scenic Byway-The Slopes of Mauna Loa offers breathtaking views of the coast and access to some of Hawaii's historic landmarks.