



**SCENIC
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National Scenic Byways Program: INDIANA

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.

Indiana is home to four national scenic byways, including the Historic National Road, which has also received the distinction of being designated an All-American Road in 2002 – the gold standard for national scenic byways. The Historic National Road is joined by the Ohio River Scenic Byway, which was one of the original 14 scenic byways in the entire country and was designated as a state scenic byway in 1992. The State Department of Transportation has continued to investigate ways that they can comply with requirements to elevate some of their state scenic byways to meet federal standards.

Key Points

- Indiana is home to 12 scenic byways, including four national scenic byways and eight state scenic byways.
- In 2019, Indiana hosted 82.7 million visitors, who spent \$13.7 billion.
- The money generated through tourism and travel in the state contributed \$1.5 billion in state and local taxes in 2018.

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Indiana Travel Industry Facts

- > Supports 208,000 jobs
- > \$1.5 billion in state and local tax revenue from tourism.

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Scenic Byways in Indiana

ALL-AMERICAN ROADS

1. HISTORIC NATIONAL ROAD

NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS

2. INDIANA'S HISTORIC PATHWAYS
3. OHIO RIVER SCENIC BYWAY
4. WHITEWATER CANAL SCENIC BYWAY

STATE SCENIC BYWAYS

5. DEARBORN RIPLEY LOOP
6. EAST FORK LOOP
7. HISTORIC MICHIGAN ROAD BYWAY
8. HOOSIER HILLS SCENIC BYWAY
9. INDIANA LINCOLN HIGHWAY HISTORIC BYWAY
10. OHIO RIVER SCENIC BYWAY EXTENSION
11. OLDENBURG BATESVILLE LOOP ROAD
12. WABASH RIVER SCENIC BYWAY



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

- > 1 National Park
- > 1 National Historical Park
- > 26 State Parks
- > 1 National Memorial
- > 1 National Forest



Images: Indiana's Historic Pathways (top, bottom)

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.