Missouri

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 Missouri Byways Program is a part of the National program consisting of All-American roads as well as National and State Scenic Byways. The program was established under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) in 1991. After this, the general assembly passed the state statue of 226.797 for further recognition. In Missouri, there are 2 National Scenic Byways and 10 State Scenic Byways. The Missouri Byways Program Guide states that the benefits of having byways throughout the state revolve around both recognition as well as awareness.

Key points:
- Missouri is home to 12 Scenic Byways, including 2 National Scenic Byways and 10 State Scenic Byways.
- The Crowley Ridge Parkway is home to unique and individualized animal and plant species thanks to millions of years-worth of land changes.
- The Great River Road runs along the Mississippi River across 10 states and was conceived in 1938.
- 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.

*The Crowley’s Ridge Parkway offers an array of wildlife and plant communities along the Crowley Ridge. Countered by stunning views along the hills which make their way through both natural and historical sites.*
**National Scenic Byways in Missouri:**

- *Crowley’s Ridge Parkway* (1)
- *Great River Road* (2)*

**State Scenic Byways in Missouri:**

- *Blue Buck Knob Scenic Byway* (3)
- *Cliff Drive* (4)
- *Glade Top Trail* (5)
- *Missouri Historic Route 66* (6)

*Old Trails Road* (7)

*Ozark Mountain Highroad* (8)

*Ozark Mountain Parkway* (9)

*Sho-Me Santa Fe Trails* (10)

*Spirit of Kansas City* (11)

*Stars and Stripes Historical/Cultural Byway* (12)

*Sugar Camp Scenic Byway* (12)

*The Missouri portion of the Great River Road is also known as the state-designated Little Dixie Highway*