

# A GREAT RIDE AT ANY SPEED

The Iowa Byways program was established to identify, protect and enhance roadways in Iowa which exemplify the state's scenic and historic resources. With the recent designation of three new byways, there are now two Heritage Byways and twelve Scenic Byways, two of which also carry National Designation.

Thanks to the Iowa Byways program, these roads are signed for easy navigation, and with help from the sustainability program have many strong tourism-focused businesses in the corridors. As established tourism routes, there is an existing network of traveler amenities and other attractions to make your trip even more enjoyable. Byway coordinators are a great resource to help plan a trip along the byways and would love to help tailor an itinerary for you!



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## BYWAYS: A NATURAL CHOICE FOR CYCLISTS

Iowa's Byways have what you're looking for - whether you're traveling cross-country self-contained, seeking a challenging Sunday afternoon gravel ride, training for RAGBRAI, partaking in a weekly social ride or teaching a young one the basics on your local trail.

## GRAVEL: LOOPS AND MORE

While the byways' main routes are generally on paved roads, many of the byways offer optional gravel loops that connect back to the main route. If you seek the crunch of gravel beneath your tires, the Loess Hills National Scenic Byway features 185 miles in excursion loops, many of those gravel. [www.iowabikeroutes.com/gravel](http://www.iowabikeroutes.com/gravel) features many popular gravel routes easily accessible from the byways.

## SHARE THE ROAD

With Iowa's beautiful rolling hills, many of the Byways are perfectly suited for road touring. Cross-country routes such as the American Discovery Trail and the Lewis & Clark Route travel through Iowa and intersect the byways. Some byways, such as the Iowa Valley Scenic Byway, have created promotional material for regional routes such as the Czech Trail. Byway routes are already marked with signs for wayfinding, the corridors have existing tourism amenities, the roads are generally well maintained and have low traffic counts. The Iowa DOT's Bicyclist Map identifies the AADT (Annual Average Daily Traffic) and roads with widened shoulders or bike lanes, features information about trails and also denotes the Byways. While state law permits bicycle use on all roadways except the interstates, we remind you to take precautions such as bright clothing, lights, and riding with a group to make yourself more visible to motorists.

## IOWA: WORLD CAPITAL OF TRAILS

Iowa was one of the forerunners in rail-trail development, and currently has over 2,000 miles of trails. These range from single-track mountain bike trails and crushed limestone to asphalt and concrete. Many cities have developed their own trail systems, and regional trails efforts are stronger than ever to connect towns and recreation spots via trails. Many of these trails intersect, and sometimes run parallel to the byways. Users of each can take advantage of the tourism features that both byways and the trails bring to an area. The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation has developed the "Iowa by Trail" App, which provides interactive maps and allows users to geolocate their position and find the closest trail, find points of interest along their route, share photos, reviews and trail suggestions and keep track of distance, weather, news and trail events.

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