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25 Paths to Discover Our State

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Ohio’s Byways —
Take a Leisurely Journey Through Ohio

Ohio Byways are gateways into cultural, historic, natural and man-made wonders that can be seen across the state. Each one tells you a different story. As you journey along these signed routes, you’ll be taken to key points of interest — both present-day and from our past. From the gorgeous shores of Lake Erie to the serene landscape of Amish country, the Byways offer you exceptional and memorable experiences in every corner of the state.

Below are the 25 designated Ohio Byways for you to enjoy. Five of these routes also have been recognized nationally as America’s Byways, indicated with the America’s Byways logo.

**AMISH COUNTRY BYWAY**
Experience the cultural lifestyle of the Amish and northern Appalachian people as you travel along the charming country roads. Enjoy simple living amidst the rolling hills, farmsteads and pastoral countryside.

**BIG DARBY PLAINS SCENIC BYWAY**
Big Darby Creek and Plains offer more than 40 miles of spectacular views. The route has access to the river, nature preserves, parks, covered bridges, century farms, cemeteries and historic homes.

**DROVERS’ TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY**
Rooted in 19th-century transportation needs that linked farmers to markets and facilitated commerce among travelers, this 37-mile byway connects the Historic National Road and the Ohio River Scenic Byway.

**GATEWAY TO AMISH COUNTRY SCENIC BYWAY**
In your path to explore scenic Knox County, enjoy Amish culture and goods, biking railtrails, visiting a 270-foot long covered bridge, kayaking water trails, and relaxing at a waterfall park.

**HISTORIC NATIONAL ROAD – OHIO**
Completed in Ohio in the 1820s, this 19th-century, 225-mile national byway is lined with “pike towns” that grew up around stopping points for foot- and horse-powered traffic.

**HOCKING HILLS SCENIC BYWAY**
The park and glacially formed nature area, named for the bottle-shaped Hocking River Valley, have deep gorges and caves inhabited 7,000 years ago and more recently by the Wyandot, Delaware and Shawnee tribes.

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP SCENIC BYWAY**
Situated between two pristine waterways in a region enriched by its pioneering history, this byway provides an oasis for travelers experiencing relaxing scenic views, special historical locations and unique activities.

**LAKE ERIE COASTAL OHIO TRAIL**
Explore Lake Erie. Experience lighthouses, maritime museums, beaches, wineries, birding, boat cruises and a string of islands. Visit the big-city attractions as well as nautical villages, which dot the coast.

**LAND OF THE CROSS-TIPPED CHURCHES**
This 38-mile scenic route is flanked by an array of cross-tipped churches, found on the National Register of Historic Places, in this intense farming region dating back to the early settlements.
...and discover some of our best places.

**Lincoln Highway Historic Byway**
Ohio's portion of America's first coast-to-coast paved road that connected New York with San Francisco beginning in 1913 and accelerated America's emerging automobile culture. It recounts 10 decades of travel.

**Lower Valley Pike Scenic Byway**
The mighty Mad River shadows this byway embraced by limestone cliffs and riparian woodlands and flanked by wetlands. The river invites activities such as canoeing, fishing or wildlife observation in all seasons.

**Maumee Valley Scenic Byway**
The nearly 60-mile route follows the Maumee River abundant with War of 1812 battles on Lake Erie and on land, historic towns, Interurban Bridge architectural gem and regional glass factories.

**Miami & Erie Canal Scenic Byway**
Experience the region of prosperous, well-maintained farms and rural canal communities and the German influence that settled the region.View historic sites including the Lockkeepers House along the Towpath Trail.

**Morgan County Scenic Byway**
Enjoy southern Ohio's rustic beauty at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. From Burr Oak State Park north to the Wilds, experience the wildlife of Morgan and Muskingum counties.

**North Ridge Scenic Byway**
With more than 100 historic homes dating back to the 1830s, this byway follows the northernmost ancient beach ridge across Avon and Sheffield at approximately 680 feet above sea level.

**Ohio & Erie Canalway America's Byway**
Tour the National Heritage Area and experience the rails, trails, landscapes, towns and sites along the first 110 miles of the canal that helped Ohio and our nation grow.

**Ohio River Scenic Byway**
Play hide and seek with the Ohio River as she swells and curves through 14 counties. River towns once transported slaves en route to freedom as part of the Underground Railroad.

**Old Mill Stream Scenic Byway**
Inspired by the song “Down by the Old Mill Stream,” experience a region bounded by the Blanchard River, linked by small villages, local parks, landmarks and Findlay Flag City USA.

**Presidential Pathways Scenic Byway**
This byway honors Ohio presidents, William Henry Harrison (1841), a soldier who helped settle the “west” and his grandson, Benjamin Harrison (1889-1893), a strong and early civil rights advocate.

**Scenic Olentangy Heritage Corridor**
This 10-mile byway follows the ancient Indian trails of the Olentangy River in Franklin and Delaware counties. Route 315 was the first road commissioned in Delaware County in 1808.

**Scenic Scioto Heritage Trail**
Ties into the Ohio River Scenic Byway near the Portsmouth murals and passes through Shawnee State Forest and by boyhood homes of legendary Roy Rogers and Baseball Executive's Branch Rickey.

**Tappan-Moravian Trail Scenic Byway**
Appalachian Country comes alive along the historic Tappan-Moravian Trail in Eastern Ohio's Harrison County. Winding through two lake regions, this scenic byway covers portions where the Delaware and Wyandot tribes traveled.

**Wally Road Scenic Byway**
Mohican River Country includes the historic roadbed of the “Wally,” Toledo, Walhonding Valley and Ohio railways. Ohio’s largest outdoor recreational complex comprises lush woodlands, springtime eagle nesting and pristine waterways.

**Welsh Scenic Byway**
Nearly two centuries ago, Welsh immigrants established communities centered around chapels in southeastern Ohio and later built charcoal furnaces. Today this byway takes you past restored churches, cemeteries and the Bob Evans Farm.

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**Fun Byway Facts**

- To become a designated Byway, the journey must showcase culture, history, archeology, nature, recreation, or a scenic route within Ohio borders.
- Some Byways follow a single road while others map together a new route.
- Follow the Byway signs to discover each Byway’s story.
- If you typically take a highway on your travels there’s probably a Byway nearby to turn your everyday trip into an adventure.
Ohio’s Scenic Byways
Some of the best ways to see Ohio!

The Ohio Byway routes offer an unending and diverse selection of experiences. From the bright lights of the city to relaxing country landscapes, the routes allow history as well as modern times to come alive. See Ohio one route at a time and create your own memorable journeys.

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NOTE: This map is not to scale. We recommend always calling ahead before traveling.

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