

North Dakota
LEGENDARY

SCENIC BYWAYS AND BACKWAYS

INFORMATION GUIDE

Rendezvous Region Scenic Backway



North Dakota is full of breathtaking views, uninhabited land, extraordinary wildlife, country charm, rich culture and history, and an abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities.

What are Scenic Byways and Backways?

To be considered a scenic byway or backway, a road must qualify under one of the following categories:

- **Scenic**
- **Natural**
- **Historic**
- **Cultural**
- **Archaeological**
- **Recreational**

The road should also meet amenity considerations such as gas, food, lodging and proximity to other interesting attractions.

To be a byway, the road must have an all-weather surface suitable for automobile travel. A road designated as a backway means that the road may be unsuitable for large recreational vehicles or the road may have safety or comfort concerns.

This guide contains information and insight into the ten distinct byways and backways located throughout North Dakota. You will find maps, directions, amenities, opportunities, and points of interest. The guide will leave you with a new appreciation for North Dakota and a desire to explore more.

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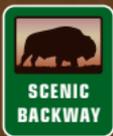
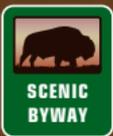
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Be on the lookout for:



ND Scenic Byway & Backway Signs

These signs are installed along all designated North Dakota Scenic Byways & Backways. North Dakota has seven byways and three backways.



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Scenic Byways & Backways Map



Shaded area indicates American Indian Reservation

Indicates State Park



America's Byways Identification Signs

These signs are installed along state designated byways that have also earned National Scenic Byway designation. The signs are used in lieu of the state signs. North Dakota has two nationally designated byways – the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway and the Standing Rock National Native American Scenic Byway.

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SCENIC BYWAY

KILLDEER MOUNTAIN FOUR BEARS

LOCATION:

Begins north of Manning on Highway 22 through Killdeer to Highway 23, then east to New Town. [64 miles]





From the Killdeer Mountains to the deeply entrenched Little Missouri River Breaks and Badlands, this byway provides a unique and enchanting landscape in one of the most scenic areas of western North Dakota. The rich culture and history of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara tribes, paired with the recreational opportunities of Little Missouri State Park, provide visitors an enthralling adventure in west central North Dakota.



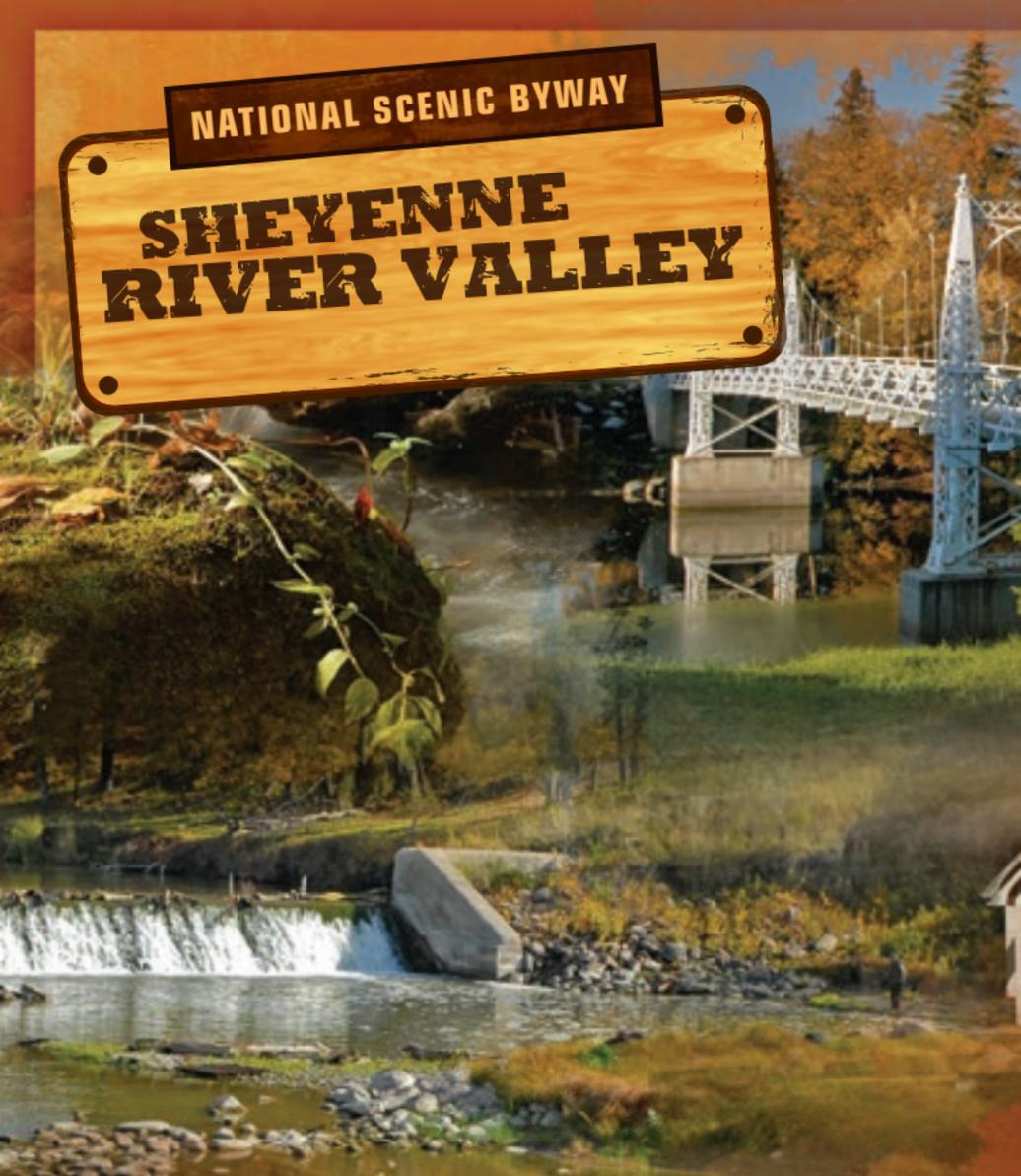
POINTS OF INTEREST: see map for location

- Crow Flies High Butte Overlook
- Four Bears Museum
- Little Missouri State Park
- Killdeer Battlefield State Historic Site
- Lake Ilo National Wildlife Refuge



NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

SHEYENNE RIVER VALLEY



LOCATION:

Begins at Getchell Township Hall on Barnes County Highway 21, along Highways 17 and 19, through Valley City, proceeding on Highway 21 to Ransom County Highway 13 to Lisbon. [63 miles]





Venture through the tree-lined, rolling hills of the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway, North Dakota's first nationally recognized Scenic Byway. Spectacular scenery, quaint towns, fascinating historic bridges, and rich Native American history are just some of the things you'll witness. With year-round recreational opportunities, Clausen Springs Park and Fort Ransom State Park are the perfect destination for an ultimate outdoor experience.



POINTS OF INTEREST: see map for location

- Baldhill Dam
- Rosebud Visitor Center in Valley City
- Medicine Wheel Park
- Clausen Springs Park
- Walker Dam / Wadeson Cabin
- Standing Rock State Historic Site
- Fort Ransom State Park
- Fort Ransom State Historic Site
- City of Bridges Tour



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SCENIC BYWAY

OLD RED OLD TEN



LOCATION:

Begins at the Mandan Depot on Main Street in Mandan and travels west along Old Highway 10 to Dickinson. [108 miles with 12-mile section of gravel near Almont known as the Curlew Loop] Caution: 12-foot railroad underpass 11 miles west of Hebron.





Experience how life was long ago on the Old Red Old Ten Scenic Byway, North Dakota's tenth designated state byway. Diverse culture, natural beauty, a preservation of simpler times, and a variety of recreational opportunities await you. From the spectacular views of the buttes, river valleys and prairie, to the intriguing historic buildings and museums, visitors will be captivated as they make their way through western North Dakota.



POINTS OF INTEREST: see map for location

- Mandan Depot
- New Salem's "Salem Sue"
- Sims Church
- Almont Heritage Park & Museum
- Crossroads Golf Course
- Hebron's Fort Sauerkraut
- Schnell Recreation Area
- Richardton's Assumption Abbey
- Taylor Horsefest Grounds
- One-Room Schoolhouse
- Old Stage Coach Line
- Dickinson Dinosaur Museum



SCENIC BACKWAY

RENDEZVOUS REGION



LOCATION:

Begins at Cavalier traveling west on Highway 32 and Highway 55 ending at Vang. [33.5 miles]





Discover the breathtaking scenery and significant history of the Rendezvous Region Scenic Backway. From the riveting Pembina Gorge to Frost Fire Mountain, to the prehistoric fossil site, splendor encompasses this area. If it is fun you seek, then look no further! The Rendezvous Region has year-round recreational opportunities including snowmobiling, skiing, snowboarding, hiking, canoeing, and more. Nestled in the far northeast corner of the state, this backway is full of history, scenic outdoors and fun for all.

POINTS OF INTEREST: see map for location

- Masonic Scenic Overlook
- Cavalier Park Nature Trail
- Frost Fire Mountain
- Tetrault Woods State Forest
- Pembina Gorge and Pembina River
- Gingras Trading Post
- Pembina Co. Museum and Pioneer Grounds
- Cavalier and Walhalla Golf Courses
- Icelandic State Park



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SCENIC BYWAY

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

NATIONAL PARK NORTH UNIT

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LOCATION:

Begins 15 miles south of Watford City from US Highway 85 and proceeds west on the scenic drive through the North Unit of the park. [13.7 miles]

Note: Road may be closed at the Caprock Coulee Trailhead in winter.





Theodore Roosevelt National Park memorializes the 26th president for his enduring contributions to the conservation of our natural resources. The colorful Badlands, Little Missouri River and sweeping vistas make this byway truly breathtaking. Take a hike in the park and witness some of nature's most fascinating wildlife, including the majestic bison. With its brilliant scenery and historic symbolism, the Theodore Roosevelt National Park is a must-see destination.

POINTS OF INTEREST: see map for location

- Little Mo Nature Trail
- Cannonball Concretions Pullout
- Caprock Coulee Nature Trail
- River Bend Overlook and CCC shelter
- Achenbach Trail
- Oxbow Overlook

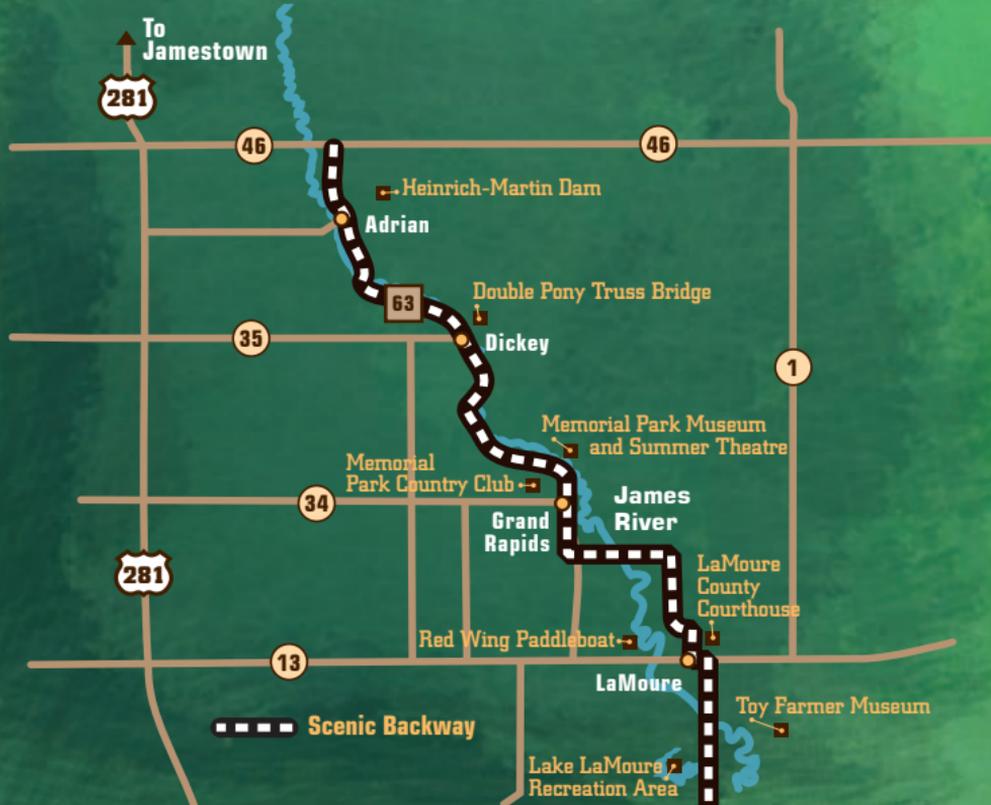


SCENIC BACKWAY

CHAN SANSAN (JAMES RIVER)

LOCATION:

Begins at Highway 46 and continues south through Adrian, Dickey, Grand Rapids and LaMoure to the intersection of the County Line Road. [32 miles]





Follow the Chan SanSan (James River) Scenic Backway as it takes you through an enchanting valley carved out over 12,000 years ago by glacial melt water. Historic buildings, a toy farmer museum and earthen mounds reveal its old-world charm. From the winding James River Valley to the wildflower-spotted prairies, visitors will be overwhelmed with a sense of serenity and splendor.



POINTS OF INTEREST: see map for location

- Heinrich-Martin Dam
- Double Pony Truss Bridge
- Memorial Park Museum and Summer Theatre
- LaMoure County Courthouse
- Toy Farmer Museum
- Lake LaMoure Recreation Area
- Red Wing Paddleboat
- Memorial Park Country Club



SCENIC BACKWAY

DES LACS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



LOCATION:

Begins at US Highway 52, 6 miles south of Kenmare and continues to the north end of the refuge where it terminates at the intersection of Ward County Road 1. [13.5 miles]





Discover the captivating landscape and the extraordinary wildlife of the Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge Scenic Backway. A hike up Munch's Coulee National Recreation Trail rewards you with a spectacular view of Des Lacs Lake and marsh, as well the opportunity to witness some remarkable wildlife. Finish off your visit with a tour of the historic Danish Mill in Kenmare and learn about farming practices of the 1900s.

POINTS OF INTEREST: see map for location

- Historic Danish Mill at Kenmare
- Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center
- Munch's Coulee National Recreation Trail
- Canada Goose Nature Trail



SCENIC BYWAY

TURTLE MOUNTAIN



LOCATION:

Begins 3 miles north of Rolla to St. John and proceeds west on County Highway 43 to State Highway 281. Continues west on State Highway 43 until it terminates on State Highway 14. [53 miles]





Head north to explore the one-of-a-kind Turtle Mountain Scenic Byway. Take a hike through the Turtle Mountains, splash in the waters of Lake Metigoshe, or take a stroll through the fragrant 2,339-acre botanical garden of the International Peace Garden. With year-round recreational opportunities including camping, canoeing, fishing, hunting, hiking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, and skiing, this byway is sure to have something for everyone.



POINTS OF INTEREST: see map for location

- Martineau House Byway Information Center
- Wakopa Wildlife Management Area
- International Peace Garden
- Lake Metigoshe State Park
- Turtle Mountain State Forest
- Lions Park at Lake Upsilon
- Mystical Horizons
- Coghlan Castle



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SCENIC BYWAY

SAKAKAWEA



LOCATION:

Begins at Highway 200A from Washburn to Stanton. [23 miles]





An adventure awaits you at the historic Sakakawea Scenic Byway. Take a trip back in time with a visit to some of the most significant destinations of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. You'll discover the rich culture and history of pioneers who lived along the Missouri and Knife Rivers. Your adventure continues at Cross Ranch State Park where you can camp under the stars, explore the last free-flowing, undeveloped stretch of the Missouri River, or simply marvel at nature's beauty.

POINTS OF INTEREST: see map for location

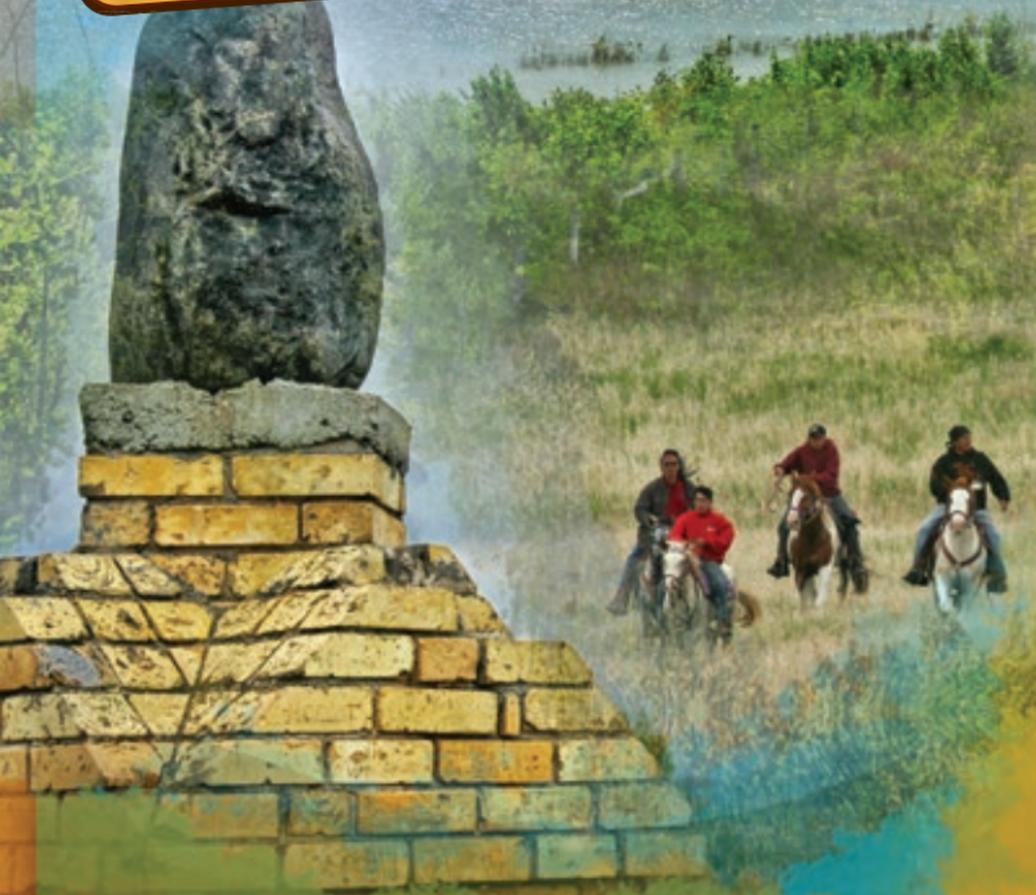
- Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center
- Fort Mandan Historic Site
- Cross Ranch State Park
- Fort Clark State Historic Site
- Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site



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NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

STANDING ROCK NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN



LOCATION:

Begins at the Cannonball River and continues south along Highways 1806 and 24 to the South Dakota state line. [35 miles]





History comes alive at the Standing Rock National Native American Scenic Byway. Learn about some of the great historic figures who have been connected to this area including Sitting Bull; Meriwether Lewis, William Clark and their guide Sakakawea; and famous mountain men such as Jim Bridger and Jedediah Smith. Not only is this byway full of rich culture, intriguing history, and symbolism, but it is also a scenic area with stunning views of the Missouri River and vast wildlife.



POINTS OF INTEREST: see map for location

- Prairie Knights Marina
- Lewis & Clark Legacy Nature Trail
- Sitting Bull's Burial Site
- Standing Rock Monument
- Fort Yates Stockade
- Sitting Bull Visitor Center
- Medicine Wheel Park



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AMENITIES

	Chan SanSan	Des Lacs	Killdeer	Old Red Old Ten
Gas	✓	✓	✓	✓
Food	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lodging	✓	✓	✓	✓
National Park/ Historic Sites				
State Park			✓	✓
American Indian History	✓		✓	✓
Agricultural History	✓		✓	✓
Historic Landmarks	✓		✓	✓
Prehistoric Fossil Site				
Museums, Visitor Centers, Info Centers, Gift Shops	✓	✓	✓	✓
Interpretive Signs	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seasonal Musicals	✓			✓
Wildlife Areas	✓	✓	✓	✓
Picnicking/Camping	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hiking	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fishing	✓		✓	✓
Bicycling	✓	✓	✓	✓
Horseback Riding	✓		✓	✓
Golfing	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swimming Areas	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water Activities (canoeing, boating, etc.)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Winter Activities (skiing, sledding, etc.)	✓ Δ	✓		✓
Snowmobiling	✓			✓

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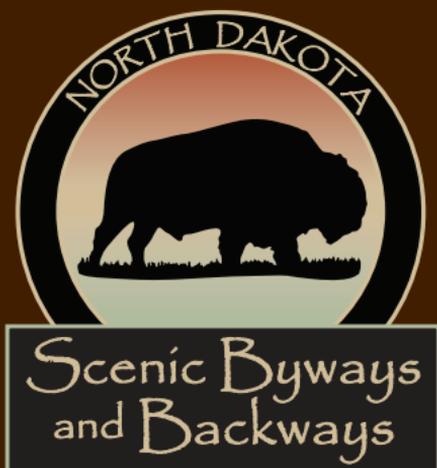
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