Maine

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 Maine Office of Tourism has collected data showing strong interest for national byways and believes that the National Scenic Byway label lends motorists a level of assurance that the experience will be of higher quality. Maine boasts one of the oldest scenic byways programs in the Nation, with seven National Scenic Byways and six State Scenic Byways. The Acadia All-American Road provides access to Acadia National Park, one of the Nation’s most visited national parks.

Key points:

- There are 13 scenic byways in Maine, including seven National Scenic Byways and six State Scenic Byways.
- Tourism supported 116,000 jobs in Maine in 2019, making up around 17% of the state’s employment. Household income generated through jobs supported by tourism was over $2.8 billion.
- In the same year, total taxes generated from tourism reached nearly $650 million.
- Acadia National Park, serviced by Acadia All-American Road, generated over $500 million in economic output in 2017, supporting over 4,000 jobs in gateway communities.
- Old Canada Road Scenic Byway follows the trading routes of the Abenaki tribe along the Moose River Valley.

In addition to the numerous recreational opportunities located along the byway, the Katahdin Woods and Water Scenic Byway offers stunning views of Maine’s inland landscape.
National Scenic Byways in Maine:

- Acadia All-American Road (1)*
- Old Canada Road Scenic Byway (2)
- Rangeley Lakes Scenic Byway (3)
- Schoodic Scenic Byway (4)
- Bold Coast Scenic Byway (5)
- St. John Valley Cultural Byway / Fish River Byway (6)
- Katahdin Woods and Water Scenic Byway (7)

State Scenic Byways in Maine:

- Blackwoods (Route 182) (8)
- Grafton Notch Byway (9)
- Million Dollar View Byway (Route 1) (10)
- Moosehead Lake Scenic Byway (11)
- Pequawket Trail (Route 113) (12)
- State Route 27 Byway (13)

Map Key:
The numbers following each byway name below match the byway’s numbered location on the map.

Asterisk denotes an All-American Road.