

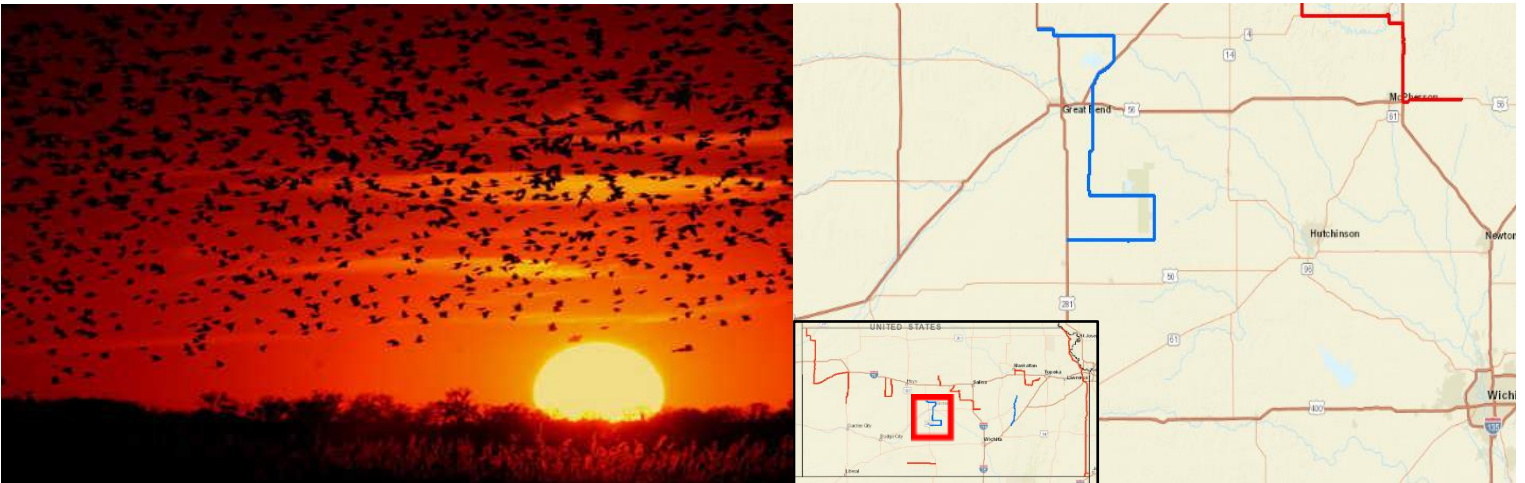
Kansas

The National Scenic Byways Program

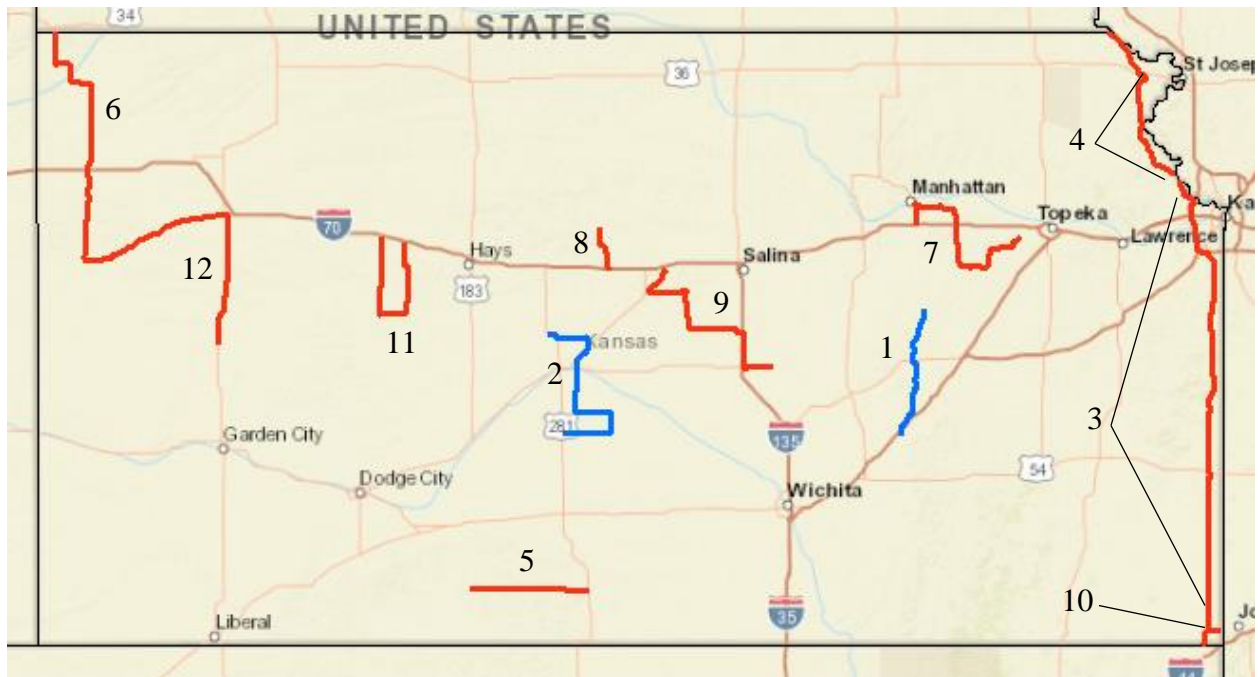
The National Scenic Byways Program, established by Congress in 1991, recognizes historic, scenic and culturally important roads and promotes tourism and economic development in nearby communities. The Kansas Byways Program was developed in [1996](#) as a grass roots led agenda with voluntary designation to protect, enhance and promote the scenic drives of Kansas. The program is directed by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) with cooperation from the Department of Commerce's Division of Travel and Tourism, the Department of Parks Wildlife, and the Kansas State Historical Society. Kansas's scenic roadways serve as natural, social, cultural and economic resources for the traveling public. The state program currently includes ten designated byways totaling 679 miles of roads throughout the state. Kansas is home to two federally designated byways, the Flint Hills Scenic Byway and Wetlands & Wildlife Scenic Byway. These scenic roadways help promote the natural beauty and heritage of Kansas while generating economic tourism for the state and local communities.

Key points:

- In [2018](#), 110 thousand park visitors spent an estimated \$5.5 million in local gateway regions while visiting National Park Service lands in Kansas. These expenditures supported a total of 81 jobs, \$2.4 million in labor income, \$4.0 million in value added, and \$7.2 million in economic output in the Kansas economy.
- In [2018](#), 29.2 thousand park visitors spent an estimated \$1.8 million in local gateway regions while visiting Fort Larned National Historic Site. These expenditures supported a total of 25 jobs, \$581 thousand in labor income, \$1.0 million in value added, and \$2.0 million in economic output in local gateway economies surrounding Fort Larned National Historic Site.
- A recent National Scenic Byway Foundation [survey](#) showed that 44 state scenic byways in 24 states are prepared to seek designation as a National Scenic Byway, including Kansas's Native Stone Scenic Byway, Kansas Historic Route 66, Post Rock Scenic Byway, and Western Vistas Historic Byway.



Millions of blackbirds roost each evening in the winter at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, which embodies the diverse wildlife and geography of the Wetlands and Wildlife Scenic Byway.



Scenic Byways in Kansas

**National Scenic Byways
in Kansas:**

[Flint Hills Scenic Byway \(1\)](#)

[Wetlands & Wildlife Scenic Byway \(2\)](#)

**State Scenic Byways
in Kansas:**

[Frontier Military Historic Byway \(3\)](#)

[Glacial Hills Scenic Byway \(4\)](#)

[Gypsum Hills Scenic Byway \(5\)](#)

[Land and Sky Scenic Byway \(6\)](#)

[Native Stone Scenic Byway \(7\)](#)

[Post Rock Scenic Byway \(8\)](#)

[Prairie Trail Scenic Byway \(9\)](#)

[Route 66 Historic Byway \(10\)](#)

[Smoky Valley Scenic Byway \(11\)](#)

[Western Vistas Historic Byway \(12\)](#)

Map Key:

The numbers following each byway name above match with the respective byway's numbered location on the map.