



National Scenic Byways Program: WYOMING

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.

In **Wyoming**, more than 1,640 miles of roads were designated as scenic highways, byways, or loop tours by 1995, at which time the governor tasked the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) with overseeing the Wyoming Scenic Byways Program. To help coordinate the several federal and state agencies interested in scenic byways, the WYDOT established the Wyoming Scenic Byways Advisory Committee in 1998.

Key Points

- Wyoming is home to two national scenic byways and 19 state scenic byways.
- Researchers studying Wyoming's Beartooth Highway found that nonresident visitors contributed over \$53 million in economic activity in 2012-2013.
- Buffalo Bill Cody Scenic Byway travels through the town of Cody, a gateway community to Yellowstone National Park, which had an estimated 3.8 million visitors in 2020.

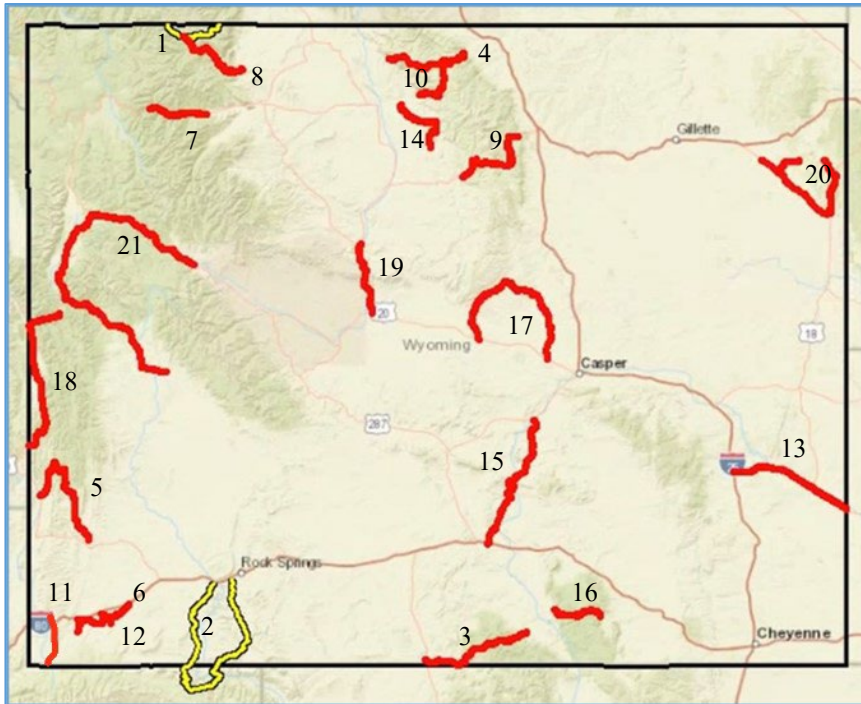
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Wyoming is home to
21 scenic byways



Wyoming Travel Industry Facts

- > Supported 32,570 jobs
- > Generated \$203 million in revenue, saving Wyoming households \$870 each



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

- > 2 National Parks
- > 13 State Parks
- > 2 National Recreational Areas
- > 5 National Forests
- > 4 National Wildlife Refuges



Images: Grand Teton National Park (top), Yellowstone National Park (bottom)

Scenic Byways in Wyoming

ALL-AMERICAN ROADS



1. BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY
2. FLAMING GORGE - GREEN RIVER BASIN

STATE SCENIC BYWAYS



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. BATTLE PASS SCENIC BYWAY 4. BIGHORN SCENIC BYWAY 5. BIG SPRING SCENIC BYWAY 6. BRIDGER VALLEY SCENIC BACKWAY 7. BUFFALO BILL CODY BYWAY 8. CHIEF JOSEPH SCENIC BYWAY 9. CLOUD PEAK SKYWAY 10. MEDICINE WHEEL PASSAGE 11. MIRROR LAKE SCENIC BYWAY 12. MUDDY CREEK BACKWAY | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. OREGON TRAIL HISTORIC BYWAY 14. RED GULCH/ALKALI NATIONAL BACK COUNTRY BYWAY 15. SEMINOE TO ALCOVA SCENIC BACKWAY 16. SNOWY RANGE SCENIC BYWAY 17. SOUTH BIG HORN/RED WALL SCENIC BACKWAY 18. STAR VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY 19. WIND RIVER CANYON SCENIC BYWAY 20. WYOMING BLACK HILLS SCENIC BYWAY 21. WYOMING CENTENNIAL SCENIC BYWAY |
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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.



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