

# New Mexico Scenic Byways Program

New Mexico Tourism Department



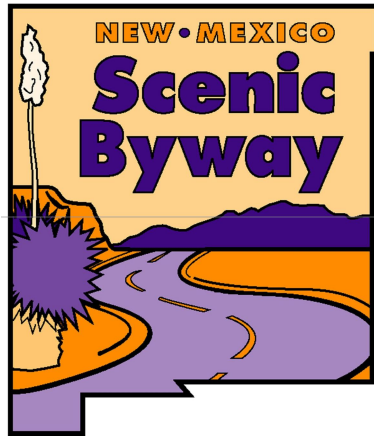
- Scenic Byways is a program of the Federal Highway Administration, funded through federal transportation legislation.



- Byways are designated based on six intrinsic qualities:
  - \*cultural
  - \*historic
  - \*archaeological
  - \*recreational
  - \*natural
  - \*scenic



- New Mexico has 26 byways, each possessing one or more of these six intrinsic qualities.

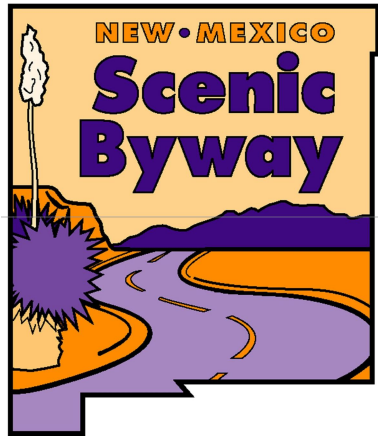


Four of New Mexico's 26 Byways are BLM Back Country Byways:

- Guadalupe Back Country Byway
- Lake Valley Back Country Byway
- Quebradas Back Country Byway
- Wild Rivers Back Country Byway

And three are National Forest Service Byways:

- Sandia Crest Scenic Byway
- Santa Fe National Forest Scenic Byway
- Trail of the Mountain Spirits Scenic Byway



- Scenic Byways are grass roots-based initiatives. Local governments, tribes, and non-profits may apply for funds.



- There are seven funding categories, designed to market and interpret the byway's intrinsic qualities. Within the parameters of those categories, applicants for funds are free to take the lead in deciding how to manage the resources along the Byway.



- Some examples of heritage and cultural tourism on New Mexico's Byways are:



- **Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway:**
- Focal point of the Byway is Lincoln State Monument, which keeps the town of Lincoln as close to its appearance during the Lincoln County War as possible.
- Current project:
- Lincoln County Lawmen exhibit in old County Courthouse which Billy the Kid escaped from



- **Corrales Road Scenic Byway**

Markets the Village of Corrales as an agricultural oasis in an urban environment.

- Current project:
- Purchasing agricultural easements to keep potentially commercial land on Corrales Road in agriculture.



- **Route 66 National Scenic Byway:**
  - Markets the culture of Route 66 in New Mexico, helping communities preserve and interpret representative architecture
- **Current project:**
  - Commemorative license plate to be sold through MVD; proceeds will go to preservation and restoration projects on Route 66.



- Santa Fe Trail National Scenic Byway:
  - Commemorates the historic trade route which opened New Mexico up to the United States.
- Recent project:
  - “Journey’s End”, life-size sculpture depicting covered wagon arriving in Santa Fe, located on Museum Hill.



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