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Byway spotlight - Johnny Appleseed Historical Byway

Ohio's scenic byway network just grew! On Monday, May 15 the Johnny Appleseed Historical Byway was dedicated as the 27th scenic byway in the state.

"There is so much history and beauty in Ohio," said Thomas Barrett, Ohio Byways Program Coordinator. "Our scenic byways offer unique experiences and a different view for travelers in our state." Now you can drive the Johnny Appleseed Historic Byway along State Route 39 from Loudonville, northwest through Perrysville and Lucas, and ending in Mansfield; and State Route 603 from Mifflin to Malabar Farm where it ends at State Route 95.



Sharon Strouse with the National Scenic Byway Foundation (far right), Tom Barrett the Ohio State Byway Coordinator (far left), and other byway leaders at the opening of the newest scenic byway in Ohio.

The journey tells the story of John "Appleseed" Chapman who spent the vast majority of his adult life in and throughout north central Ohio, spreading the seeds of fruit, as well as faith, to Ohio's early pioneers. Both routes pass by and through Appleseed's land holdings, apple nursery sites, Native American villages and locations of important events in which Appleseed was involved during the War of 1812. The Johnny Appleseed Historic Byway's vision statement is to "enhance all lives of those who pass this way."

Ohio Scenic Byway Program

The [Ohio Scenic Byway Program](#) is a grassroots effort to heighten awareness of Ohio's intrinsic resources: cultural, historical, archaeological, recreational, natural and scenic-which collectively enhance the overall traveling experience. Program participation provides subsequent benefits to the community as well, such as resource preservation, enhancement and protection. Learn more

Story topic and information contributed by Chris Sieverdes!

Want to highlight your Scenic Byway? Send us an email at info@nsbfoundation.com.

Summer driving tips

Summer driving safety goes beyond your pair of sunglasses! You need to be prepared for lots of situations as you drive along the gorgeous byways this summer. Here are some tips to make sure you spend time enjoying the scenery!

Pack a summer car-kit

You might think of a car-kit for the winter, but you also need a kit for warm weather. Include the following items:

- Cell phone and car charger
- First aid kit
- Flashlight
- Flares and white flag
- Jumper cable
- Tire pressure gauge
- Jack
- Work gloves and change of clothes
- Nonperishable food, drinking water and medicines
- Extra windshield washer fluid
- Maps
- Emergency blankets and towels



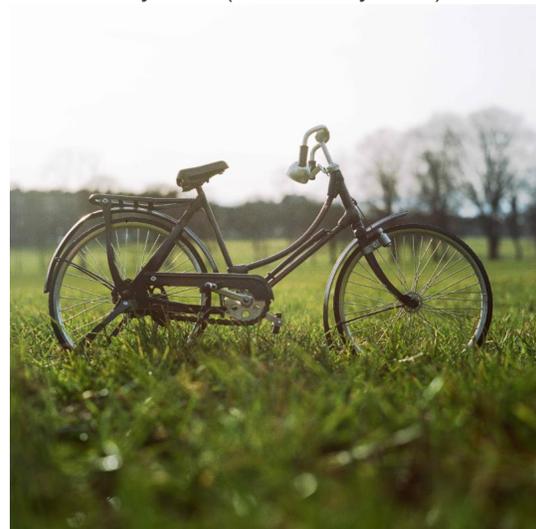
Want to read more about travel safety, check out [Texas Monthly's article](#).

Watch out for other sightseers

You won't be the only one enjoying the beauty of our Nation's scenic byways, so make sure to plan for congestion. Many byways also see high numbers of bicyclists (and motorcyclists).

Remember these tips for safe travel:

- Leave plenty of space between you and a person on a bike or motorcycle since they can stop much quicker and have less protection than a car.
- If you are parking along a byway, be sure to check your side mirror before opening your door. You don't want to open the door onto a biker!
- Avoid distracted driving! You may need to navigate and enjoy the view, but it's hard to do while driving. So consider pulling over before using the phone. In many states it's illegal to use your phone while driving; so be aware of the local laws!



Want to read more about driving safely around bikes, [check out Bicycling's article](#).

Fast facts!

"Is your Byway ready to ask for money?" webinar

The May 10 webinar was so important, we wanted to make sure you learned a few of the take-aways if you couldn't attend! *Members, don't forget that you can access the webinar slides by logging into the website and review the slides on the "training" tab.*

Here are the top three lessons from the webinar:

1. Where to find investors
2. How to streamline your Management Plan
3. How to focus your budget on priority concerns



By the numbers!

There are an amazing number of scenic byways in America with 150 national byways and over 685 state byways.

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