Michigan

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 state of Michigan has 23 Scenic Byways, showcasing Michigan’s character by highlighting luscious forests, historical landmarks, and the renowned Great Lakes. For example, the 116 mile long M-22 Byway coasts Lake Michigan and offers a range of activities for tourists, including concerts in the park, fishing, boating, and beach access. In addition, Monroe Street spans 2 miles and highlights historical sites, including the Monroe County Historical Museum, the River Raisin National Battlefield Park, and the Gov. Robert McCelland House.

Key points:

- Michigan is home to 23 Scenic Byways, including 3 National Scenic Byways and 20 State Scenic Byways.
- The National Park Service estimates that in 2018, 2.7 million park visitors spent around $237 million in local gateway regions while visiting lands managed by the National Park Services in Michigan.
- In addition, the National Park Services found that these expenditures supported Michigan’s employment and economy. The visitor spending supported 3,380 jobs and $112 million in labor income.
- Even more expansively, studies have found that tourism is one of Michigan’s leading industries. In 2017 alone, reports state that people living outside the state of Michigan made more than 5.6 million trips to the state and spent an estimated $2.1 billion.

Travelers can experience America’s automobile heritage along Woodward Avenue, which highlights Detroit’s industrial and cultural history.
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.

Scenic Byways in Michigan

National Scenic Byways in Michigan:
- Copper Country Trail (1)
- River Road Scenic Byway (2)
- Woodward Avenue (M-1) Automotive Heritage Trail (3)*

State Scenic Byways in Michigan:
- Black River National Forest Scenic Byway (4)
- Center Avenue/Bay City (5)
- Hidden Coast Byway (6)
- I-69 Recreational Byway (7)
- Iron County Heritage Trail (8)
- Leelanu Scenic Byway (9)
- M-22 Benzie-Manistee (10)
- Marshall’s Territorial Road (11)
- MI-119 Tunnel of Trees Byway (12)
- MI-134 Huron Recreational Trail (13)
- MI-179 Chief Noonday Road (14)
- Monroe Street (15)
- Old Mission Peninsula Byway (16)
- Pathway to Family Fun (17)
- Sunrise Coast Byway (18)
- Tahquamenon Scenic Byway (19)
- US-2 Top of the Lake Scenic Byway (20)
- US-12 Heritage Trail (21)
- West Michigan Pike (22)
- Whitefish Bay National Forest Scenic Byway (23)