

## Tennessee

### The National Scenic Byways Program

Tennessee has one All-American Road, four National Scenic Byways, and six State Scenic Byways. The State Scenic Byways program is administered by the Tennessee Department of Transportation. All six State Byways have committees of local leaders and volunteers that plan promotional events and activities for their communities. The byways provide an alternative to nearby highly travelled roads; unique historical, scenic and natural qualities; and furnish visitors with a safe and relaxing experience where they can experience the natural beauty of Tennessee. 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.

#### Key points:

- Tennessee is home to 11 Scenic Byways, with 5 National and 6 State Scenic Byways.
- The NPS describes Natchez Trace Parkway as [a drive through 10,000 years of history](#); roughly following the “Old Natchez Trace”, it has been used by American Indians, European colonizers, slave traders, soldiers, and future presidents for millennia
- Tennessee saw [119 million domestic visitors](#) in 2018 and attracted a record high \$22 billion in domestic and international traveler spending; the tourism industry generated over \$50 million in state and local tax revenue saving the average Tennessee household \$712 189,757 jobs
- The Great River Road has been described as [America’s greatest drive](#), traversing the Mississippi River through ten states from northern Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico – The road will bring you to Fort Pillow State Park, Reelfoot Lake State Park, and the gems of history and culture in Memphis’s Graceland, Beale Street, and Sun Studio



*The Natchez Trace Parkway epitomizes the scenic and historic appeal of Tennessee’s rock-studded hills, where travelers can experience spectacular foliage and the architectural beauty of the Double Arch Bridge south of Nashville.*



## *Scenic Byways in Tennessee*

**— National Scenic Byways in**

**Tennessee:**

- [Cherochala Skyway](#) (1)
- [East Tennessee Crossing](#) (2)
- [Great River Road](#) (3)
- [Woodlands Trace](#) (4)
- [Natchez Trace Parkway](#) (5)\*

**— State Scenic Byways in Tennessee:**

- [Cumberland Historic Byway](#) (6)
- [Great Smoky Mountains Byway](#) (7)
- [Newfound Gap Road](#) (8)
- [Sequatchie Valley Scenic Byway](#) (9)
- [Tennessee River Trail Scenic Byway](#) (10)
- [Walton Road Scenic Byway](#) (11)

**Map Key:**

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

Asterisk denotes an All-American Road.