

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.

Florida's Scenic Highway Program was launched in 1996 in partnership with Visit Florida. Florida boasts 27 scenic byways that stretch over 1,500 miles and through 32 countries. The collection of byways continues to grow, with the newest national byway designated in 2021. Pensacola Scenic Bluffs Highway was the first road to achieve scenic byway status upon the inception of the state's program. Florida is also home to two All-American Roads, the highest honor the FWHA bestows upon scenic byways, the Florida Keys Scenic Highway and the A1A Scenic and Historic Coastal Byway.

Key Points

- Florida has 27 scenic byways, including eight national and 19 state scenic byways.
- In 2019, byways helped host 131 million visitors to Florida, who spent \$98.8 billion and generated \$12.8 billion in state and local tax revenue.
- The A1A Scenic and Historic Coastal Byway was designated an All-American Road in 2021, with surrounding land hosting over 50 endangered species.

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Florida is home to 27 scenic byways.



Florida Travel Industry Facts

- > Supports 1.6 million jobs.
- > Over 131 million visitors spent \$98 billion in 2019.

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Scenic Byways in Florida

ALL-AMERICAN ROADS -

- 1. A1A SCENIC AND HISTORIC COASTAL BYWAY
- 2. FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC HIGHWAY

NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS —

- 3. BIG BEND SCENIC BYWAY
- 4. FLORIDA BLACK BEAR SCENIC BYWAY
- 5. INDIAN RIVER LAGOON NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY
- 6. ORMOND SCENIC LOOP AND TRAIL
- 7. RIVER OF LAKES HERITAGE CORRIDOR
- 8. SCENIC HIGHWAY 30A

STATE SCENIC BYWAYS

- 9. A1A OCEAN ISLANDS TRAIL
- 10. BRADENTON BEACH
- 11. BROWARD COUNTY A1A
- 12. COURTNEY CAMPBELL
- 13. GREEN MOUNTAIN SCENIC BYWAY

- 14. HERITAGE CROSSROADS: MILES OF HISTORY SCENIC HIGHWAY
- 15. INDIAN RIVER LAGOON-TREASURE COAST SCENIC HIGHWAY
- 16. JC PENNEY MEMORIAL SCENIC HIGHWAY
- 17. LEMON BAY/MYAKKA TRAIL SCENIC HIGHWAY
- 18. MARTIN GRADE SCENIC HIGHWAY
- 19. OLD FLORIDA HERITAGE HIGHWAY
- 20. PALMA SOLA SCENIC HIGHWAY
- 21. PENSACOLA SCENIC BLUFFS HIGHWAY
- 22. SCENIC SUMTER HERITAGE BYWAY
- 23. SUNCOAST SCENIC PARKWAY
- 24. TAMIAMI TRAIL-WINDOWS TO THE GULF COAST WATER SCENIC HIGHWAY
- 25. THE RIDGE SCENIC HIGHWAY
- 26. WILLIAM BARTRAM SCENIC AND HISTORIC BYWAYS
- 27. HALIFAX HERITAGE BYWAY

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.



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

- > 175 State Parks and Historic Sites
- > Over 660 miles of beaches
- > 3 National Parks
- > 2 National Preserves
- > 1 National Seashore



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