Missouri

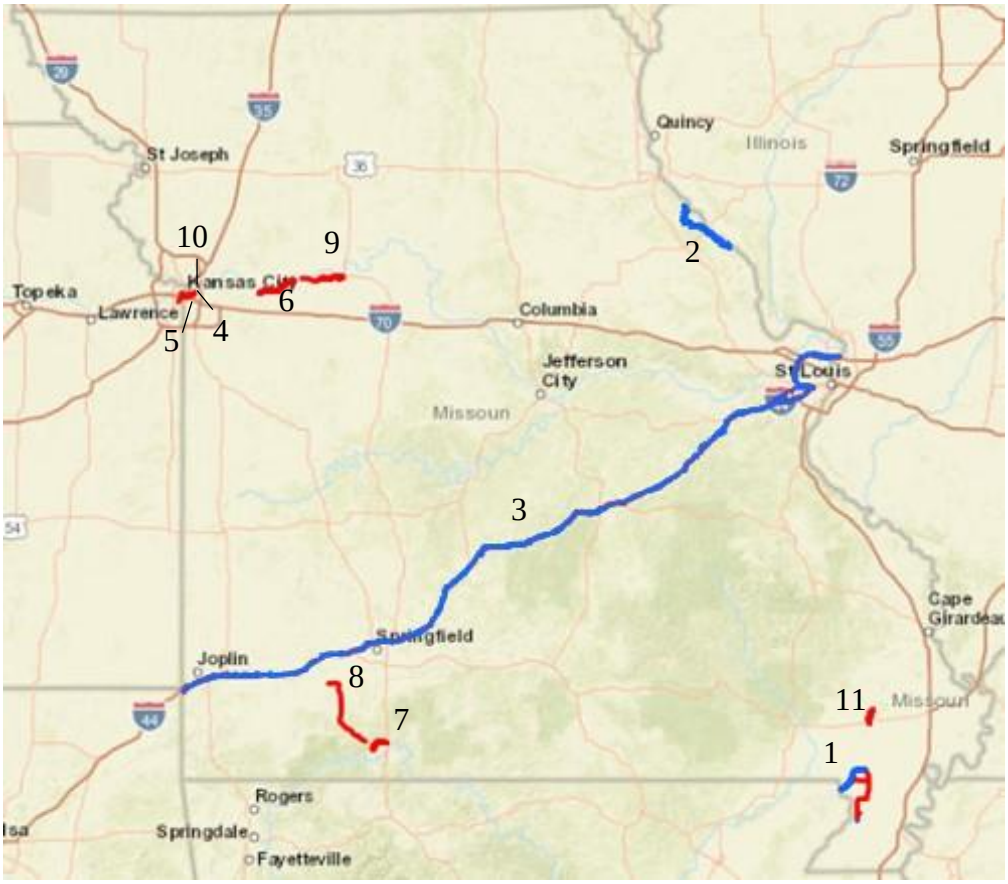
The National Scenic Byways Program

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. The Missouri Byways Program is a part of the national program consisting of two All-American roads as well as other national and state scenic byways, and was established by the Missouri state legislature in Chapter 226, Section 797. Missouri's scenic byways contain exceptional examples of the cultural, historic, archeological, natural, scenic, and recreational qualities unique to the state.

Key points:

- Missouri is home to eleven scenic byways, including three national scenic byways and eight state scenic byways.
- Missouri byways helped welcome 42 million visitors in 2018. Those visitors and the jobs created by the tourism industry generated an economic impact of $17.2 billion.
- In 2021, the Historic Route 66 Scenic Byway, spanning from St. Louis to Joplin, was designated as an All-American Road.
- The Crowley's Ridge Parkway is home to unique animal and plant species, and highlights Missouri's natural history.

The Crowley's Ridge Parkway offers an array of wildlife and plant communities along the Crowley Ridge. The route offers stunning views along the hills as visitors make their way through both natural and historic sites.



Scenic Byways in Missouri

National Scenic Byways in Missouri:

Crowley's Ridge Parkway (1)

Little Dixie Highway / Great River Road (2)*

Missouri Historic Route 66 (3)*

Map Key:

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

*Asterisk denotes an All-American Road.

State Scenic Byways in Missouri:

Cliff Drive (4)

Cliff Drive Connection (5)

Old Trails Road (6)

Ozark Mountain Highroad (7)

Ozark Mountain Parkway (8)

Sho-Me Santa Fe Trails (9)

Spirit of Kansas City (10)

Stars and Stripes Historical/Cultural Byway (11)