

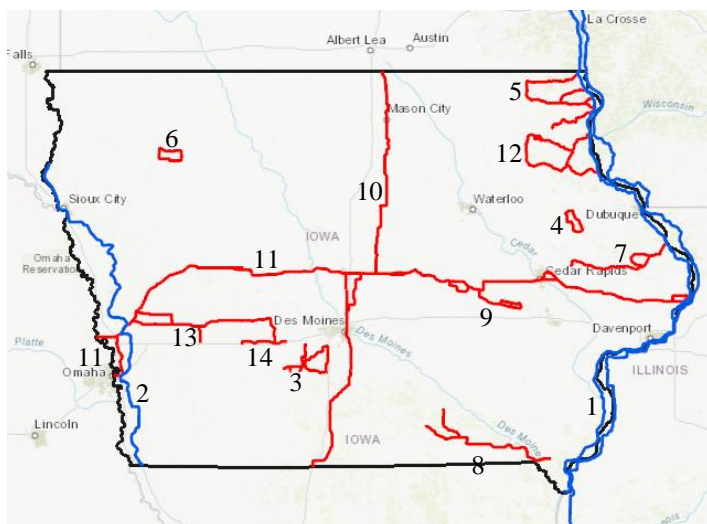
Iowa

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. In Iowa, there are 2 National byways as well as 12 State Byways. The two National byways are home to some of the most cultural, historic and scenic corridors in the entire state. The Great River Road Byway was conceived by Secretary of Interior [Harold Ickes](#) in 1938. The Loess Hill Byway runs through several communities and circulates millions in revenue as well generating thousands of jobs. The [Loess Hill Highway Alliance](#) has been protected by the Iowa Code 161D and was started in 1999 as a part of a conservatory effort by the community to declare it a National landmark.

Key Points:

- Iowa has 14 Scenic Byways, including 2 National Scenic Byways and 12 State Scenic Byways.
- The community of [Woodbury](#), located along the Loess Byway, generated a payroll of \$55.54 million dollars in 2018.
- [Lewis and Clark](#) discovered the Loess Hills in 1804, making it densely rich in historical value.
- The Loess Hills Bypass runs through one of the U.S.'s major archaeological sites known as the '[Turin Man](#)', which scientists can date back to 10,000 years during the Ice Age.
- 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 Iowa's Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway.



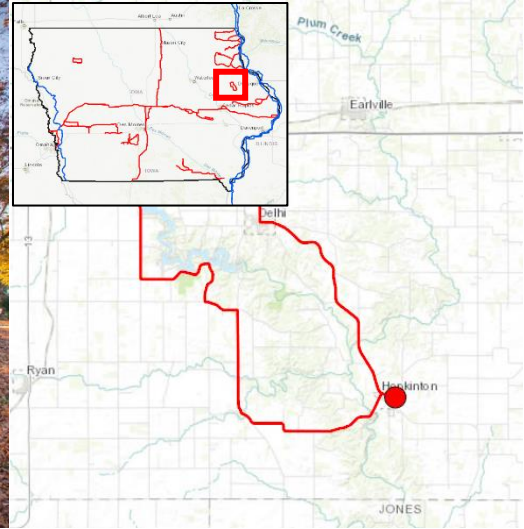
Scenic Byways in Iowa

National Scenic Byways in Iowa:

- [Great River Road](#) (1)
- [Loess Hills Scenic Byway](#) (2)

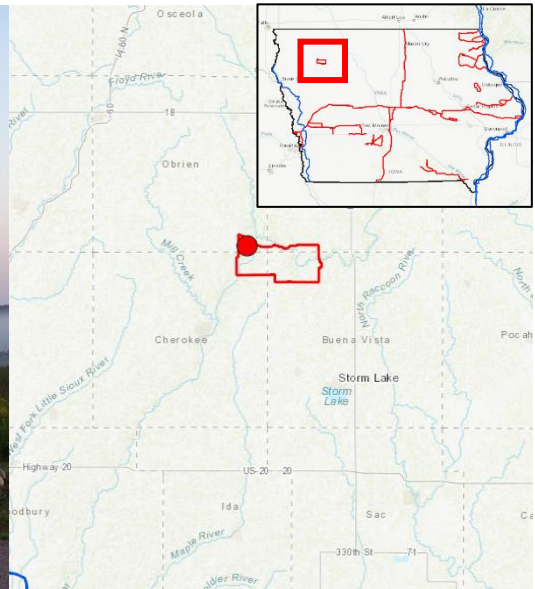
State Scenic Byways in Iowa:

- [Covered Bridges Scenic Byway](#) (3)
- [Delaware Crossing Scenic Byway](#) (4)
- [Driftless Area Scenic Byway](#) (5)
- [Glacial Trail Scenic Byway](#) (6)
- [Grant Wood Scenic Byway](#) (7)
- [Historic Hills Scenic Byway](#) (8)
- [Iowa Valley Scenic Byway](#) (9)
- [Jefferson Highway Heritage Byway](#) (10)
- [Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway](#) (11)
- [River Bluffs Scenic Byway](#) (12)
- [Western Skies Scenic Byway](#) (13)
- [White Pole Road](#) (14)



Delaware County Historical Museum is one of the many historic sites located along Delaware Crossing Scenic Byway.

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The Prairie Heritage Center, located along Glacial Trail Scenic Byway, offers a variety of outdoor activities.