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National Scenic Byways Program: CONNECTICUT

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.

Connecticut is home to an astounding 53 scenic byways, two of which are part of the National Scenic Byways Program. The Merritt Parkway is renowned for its brilliantly integrated Art Deco and Art Modern bridges as well as its magnificent foliage in the fall. Connecticut SR 169—on the opposite end of the state—winds through some of the last vestiges of unspoiled New England, from its historic buildings to glacial deposits to the small towns that dot the route. Revealing the most significant characteristics of the state, Connecticut's scenic byways provide an attractive experience for visitors, greatly benefitting the regional tourism sector.

Key Points

- Connecticut is home to two national scenic byways and 51 state scenic byways.
- Tourism sustains the jobs of 123,521 residents and paid them \$5.4 billion.
- Tourism generated \$960 million in state and local taxes in 2017 alone, saving residents over \$700 a year and funding capital budgets for the entire state transportation and education and libraries programs.

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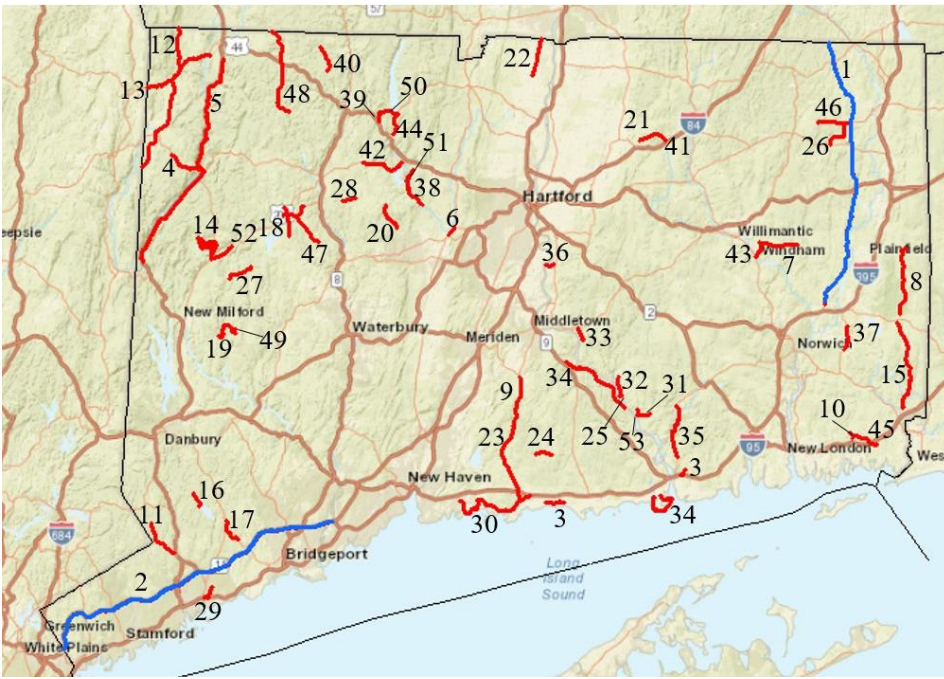
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Connecticut Travel Industry Facts

- > Supports 123,521 jobs, totaling \$5.4 billion in income.
- > Nearly \$9.3 billion annual visitor spending.

Images: Connecticut State Route 169 (top),
Merritt Parkway (right column)



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

- > 108 State Parks
- > 31 State Forests
- > 63 National Historical Landmarks
- > 1 National Historical Park
- > 1 National Historical Trail

Scenic Byways in Connecticut

NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS

1. CONNECTICUT STATE ROUTE 169
2. MERRITT PARKWAY

STATE SCENIC BYWAYS

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|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 4. ROUTE 4 | 17. ROUTE 58 | 30. ROUTE 146 | 43. ROUTE 203 |
| 5. ROUTE 7 | 18. ROUTE 63 | 31. ROUTE 148 | 44. ROUTE 219 |
| 6. ROUTE 10 | 19. ROUTE 67 | 32. ROUTE 149 | 45. ROUTE 234 |
| 7. ROUTE 14 | 20. ROUTE 69 | 33. ROUTE 151 | 46. ROUTE 244 |
| 8. ROUTE 14A | 21. ROUTE 74 | 34. ROUTE 154 | 47. ROUTE 254 |
| 9. ROUTE 17 | 22. ROUTE 75 | 35. ROUTE 156 | 48. ROUTE 272 |
| 10. ROUTE 27 | 23. ROUTE 77 | 36. ROUTE 160 | 49. ROUTE 317 |
| 11. ROUTE 33 | 24. ROUTE 80 | 37. ROUTE 164 | 50. ROUTE 318 |
| 12. ROUTE 41 | 25. ROUTE 82 | 38. ROUTE 179 | 51. ROUTE 565 |
| 13. ROUTE 44 | 26. ROUTE 97 | 39. ROUTE 181 | 52. SR 478 |
| 14. ROUTE 45 | 27. ROUTE 109 | 40. ROUTE 183 | 53. SSR 431 |
| 15. ROUTE 49 | 28. ROUTE 118 | 41. ROUTE 195 | |



Images: Merritt Parkway (top right), Connecticut State Route 169 (bottom right)



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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.



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