New Hampshire

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. New Hampshire houses many scenic byways, totaling over 1,000 miles and showcasing a variety of the state’s unique character of beaches, mountain ranges, agricultural lifestyle, and historic sites. As one of the nation’s original thirteen colonies, the scenic byways highlight many renowned landmarks special to the state, including Fort Constitution (formerly known as Fort William and Mary) and Fort Stark, located along the Coastal Byway.

Key points:

- New Hampshire is home to 3 National Scenic Byways and 17 State Scenic Byways.
- A study found that in 2017 alone, the direct travel impacts in New Hampshire resulted in $5.5 billion in total spending and $269 million in tax revenue.
- The 100 mile long White Mountain Trail National Scenic Byway highlights the beautiful White Mountain National Forest. In addition, the White Mountains region contains 10,500 jobs generated by travel spending in 2017.
- The National Parks Service reports that in 2018, 35,200 visitors spent an estimated $1.8 million while visiting New Hampshire’s National Park Service lands.

Known as one of the best fall foliage areas in the country, Kancamagus Highway offers visitors breathtaking views, rich history and a wealth of culture.
Scenic Byways in New Hampshire

Map Key:
The numbers following each byway name above match with the respective byway’s numbered location on the map.

National Scenic Byways in New Hampshire:

Connecticut River Scenic Byway (1)
Kancamagus Highway (2)
White Mountain Trail (3)
Currier and Ives Trail (8)
General John Stark Byway (9)
Independence Way (10)
Lake Sunapee Scenic and Cultural Byway (11)
Lakes Tour (12)
Moose Path Trail (13)
Old Stagecoach Byway (14)
Presidential Range Trail (15)
River Heritage Trail (16)
Robert Frost Scenic Byway (17)
The Appleway (18)
Upper Lamprey Scenic Byway (19)
Woodlands Heritage Trail (20)

State Scenic Byways in New Hampshire:

Mills Scenic and Cultural Byway (4)
Branch River Valley Scenic Byway (5)
Canterbury Shaker Village (6)
Coastal Byway (7)