

Pennsylvania

The National Scenic Byway Program

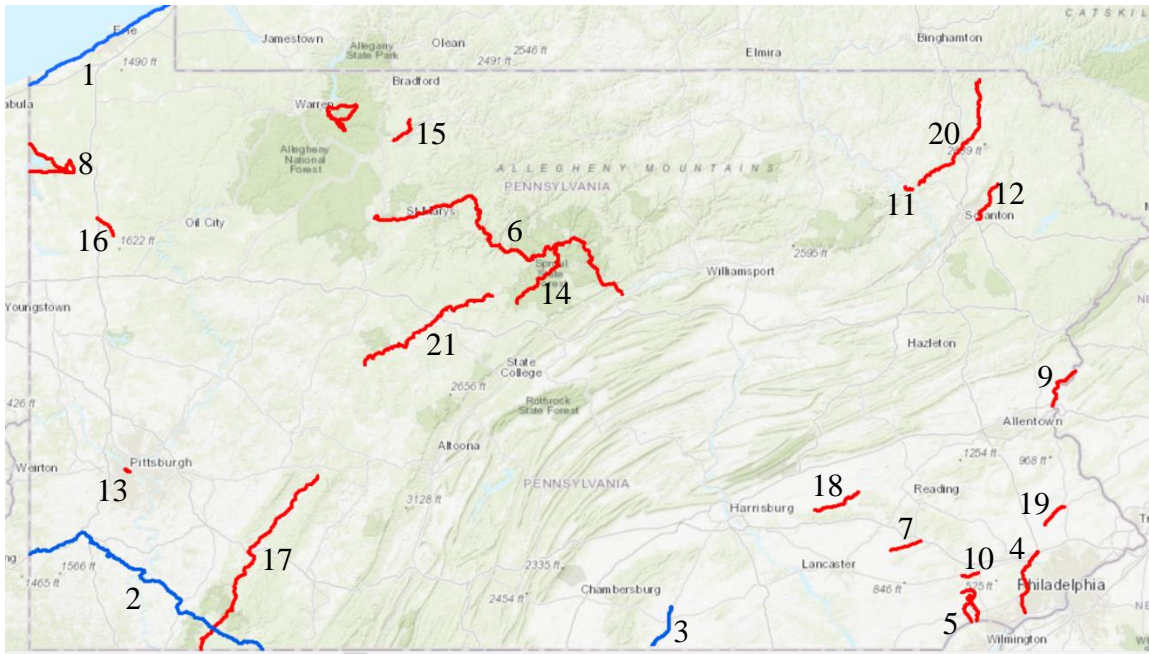
The National Scenic Byways Program, established by Congress in 1991, recognizes historic, scenic and culturally important roads and promotes tourism and economic development in nearby communities. Pennsylvania created its own [Byways Program](#) in 2001 with the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). The program was created and is managed by the Program Management Committee within the Department of Transportation. Pennsylvania boasts 21 scenic byways, three of which are FHWA National Scenic Byways. The program's utmost goal is to support local governments and economies. However, it is also stated that the program focuses on maintaining resource quantities, protection and preservation of scenic land, and education for tourists and residents in the communities along scenic byways.

Key points:

- Pennsylvania is home to 3 National Scenic Byways and 18 State Scenic Byways.
- The [Great Lakes Seaway Trail](#) National Scenic Byway stretches over 500 miles over several states and is one of the most well-known and traveled byways in the United States.
- The [Historic National Road](#) National Scenic Byway, built in 1811, is the first major highway in the United States.
- 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 High Plateau Scenic Byway offers travelers fantastic panoramic views of central Pennsylvania.



Scenic Byways in Pennsylvania

National Scenic Byways in Pennsylvania:

[Great Lakes Seaway Trail](#) (1)

[Historic National Road](#) (2)*

[Journey Through Hallowed Ground](#) (3)

State Scenic Byways in Pennsylvania:

[Blue Route](#) (4)

[Brandywine Valley](#) (5)

[Bucktail Trail](#) (6)

[Conestoga Ridge Road](#) (7)

[Crawford Lakelands](#) (8)

Asterisk denotes an All-American Road.

[Delaware River Valley](#) (9)

[Exton Bypass](#) (10)

[Gateway to the Endless Mountains](#) (11)

[Governor Casey Byway](#) (12)

[Grand View Byway](#) (13)

[High Plateau – PA 144](#) (14)

[Kinzua Scenic Byway](#) (15)

[Lake Wilhelm Byway](#) (16)

[Laurel Highlands](#) (17)

[Lebanon Cornwall](#) (18)

[U.S. Route 202 Parkway](#) (19)

[Viaduct Valley Way](#) (20)

[West Branch Susquehanna River](#) (21)