

Texas

The National Scenic Byways Program

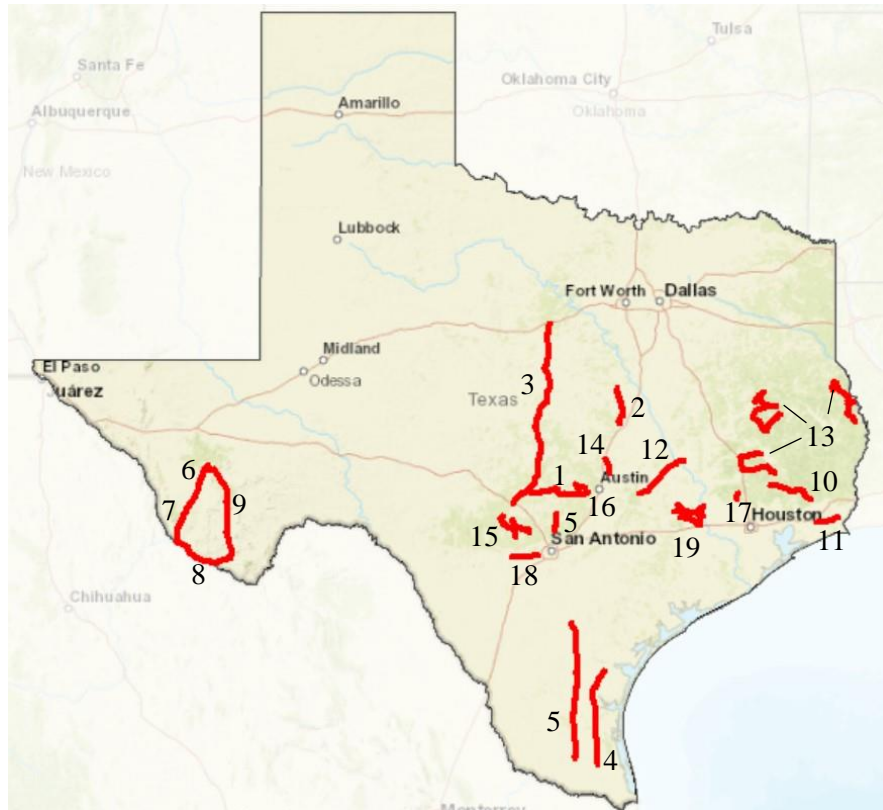
The National Scenic Byways Program, established by Congress in 1991, recognizes historic, scenic and culturally important roads, all of which promote economic development and tourism in communities around the U.S. Texas adopted a state scenic byway program in May [2021](#) through the enactment of [Senate Bill No. 941](#). The 19 routes previously protected under the Texas Transportation Code are all eligible to be designated as state scenic byways. Designation at the state level, with creation of a corridor management plan which identifies the intrinsic qualities of the roadway, is the first step to joining the National Scenic Byways Program. Both state and national byways are eligible to receive federal byways funds. These federal grant funds allow local communities and organizations to promote tourism and beautification efforts such as welcome centers or promotion materials, and other projects to enhance the visitor experience.

Key Points:

- Texas has 19 routes eligible for designation as state scenic byways.
- In [2019](#), domestic travelers spent over \$83.0 billion in Texas. [This in turn](#) resulted in the creation of almost 720,000 jobs for Texans and generated over \$29.0 billion in direct earnings and \$12.8 billion in direct tax receipts.
- Due to travel spending and tax revenue generated by visitors, Texan households save [\\$760](#) in state and local taxes annually.



Davy Crockett National Forest boasts highways that are eligible to become state scenic byways, as well as outdoor recreation opportunities and historical sites.



Routes Eligible to Become State Byways in Texas

- U.S. Highway 290 Between Austin and Fredericksburg (1)
- State Highway 317 between Belton and Valley Mills (2)
- State Highway 16 between Kerrville and I-20 (3)
- U.S. Highway 77 between State Highway 186 and State Highway 44 (4)
- U.S. Highway 281, North and South Sections (5)
- State Highway 17 between State Highway 118 and U.S. Highway 90 (6)
- State Highway 67 between U.S. Highway 90 and Farm-to-Market Road 170 (7)
- Farm-to-Market Road 170 between State Highway 67 and State Highway 118 (8)
- State Highway 118 between Farm-to-Market Road 170 and State Highway 17 (9)
- State Highway 105 between Sour Lake to Cleveland (10)
- State Highway 73 between Winnie and Port Arthur (11)
- State Highway 21 between College Station and U.S. Highway 290 (12)
- A highway located in the Sabine National Forest; the Davy Crockett National Forest or the Sam Houston National Forest (13)
- Segments 1 through 4 of State Highway 130 (14)
- A State Highway in Bandera County (15)
- Farm-to-Market Road 3238 beginning at State Highway 71 in Hays and Blanco Counties (16)
- Farm-to-Market Road 2978 between Farm-to-Market Road 1488 and Montgomery County Line (17)
- U.S. Highway 90 between San Antonio and Hondo (18)
- Highways in Austin County: State Highway 159; Farm-to-Market Road 331; Farm-to-Market Road 529; Farm-to-Market Road 1094; and Farm-to-Market Road 2502 (19)