



# National Scenic Byways Program: NEVADA

## 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.

**Nevada** established its scenic highway system in 1983, making it one of the oldest scenic byway programs in the country. With over 360 miles of scenic byways, the diversity of available experience is incredibly broad. From the magnificent views of Lake Tahoe to the Las Vegas Strip, Nevada's scenic byways offer something for everyone. Nevada's byways showcase history and roadside charm and encourages visitors to the state to engage with local communities in a meaningful and immersive way.

## Key Points

- Nevada is home to 34 scenic byways, including one All-American Road, three national scenic byways, and 30 state scenic byways.
- In 2020, 6.1 million park visitors spent an estimated \$279 million in local gateway regions while visiting National Park Service lands. Expenditures supported a total of 3,180 jobs, representing \$128 million in labor income, and \$341 million in economic output in the Nevada economy.

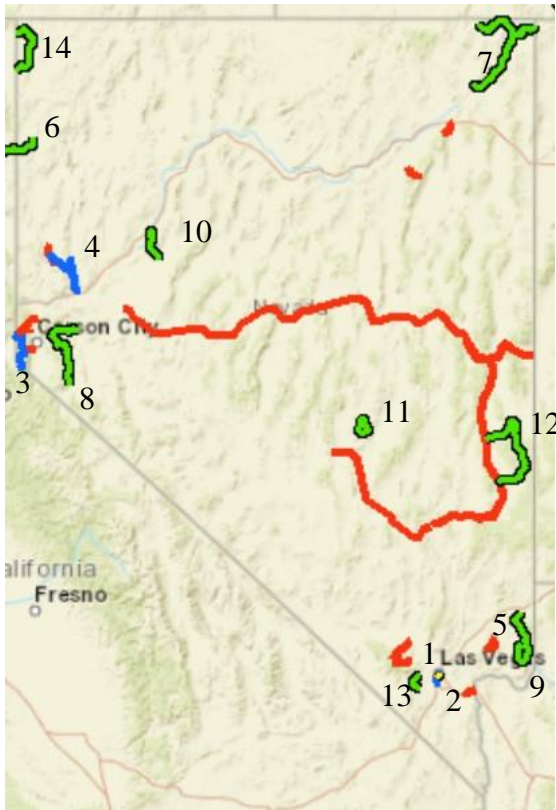
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**Nevada Travel  
Industry Facts**

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## Scenic Byways in Nevada

### ALL-AMERICAN ROADS



1. LAS VEGAS STRIP

### NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS



2. LAS VEGAS BOULEVARD
3. LAKE TAHOE - EASTSHORE DRIVE
4. PYRAMID LAKE SCENIC BYWAY

### FEDERAL AGENCY BYWAYS



5. BITTER SPRINGS BACKCOUNTRY BYWAY
6. BUCKHORN BACKCOUNTRY BYWAY
7. CALIFORNIA TRAIL BACKCOUNTRY BYWAY
8. FORT CHURCHHILL TO WELLINGTON BACKCOUNTRY BYWAY
9. GOLD BUTTE BACKCOUNTRY BYWAY
10. LOVELOCK CAVE BACKCOUNTRY BYWAY
11. LUNAR CRATER BACKCOUNTRY BYWAY
12. MT. WILSON BACKCOUNTRY BYWAY
13. RED ROCK CANYON BACK COUNTRY BYWAY
14. SURPRISE VALLEY / BARREL SPRINGS BACK COUNTRY BYWAY

### STATE SCENIC BYWAYS



15-34. VISIT THE NEVADA BYWAYS WEBSITE FOR THE COMPLETE LIST OF NEVADA STATE BYWAYS



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

- > 2 National Parks
- > 27 State Parks
- > 3 National Historic Trails
- > 200 Lakes, Including Lake Tahoe



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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.