

## California

### The National Scenic Byways Program

The National Scenic Byways Program, established by Congress in 1991, recognizes historic, scenic and culturally important roads. In California, there are 7 National Scenic Byways in addition to 36 State Scenic Byways. The California Scenic Highway Program, established by state legislature in 1963 under the [Streets and Highways Code Section 260](#), seeks to protect and enhance California's natural beauty and scenic resources. The law enables the California State Legislature to determine which state routes are eligible for designation as a scenic highway, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) works alongside local governments to adopt the scenic designation. California's diverse geography encourages tourism in a wide variety of communities, helping strengthen local economies and showcasing the state's natural and historic appeal.

#### Key points:

- According to the National Park Service, Death Valley National Park, home to Death Valley Scenic Byway, generated [\\$108.1 million](#) for the local economy in 2016.
- The Tioga Road/ Big Oak Flat Road runs through Yosemite National Park, and according to the NPS, visitor spending supported 6,666 jobs and contributed [\\$589,343,700](#) toward local communities.
- The Silver Strand Highway and San Diego-Coronado Bridge runs along the Southern-most tip of the county; the tourism in San Diego alone employs over 194,000 people with visitor spending reaching [\\$11.5 billion](#) annually.
- 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.

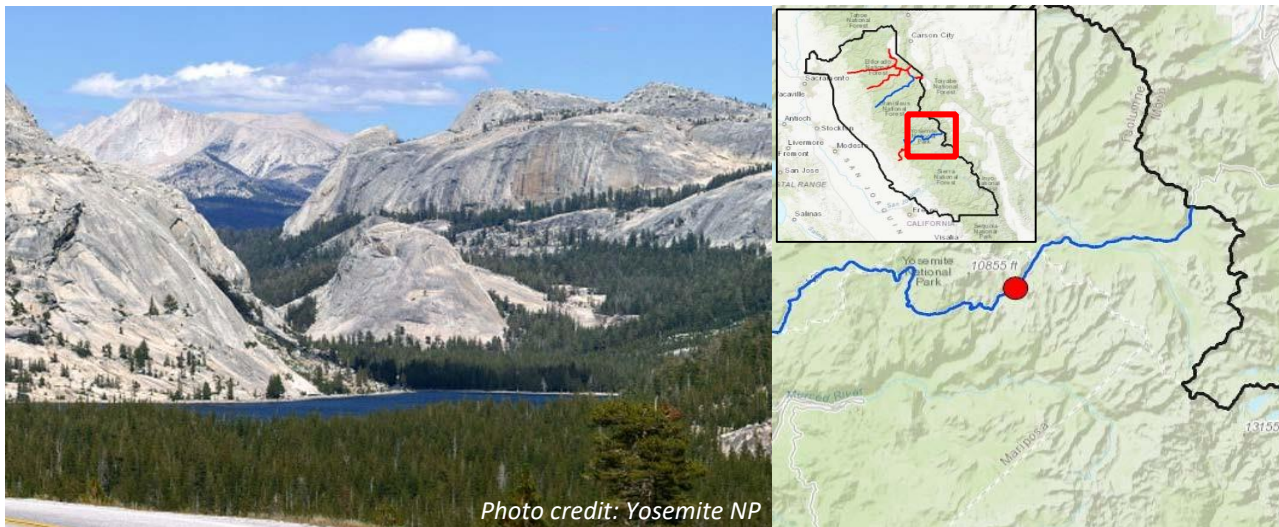


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*Tenaya Lake is one of the many iconic destinations along Tioga Road/Big Oak Flat Road.*



**Map Key:**

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

Asterisk denotes an All-American Road.

*Scenic Byways in California*

**National Scenic Byways in California:**

- [Arroyo Seco Historic Parkway – Route 110](#) (1)
- [Death Valley Scenic Byway](#) (2)
- [Ebbetts Pass Scenic Byway](#) (3)
- [Route 1 – Big Sur Coast Highway](#) (4)\*
- [Route 1 – San Luis Obispo North Coast Byway](#) (5)\*
- [Tioga Road/Big Oak Flat Road](#) (6)
- [Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway](#) (7)\*

**State Scenic Byways in California:**

- [Ancient Bristlecone Scenic Byway](#) (8)
- [Angeles Crest Scenic Byway](#) (9)
- [Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Road](#) (10)

- [Cabrillo Freeway](#) (11)
- [Cabrillo Highway/Route 1](#) (12)
- [Carson Pass Highway](#) (13)
- [Father Junipero Serra Highway](#) (14)
- [Jacinto Reyes Scenic Byway](#) (15)
- [MacArthur Freeway](#) (16)
- [Pacheco Pass Road](#) (17)
- [Palms to Pines Scenic Byway](#) (18)
- [Redwood Highway](#) (19)
- [Rim of the World Scenic Byway](#) (20)
- [River Road](#) (21)
- [Riverside Freeway](#) (22)
- [Route 24](#) (23)
- [Route 68](#) (24)
- [Route 80](#) (25)
- [Route 116](#) (26)
- [Route 125](#) (27)

- [Route 140](#) (28)
- [Route 156](#) (29)
- [Route 180](#) (30)
- [Route 395](#) (31)
- [Route 680](#) (32)
- [San Marcos Pass Road](#) (33)
- [Saratoga-Los Gatos Road](#) (34)
- [Shasta Dam Boulevard](#) (35)
- [Silver Strand Highway & San Diego-Coronado Bridge](#) (36)
- [Skyline Boulevard](#) (37)
- [Topanga Canyon State Scenic Highway](#) (38)
- [Twentynine Palms Highway](#) (39)
- [Valley of the Moon Highway](#) (40)
- [West Side Freeway](#) (41)
- [Yuba-Donner Scenic Byway](#) (42)