



**SCENIC
AMERICA**

National Scenic Byways Program: MISSOURI

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.

Missouri established the Missouri Byways Program in 1990. Over the span of three decades, the program has designated 13 scenic routes, all of which showcase the state's exceptional cultural, historical, archaeological, natural, scenic, and recreational attributes. Under state statute 226.797 any county commission or the governing body of any municipality may nominate a road or highway as a scenic byway and must meet the approval of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

Key Points

- Missouri is home to 13 scenic byways, including one All-American Road, two national scenic byways, three federal agency byways, and seven state scenic byways.
- The travel industry directly employs 304,329 Missourians and generates \$1.46 billion in state and local tax revenues, saving each Missouri household \$611 in taxes annually.
- National Parks generated \$419 million in total economic output in gateway communities in 2019, supporting 4,690 jobs and \$141 million in labor income.

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Missouri Travel Industry Facts

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Scenic Byways in Missouri

ALL-AMERICAN ROADS

1. MISSOURI HISTORIC ROUTE 66

NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS

2. CROWLEY'S RIDGE PARKWAY
3. LITTLE DIXIE HIGHWAY OF THE GREAT RIVER ROAD

FEDERAL AGENCY BYWAYS

4. BLUE BUCK KNOB NATIONAL FOREST SCENIC BYWAY
5. GLADE TOP NATIONAL FOREST SCENIC BYWAY
6. SUGAR CAMP NATIONAL FOREST SCENIC BYWAY

STATE SCENIC BYWAYS

7. BLOOMFIELD STARS AND STRIPES HISTORICAL/CULTURAL BYWAY
8. CLIFF DRIVE
9. OLD TRAILS ROAD
10. OZARK MOUNTAIN HIGHROAD
11. OZARK MOUNTAIN PARKWAY
12. SHOW-ME SANTA FE TRAILS
13. SPIRIT OF KANSAS CITY

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.



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

- > 10 State Parks
- > 2 State Forests
- > Mark Twain National Forest
- > Gateway Arch National Park
- > Ulysses S. Grant National Historical Site



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