Maine

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 Maine Office of Tourism has collected data showing strong interest for national byways and believes that the National Scenic Byway label lends motorists a level of assurance that the experience will be of higher quality. Maine boasts one of the oldest scenic byways programs in the nation, with four National scenic byways and ten State scenic byways. The Acadia All-American Road provides access to Acadia National Park, one of the nation’s most visited National Parks.

Key points:

- There are 14 scenic byways in Maine, including 4 National Scenic Byways and 10 State Scenic Byways.
- In 2017, tourism supported 107,000 jobs in Maine and household income generated through jobs supported by tourism was over $2.5 billion.
- In the same year, total taxes generated from tourism reached $600 million.
- Old Canada Road Scenic Byway follows the trading routes of the Abenaki tribe along the Moose River Valley.
- 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 Maine’s Bold Coast Scenic Byway, Katahdin Woods and Water Scenic Byway, and St. John Valley Cultural Byway.

In addition to the numerous recreational opportunities located along the byway, the Katahdin Woods and Water Scenic Byway offers stunning views of Maine’s inland landscape.
Map Key:
The numbers following each byway name below match with the respective byway’s numbered location on the map.
Asterisk denotes an All-American Road.

**National Scenic Byways in Maine:**
- Acadia All-American Road (1)*
- Old Canada Road Scenic Byway (2)
- Rangeley Lakes Scenic Byway (3)
- Schoodic Scenic Byway (4)

**State Scenic Byways in Maine:**
- Blackwoods (Route 182) (5)
- Bold Coast Scenic Byway (6)
- Fish River Byway (Route 11) (7)
- Grafton Notch Byway (8)
- Katahdin Woods and Water Scenic Byway (9)
- Million Dollar View Byway (Route 1) (10)
- Moosehead Lake Scenic Byway (11)
- Pequawket Trail (Route 113) (12)
- St. John Valley Cultural Byway (13)
- State Route 27 Byway (14)