



# National Scenic Byways Program: ARIZONA

## About 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. There are more than 1,200 byways in all 50 states.

In 1982, **Arizona** enacted ARS 41-512 through ARS 41-518. These laws helped establish Arizona's Parkways, Historic and Scenic Roads Program, administered by the Arizona Department of Transportation (DOT). The Parkways, Historic and Scenic Road Advisory Committee (PHSRAC) oversees the designation process and reviews byway requests recommendations. Members are comprised of six members representation various counties appointed by the Arizona state governor, and five members from five state agencies. Arizona boasts 28 scenic byways, two of which are All-American Roads: Route 66 and the Red Rock Scenic Byway.

## Key Points

- Arizona is home to 5 national scenic byways and 23 state or other federal agency scenic byways.
- Tourism in Sedona, home to the Red Rock All-American Road, generates 10,000 jobs and \$13.5 million in tax revenue annually, saving each household \$2,630.
- Grand Canyon National Park had a cumulative economic output of over \$1.1 billion in gateway communities in 2019.

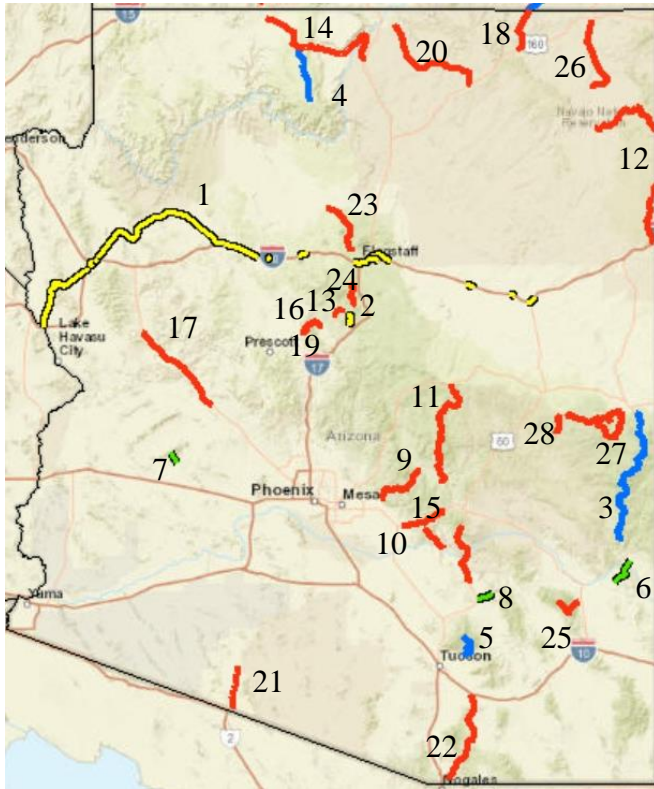
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scenic byways



## Arizona Travel Industry Facts

- > Supported 194,000 jobs
- > Generated nearly \$3.8 billion in tax revenue



## State Byways in Arizona

### ALL-AMERICAN ROADS

1. HISTORIC ROUTE 66
2. RED ROCK ROAD

### NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS

3. CORONADO TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY
4. KAIBAB PLATEAU-NORTH RIM BYWAY
5. SKY ISLAND PARKWAY (CATALINA HIGHWAY)

### FEDERAL AGENCY BYWAYS

6. BLACK HILLS BACKCOUNTRY BYWAY
7. HARQUAHALA MOUNTAIN BACKCOUNTRY BYWAY
8. RUG ROAD

### STATE SCENIC BYWAYS

9. APACHE TRAIL HISTORIC ROAD
10. COPPER CORRIDOR SCENIC ROAD
11. DESERT TO TALL PINES SCENIC ROAD
12. DINÉ TAH SCENIC ROAD
13. DRY CREEK SCENIC ROAD
14. FREDONIA-VERMILLION CLIFFS
15. GILA-PINAL SCENIC ROAD
16. JEROME-CLARKDALE-COTTONWOOD
17. JOSHUA FOREST SCENIC ROAD
18. KAYENTA-MONUMENT VALLEY
19. MINGUS MOUNTAINS
20. NAAT'TSIS'AAN-NAVAJO MOUNTAIN
21. ORGAN PIPE CACTUS
22. PATAGONIA-SONOITA
23. SAN FRANCISCO PEAKS
24. SEDONA-OAK CREEK CANYON
25. SWIFT TRAIL PARKWAY
26. TSE'NIKANI-FLAT MESA ROCK
27. WHITE MOUNTAINS SCENIC ROAD
28. WHITE RIVER SCENIC ROAD



Byways provide access to the state's most spectacular public lands, including:

- > 3 National Parks
- > 16 State Parks
- > 4 National Recreational Forests
- > 8 National Forests
- > 9 National Monuments



Images: Organ Pipe Cactus Parkway (top right), Canyon de Chelly via Diné Tah credit: National Park Foundation (bottom right)

All scenic byways exhibit one or more of six core intrinsic qualities — scenic, historic, recreational, cultural, archaeological, or natural. For a road to be named a **national scenic byway**, it must first be designated a **state, tribal, or federal agency scenic byway**. Once achieving that, a road may apply for **national scenic byway** designation, but its intrinsic quality must be of regional significance. **All-American Roads** are the very best of the national scenic byways, demonstrating at least two intrinsic qualities of national significance.