

Nebraska

The National Scenic Byways Program

The National Scenic Byways Program, established by Congress in 1991, recognizes historic, scenic and culturally important roads and promotes tourism and economic development in nearby communities. Nebraska's Scenic Byway Program is headed by the <u>Scenic Byway</u> <u>Committee</u>, made up of one person from 5 state agencies: the Tourism Commission, Department of Roads, Game and Parks Commission, Historical Society, and the Department of Natural Resources. Nebraska boasts 9 State Scenic Byways. The heritage highway contains a <u>238</u> mile stretch along the Missouri River all the way to Edison. The Gold Rush Byway runs from South Dakota all the way through Colorado.

Key Points:

- Nebraska is home to 9 State Scenic Byways.
- 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 <u>Gold Rush Byway</u> recognizes the discovery of gold in the Black Hills in 1874.
- The Lewis and Clark Scenic Byway runs through historic Omaha which is home to rich Native American culture and the Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium which was established in 1894.
- The Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, which can be located while driving along the Lewis and Clark Scenic Byway, generated an annual revenue of <u>\$65,255,633</u> in 2017.



The Sandhills Journey Scenic Byways offers picturesque views of the Nebraska Sandhills and a chance to experience pioneer history.



Scenic Byways in Nebraska

<u>State Scenic Byways</u> <u>in Nebraska:</u>

Bridges to Buttes Byway (1) Gold Rush Byway (2) Heritage Highway (3) Lewis & Clark Scenic Byway (4) Lincoln Highway Scenic & Historic Byway (5) Loup Rivers Scenic Byway (6) Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway (7) Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway (8) Western Trails Scenic & Historic Byway (9)

Map Key:

The numbers following each byway name above match with the respective byway's numbered location on the map.