



National Scenic Byways Program: MARYLAND

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.

Maryland designated its first scenic routes in 1998. Over the past 33 years, the Maryland Scenic Byways Program has established a total of 18 scenic byways encompassing 2,487 miles of Maryland's beautiful scenic roads, history, and culture. The Scenic Byways Program has also secured over \$17 million in direct funding and \$3.4 million in matched funding to implement priority projects along the state's scenic byway system.

Key Points:

- Maryland is home to 18 scenic byways, including three All-American Roads, six national scenic byways, and 12 state scenic byways.
- Visitors to Maryland spent over \$18.6 billion in 2019, generating \$2.6 billion in state and local taxes and creating more than 150,000 jobs.
- Maryland's national parks generated \$313 million in total economic output in gateway communities in 2019, supporting 2,960 jobs and \$117 million in labor income.

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Maryland Travel Industry Facts

- > Creates more than 150,000 jobs annually
- > Saves every Maryland household \$1,175 in annual taxes

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Scenic Byways in Maryland

ALL-AMERICAN ROADS

1. CHESAPEAKE COUNTRY SCENIC BYWAY
2. HARRIET TUBMAN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD BYWAY
3. HISTORIC NATIONAL ROAD

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4. BALTIMORE HISTORIC CHARLES STREET
5. JOURNEY THROUGH HALLOWED GROUND
6. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM BYWAY

STATE SCENIC BYWAYS

7. ANTIETAM CAMPAIGN SCENIC BYWAY
8. JOHN WILKES BOOTH: CHASING LINCOLN'S ASSASSIN SCENIC BYWAY
9. CAPE TO CAPE SCENIC BYWAY
10. CHESAPEAKE & OHIO CANAL SCENIC BYWAY
11. FALLS ROAD
12. HORSES & HOUNDS SCENIC BYWAY
13. LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SCENIC BYWAY
14. MASON & DIXON SCENIC BYWAY
15. MOUNTAIN MARYLAND SCENIC BYWAY
16. OLD MAIN STREETS
17. ROOTS & TIDES SCENIC BYWAY
18. STAR-SPANGLED BANNER SCENIC 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.



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

- > 3 National Historical Parks
- > 53 State Parks
- > 4 National Historic Trails
- > 6 Parks
- > 3 National Historic Sites
- > 2 National Battlefields
- > 2 Memorial Parkways
- > 1 National Monument



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