

Scenic Road Designations

TITLE	National Scenic Byway Program		Va. Scenic Byways	National Forest Scenic Byways	American Automobile Assoc.
	National Scenic Byways	All-American Roads			
MISSION OR VISION	Create a distinctive collection of roads, stories and treasured places; community resources provided to enhanced local quality of life and preserve, protect, interpret, and promote the intrinsic qualities of designated corridors.	Identify National Scenic Byways with multiple intrinsic qualities, which are destinations in and of themselves with exceptional traveling experiences.	Identify road corridors containing aesthetic or cultural value near areas of historical, natural or recreational significance for designation. Encourage travel throughout the state away from traffic corridors.	Designated byways represent the best of the 100,000 miles of roads running through U.S. National Forests.	Identifies off-the-beaten driving pathways to interesting places and road corridors with high scenic value.
DESIGNATION FROM	U.S. Secretary of Transportation	U.S. Secretary of Transportation	Commonwealth Transportation Board	U.S. Forest Service	AAA
ADMINISTRATOR	U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration	U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration	Dept. of Conservation and Recreation and Dept. of Transportation	U.S. Forest Service	AAA
DATE ENACTED	1991	1991	1966	1988	1988
# OF BYWAYS IN VA; # OF MILES IN VA.	2 byways; 255 mi. in Va. - Skyline Drive, The Journey Trough Hallowed Ground	3 roads; 277 mi. in Va.- Blue Ridge, Colonial, and George Washington Parkways	3,437 +/-miles of designated Va. Byways	3 byways; 100 mi. in Va. - Big Walker Mt.; Highlands, Mt Rogers	983 mi. in Va. - some highways, some other designations
CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION	A road is to be of regional significance, and have one intrinsic quality that is distinct and represents the region. The six intrinsic qualities are: archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic.	It must have at least two intrinsic qualities: be a 'destination unto itself,' which is defined as one that driving the road is the primary reason for their trip, and it must provide an exceptional traveling experience.	It has important scenic values and a diversity of experiences; linking scenic, historical, recreational, cultural, natural and archeological elements; bypasses large roads; could have management along the route; safety features can be added to improve motorist experience; and local governments support the designation.	Determined by the Forest Service	A road can meet any of the five classifications: Traditional, Cultural Heritage, Historic, Natural Beauty and Classic/ Premier, which are derived from all of the classifications.
IMPACTS OR RESTRICTIONS	Must have an adopted corridor management plan	Must have an adopted corridor management plan .	May limit new outdoor advertising signage	Only those imposed by the USFS general management plan	None
HOW TO ADD	Periodically, FHWA will solicit applications for designation.	Periodically, FHWA will solicit applications for designation.	Request from locality and completed report recommending designation by DCR.	N/A	Added through Road Reporters Program of AAA.
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