

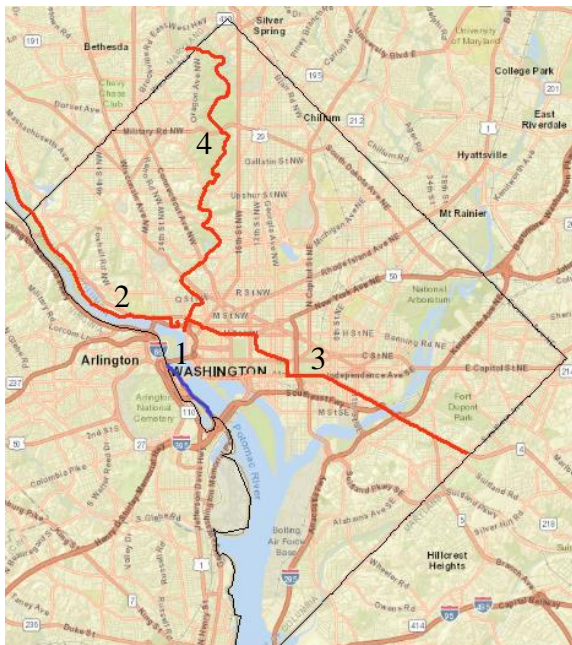
District of Columbia

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 District of Columbia's byway program was developed and administered by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), and includes a variety of roads primarily located within National Parks Service lands in the District. One prominent byway is Canal Road, an extension of the C&O Canal Scenic Byway which follows the Potomac River into the central portions of Washington. The District also includes a portion of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, a National Scenic Byway which has been designated an All-American Road, the Federal Highway Administration's highest roadway honor.

Key points:

- The District of Columbia is home to 1 National Scenic Byway and 3 District Byways.
- [Pennsylvania Avenue](#) is a primary artery in L'Enfant's 1791 Plan for the City of Washington and has become a major thoroughfare, often referred to as America's Main Street
- In part of L'Enfant's [1791 design](#), the Capitol building as well as the White House are on a sight line via Pennsylvania Avenue.
- 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.



Scenic Byways in Washington, D.C.

National Scenic Byways in the District of Columbia

[George Washington Memorial Parkway](#) (1)*

District Scenic Byways in the District of Columbia:

[Canal Road Byway](#) (2)

[Pennsylvania Avenue Byway](#) (3)

[Rock Creek Byway](#) (4)

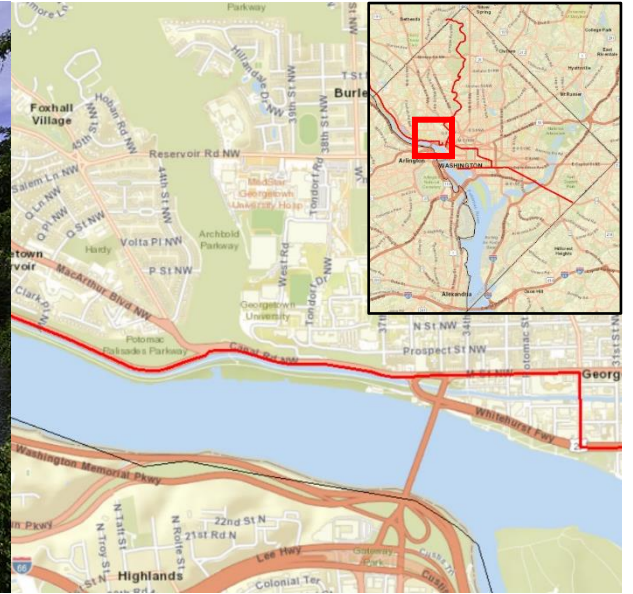
Map Key:

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

*Asterisk denotes an All-American Road.



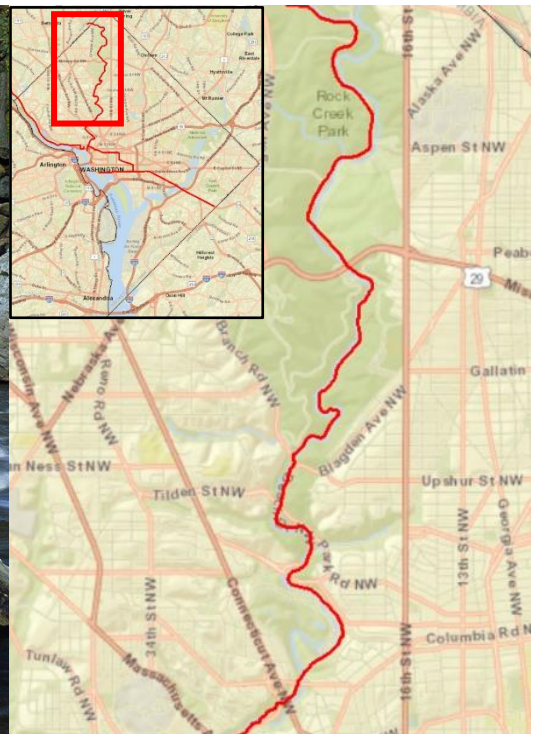
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Canal Road follows the Potomac into the heart of Washington and offers gorgeous views of the river.



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Rock Creek byway runs along the water feature of the same name through the heart of Northwestern D.C. offering forest scenery a world away from the city that surrounds it.