

Washington

The National Scenic Byways Program

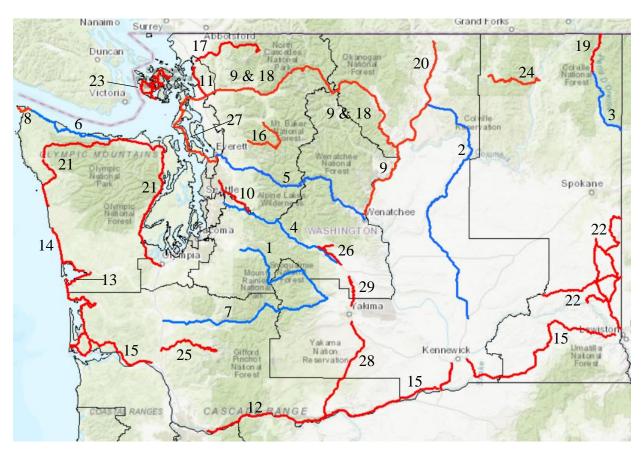
The National Scenic Byways Program, established by Congress in 1991, recognizes historic, scenic and culturally important roads, all of which promote economic development and tourism in communities around the country. The state of Washington has seven National Scenic Byways and was amongst the first states to establish a scenic highway system shortly after the federal program began. Washington also lays claim to two All-American roads in the Chinook Pass Scenic Byway and the International Selkirk Loop—both of which exceed the gold standard of National Scenic Byways. Both byways highlight some of the diverse natural beauty of the state as each wind through charming communities, picturesque views, waterfalls and unique basalt flows. National Scenic Byways offer an unmatched experience and contribute to the rather robust Washington tourism sector.

Key points:

- Washington boasts 29 scenic byways, including 7 National Scenic Byways and 22 State Scenic Byways.
- As the state's fourth largest industry, tourism generates \$21.4 billion in spending and \$1.8 billion in state and local taxes.
- The tourism industry employs over <u>180,000</u> people in Washington.
- 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, including Washington's <u>Cascade Loop</u>.



Chuckanut Drive offers stunning views of rocky coastlines, dense evergreen forests and access to historic communities.



Scenic Byways in Washington

<u>National Scenic Byways</u> in Washington:

Chinook Scenic Byway (1)*

Coulee Corridor Scenic Byway (2)

International Selkirk Loop (3)*

Mountains to Sound Greenway (4)

Stevens Pass Greenway (5)

Strait of Juan de Fuca Highway (6)

White Pass Scenic Byway (7)

State Scenic Byways in Washington:

Cape Flattery Tribal Scenic Byway (8)

Cascade Loop (9)

Cascade Valleys (10)

Chuckanut Drive (11)

Columbia River Gorge (12)

Cranberry Coast Scenic Byway (13)

Hidden Coast Scenic Byway (14)

Lewis and Clark Trail (15)

Mountain Loop Scenic Byway (16)

Mt. Baker Scenic Byway (17)

North Cascades Scenic Highway (18)

North Pend Oreille Scenic Byway (19)

Okanogan Trail (20)

Pacific Coast Scenic Byway (21)

Palouse Scenic Byway (22)

San Juan Islands Scenic Byway (23)

Sherman Pass Scenic Byway (24)

Spirit Lake Memorial Highway (25)

Swiftwater Corridor (26)

Whidbey Scenic Isle Way (27)

Yakama Scenic Byway (28)

Yakima River Canyon (29)

Map Key:

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

Asterisk denotes an All-American Road.