

Missouri

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 U.S. The [Missouri Byways Program](#) is a part of the National program consisting of All-American roads as well as National and State Scenic Byways. The program was established under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act ([ISTEA](#)) in 1991. After this, the general assembly passed the state statute of [226.797](#) for further recognition. In Missouri, there are 2 National Scenic Byways and 9 State Scenic Byways. The [Missouri Byways Program Guide](#) includes information about the benefits of the byways program.

Key points:

- Missouri is home to 11 Scenic Byways, including 2 National Scenic Byways and 9 State Scenic Byways.
- The [Crowley Ridge Parkway](#) is home to unique animal and plant species, and highlights Missouri's unique history.
- The [Great River Road](#) runs along the Mississippi River across 10 states and was conceived in 1938.
- 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 Crowley's Ridge Parkway offers an array of wildlife and plant communities along the Crowley Ridge. Counteracted by stunning views along the hills which make their way through both natural and historical sites.



Scenic Byways in Missouri

— National Scenic Byways in Missouri: **— State Scenic Byways in Missouri:**

[Crowley’s Ridge Parkway](#) (1)

[Little Dixie Highway / Great River Road](#) (2)*

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.

[Cliff Drive](#) (3)

[Cliff Drive Connection](#) (4)

[Missouri Historic Route 66](#) (5)

[Old Trails Road](#) (6)

[Ozark Mountain Highroad](#) (7)

[Ozark Mountain Parkway](#) (8)

[Sho-Me Santa Fe Trails](#) (9)

[Spirit of Kansas City](#) (10)

[Stars and Stripes Historical/Cultural Byway](#) (11)