

## 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 two All-American roads as well as other national and state scenic byways, and was established by the Missouri state legislature in [Chapter 226, Section 797](#). Missouri's scenic byways contain exceptional examples of the cultural, historic, archeological, natural, scenic, and recreational qualities unique to the state.

Key points:

- Missouri is home to 11 Scenic Byways, including three National Scenic Byways and eight State Scenic Byways.
- In 2021, the [Historic Route 66 Scenic Byway](#), spanning from St. Louis to Joplin, MO, was designated as an All-American Road.
- 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.



*The Crowley's Ridge Parkway offers an array of wildlife and plant communities along the Crowley Ridge. The route offers stunning views along the hills as visitors make their way through both natural and historic sites.*



### *Scenic Byways in Missouri*

**National Scenic Byways in Missouri:**

**State Scenic Byways in Missouri:**

[Crowley’s Ridge Parkway](#) (1)

[Cliff Drive](#) (4)

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

[Cliff Drive Connection](#) (5)

[Missouri Historic Route 66](#) (3)\*

[Old Trails Road](#) (6)

**Map Key:**

[Ozark Mountain Highroad](#) (7)

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

[Ozark Mountain Parkway](#) (8)

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

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

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

\*Asterisk denotes an All-American Road.