

Delaware

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. Delaware launched its Scenic Byways Program with [S.B. 320](#) during the 2000 legislative session. The state boasts six Scenic Byways, including the Delaware Bayshore Byway, which was previously a Delaware State Byway and was designated a National Scenic Byway in February 2021. Delaware's other National Scenic Byway, The Brandywine Valley Byway, provides visitors with an unparalleled experience of the state, rich with historic sites, sprawling estates and museums. Tourism destinations that line the byways are integral to local economies, attracting [9.2 million](#) visitors a year from across the country and beyond.

Key points:

- There are two National Scenic Byways and four State Scenic Byways in Delaware.
- In 2018, visitors to the state of Delaware contributed [\\$3.5 billion](#) to the state's GDP.
- As one of the largest industries in the state, the travel sector employs [44,030](#) people—9.8% of the total employment in the state
- New Castle County, where the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway is located, is responsible for [45.3%](#) of tourism expenditures in the state.
- The travel industry generates \$545 million in state and local taxes, saving each Delaware household [\\$1,562](#).



Scenic Byways in Delaware

National Scenic Byways in Delaware:

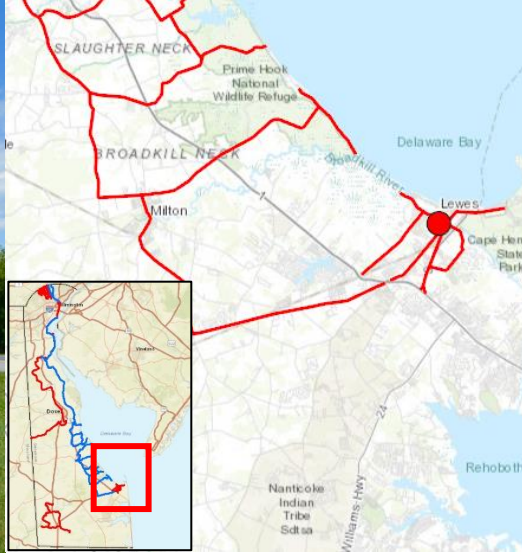
- [Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway](#) (1)
- [Delaware Bayshore Byway](#) (2)

State Scenic Byways in Delaware:

- [Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway](#) (3)
- [Historic Lewes Byway, Gateway to the Bayshore](#) (4)
- [Nanticoke Heritage Byway](#) (5)
- [Red Clay Scenic Byway](#) (6)



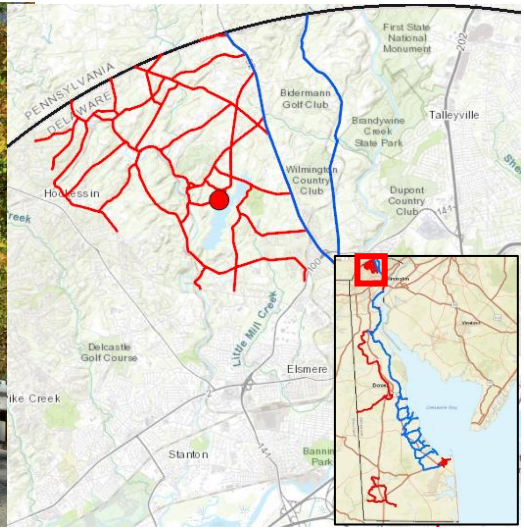
Credit: Cape Gazette



Historic Lewes Byway is rich with history and natural beauty.



Credit: Gaadt Perspectives



Red Clay Scenic Byway offers breathtaking views of Delaware's serene woodlands and waterways.