

America's Byways® Press Room **October 16, 2009 - U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood Announces America's Byways ® Designations for 2009**

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WASHINGTON – U. S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood today announced 42 new designations to the America's Byways® collection, including five All-American Roads and 37 National Scenic Byways in 26 states. This increases the number of America's Byways® to 151.

“By enriching the National Scenic Byways program with their own unique historical or aesthetic quality, these new additions help our national road system tell our country's story,” said Secretary LaHood. “These routes continue to offer Americans exciting new opportunities to explore the nation – whether they travel close to home or across the country.”

With Massachusetts and New Jersey included in the 2009 designations, 46 states have America's Byways® in them.

Created in 1991, the National Scenic Byways program is a collaborative effort to help recognize, preserve and enhance selected roads throughout the United States. It has funded 2,672 projects for state and nationally designated byway routes in 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

The U.S. Department of Transportation recognizes certain roads as All-American Roads or National Scenic Byways based on one or more archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic qualities.

The following are the 2009 All-American Road (AAR) and National Scenic Byways (NSB) designations:

Byway	State	Designation
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Byway	State	Designation
Alabama's Coastal Connection	Alabama	<u>NSB</u>
The George Parks Highway Scenic Byway	Alaska	<u>NSB</u>
Haines Highway - Valley of the Eagles	Alaska	<u>NSB</u>
Historic Route 66 - Arizona	Arizona	<u>AAR</u>
Top of the Rockies	Colorado	<u>NSB</u>
Lariat Loop Scenic and Historic Byway	Colorado	<u>NSB</u>
Florida Black Bear Scenic Byway	Florida	<u>NSB</u>
Florida Keys Scenic Highway	Florida	<u>AAR</u>
Big Bend Scenic Byway	Florida	<u>NSB</u>
Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail	Florida	<u>NSB</u>
Indiana's Historic Pathways	Indiana	<u>NSB</u>
Lincoln Heritage Scenic Highway	Kentucky	<u>NSB</u>
Woodlands Trace	Kentucky	<u>NSB</u>
Kentucky Great River Road	Kentucky	<u>NSB</u>
Louisiana Great River Road	Louisiana	<u>NSB</u>
Acadia All American Road - Trenton Extension	Maine	<u>AAR</u>
Journey Through Hallowed Ground Byway	Maryland	<u>NSB</u>
Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad	Maryland	<u>AAR</u>

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Byway	State	Designation
Byway		
Baltimore's Historic Charles Street	Maryland	<u>NSB</u>
Religious Freedom Byway	Maryland	<u>NSB</u>
Connecticut River Byway	Massachusetts	<u>NSB</u>
Woodward Avenue (M-1) - Automotive Heritage Trail	Michigan	<u>AAR</u>
Gunflint Trail Scenic Byway	Minnesota	<u>NSB</u>
Mississippi Great River Road	Mississippi	<u>NSB</u>
City of Las Vegas, Las Vegas Boulevard State Scenic Byway	Nevada	<u>NSB</u>
Millstone Valley Scenic Byway	New Jersey	<u>NSB</u>
Delaware River Scenic Byway	New Jersey	<u>NSB</u>
Dry Cimarron Scenic Byway	New Mexico	<u>NSB</u>
Forest Heritage National Scenic Byway	North Carolina	<u>NSB</u>
Outer Banks Scenic Byway	North Carolina	<u>NSB</u>
Historic Route 66	Oklahoma	<u>NSB</u>
Dry Cimarron Scenic Byway	Oklahoma	<u>NSB</u>
Cherokee Hills Byway	Oklahoma	<u>NSB</u>
Wichita Mountains Byway	Oklahoma	<u>NSB</u>
Journey Through Hallowed Ground Byway	Pennsylvania	<u>NSB</u>
Edisto Island National Scenic Byway	South Carolina	<u>NSB</u>

Byway	State	Designation
East Tennessee Crossing	Tennessee	<u>NSB</u>
Great River Road - Tennessee	Tennessee	<u>NSB</u>
Scenic Byway 143 - Utah's Patchwork Parkway	Utah	<u>NSB</u>
Journey Through Hallowed Ground Byway	Virginia	<u>NSB</u>
White Pass Scenic Byway	Washington	<u>NSB</u>
Coal Heritage Trail	West Virginia	<u>NSB</u>

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