Ohio

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 country. The Ohio Scenic Byways Program is considered a “grassroots” effort to heighten the awareness of the intrinsic resources that the state has to offer. The Buckeye State’s own scenic byways program was approved by the Scenic Byway Advisory Board Committee in May of 2012. As of 2013, Ohio’s scenic byways program states that in order for the program to work efficiently to its maximized potential, byways need to complete an annual survey that tracks the accomplishments of the byway as well as helps create goals for the future. According to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Amish Country National scenic byway runs for over 160 miles.

Key points:
- Ohio is home to 5 National Scenic Byways and 22 State Scenic Byways.
- In 2017, 219 million people visited, spending $4 billion and supporting 420,000 jobs.
- $4.1 billion was generated in state taxes from 2012-2016, accounting for 11% of the state’s sales tax revenue during this time.
- Before Europeans settled in Ohio in the 1800s, the state was known for thousands of miles of prairies- the highest concentration of prairies to this day can be found in the Darby Plains along the Big Darby Plains State Scenic Byway.
- Drover’s Trail State Scenic Byway supports not only travelers looking for markets but thousands of farmers looking to sell their products along the byway.

Travelers along the Amish Country Byway can enjoy the pastoral beauty of the Amish countryside, where winding, country roads exemplify the charming history of the Amish lifestyle.
Scenic Byways in Ohio

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.

Scenic Byways in Ohio

National Scenic Byways in Ohio:
- Amish Country (1)
- Historic National Road (2)*
- Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail (3)
- Ohio & Erie Canalway (4)
- Ohio River Scenic Byway (5)

State Scenic Byways in Ohio:
- Big Darby Plains Scenic Byway (6)
- Drovers’ Trail Scenic Byway (7)
- Gateway to Amish Country (8)
- Granville Scenic Byway (9)
- Heritage Corridors of Bath (10)
- Hocking Hills Scenic Byway (11)
- Johnny Appleseed Historic Byway (12)
- Jefferson Township Scenic Byway (13)
- Land of the Cross-Tipped Churches (14)
- Lincoln Highway Historic Byway (15)
- Lower Valley Pike Scenic Byway (16)
- Maumee Valley Scenic Byway (17)
- Miami & Erie Canal Scenic Byway (18)
- Neil Armstrong Scenic Byway (19)
- North Ridge Scenic Byway (20)
- Old Mill Stream Scenic Byway (21)
- Presidential Pathways Scenic Byway (22)
- Olentangy Heritage Corridor (23)
- Scioto Heritage Trail (24)
- Tappan-Moravian Trail Scenic Byway (25)
- Wally Road Scenic Byway (26)
- Welsh Scenic Byway (27)