The Red Clay Scenic Valley Byway is unique from other byways because it is based on not just a single roadway but is comprised of 28 secondary roads within the Red Clay Creek watershed. This byway is the first in the U.S. to be based on the watershed model.

The Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway also is unique in that the byway designation is not used to promote tourism (although there are several organizations within the byway that we encourage the public to visit). Rather, the byway designation is a tool to preserve and protect the unique qualities of the byway.

Maps of Historic Resources, Land Use Cover, Natural Resources, and Scenic Areas can be viewed online at:

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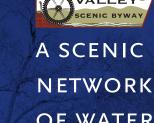






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What's a Scenic Byway?

A scenic byway travels through an area that has special scenic, historic, natural, cultural or archeological qualities. It's a road that offers an alternative to busy highways while telling a story about an area's heritage, recreational options and sense of place.

The Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway is one of six such byways that have been recognized by the state as part of the Delaware Byways program.

A series of 28 roads in northern Delaware, the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway offers views of rolling hills, upland forest, meandering creeks and pastoral flood plains that together offer an experience like no other. The byway is roughly located between Routes 48 and 52.

Why Does this Designation Matter?

The byway designation offers benefits to those living and working in the community:

- It protects the historic characteristics of the byway
- It helps preserve and pro tect important ecological and natural features within the byway
- It often increases property values for land located within the byway





What's Special about the Red Clay Byway?

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Travel the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway and you'll discover the remnants of a 19th century grist, snuff and paper milling industry at Yorklyn. From Route 82 you can glimpse the mature forest and steep slopes of the Red Clay Ravine Natural Area. Get out of your car and get on board the Wilmington & Western Railway for amazing views of the Red Clay Valley beginning at Greenbank, all the way to Hockessin.









Delaware Nature Society's Ashland Nature Center features self-guided nature trails on 81 acres of woodlands, meadows and marsh. The Mt. Cuba Center, dedicated to the conservation of Appalachian Piedmont plants, is located on a 630-acre estate. Auburn Heights Preserve features the largest collection of operating steam cars in the world.

Who Takes Care of the Byway?

The Delaware Nature Society manages the Red Clay Scenic Byway program and chairs the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway Alliance. The alliance is dedicated to preserving and protecting the 28 roads of the byway, which together comprise an interdependent network closely linked to the Red Clay Creek and its watershed. The alliance is the voice for the byway and its residents.

How Can I Help?

- Support efforts to maintain the byway
- Join the Red Clay Clean Up, an annual, one-day clean up blitz
- Report graffiti in the byway: call the NCC police nonemergency number (573-2800) or contact Charles Stirk, Captain of the Anti-Graffiti Brigade, at ccstirkjr@gmail.com
 Contact the alliance to learn more







