Ohio

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 Ohio Scenic Byways Program is considered a “grassroots” effort to heighten the awareness of the resources that the state has to offer. The byways program was approved by the Scenic Byway Advisory Board Committee in May of 2012. Since 2013, the program has required byways managers to complete an annual survey that tracks the accomplishments of the byway management plan, as well as helps create goals for the future. This stewardship enhances enjoyment of roads such as the Amish Country National scenic byway, which highlights 76 miles of scenic landscapes in Ohio.

Key points:

- Ohio is home to 27 Scenic Byways, including 5 National Scenic Byways and 22 State Scenic Byways.
- In 2017, 219 million travelers visited Ohio, and spent $4 billion to support 420,000 jobs.
- $4.1 billion was generated in state taxes from 2012-2016, accounting for 11% of the state’s sales tax revenue during this time.
- Before Europeans settled in Ohio in the 1800s, the state was known for thousands of miles of prairies - the highest concentration of prairies to this day can be found in the Darby Plains along the Big Darby Plains State Scenic Byway.
- Drovers Trail State Scenic Byway supports travel between two National Scenic Byways while offering beautiful vistas along a historic route.

Travelers along the Amish Country Byway can enjoy the pastoral beauty of the Amish countryside, where winding, country roads exemplify the charming history of the Amish lifestyle.
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.

National Scenic Byways in Ohio:
- Amish Country (1)
- Historic National Road (2)*
- Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail (3)
- Ohio & Erie Canalway (4)
- Ohio River Scenic Byway (5)

State Scenic Byways in Ohio:
- Appalachian Byway (6)
- Big Darby Plains Scenic Byway (7)
- Drovers’ Trail Scenic Byway (8)
- Gateway to Amish Country (9)
- Granville Scenic Byway (10)
- Heritage Corridors of Bath (11)
- Hocking Hills Scenic Byway (12)
- Johnny Appleseed Historic Byway (13)
- Jefferson Township Scenic Byway (14)
- Land of the Cross-Tipped Churches (15)
- Lincoln Highway Historic Byway (16)
- Lower Valley Pike Scenic Byway (17)
- Maumee Valley Scenic Byway (18)
- Miami & Erie Canal Scenic Byway (19)
- Neil Armstrong Scenic Byway (20)
- North Ridge Scenic Byway (21)
- Old Mill Stream Scenic Byway (22)
- Olentangy Heritage Corridor (23)
- Scioto Heritage Trail (24)
- Tappan-Moravian Trail Scenic Byway (25)
- Wally Road Scenic Byway (26)
- Welsh Scenic Byway (27)