



**Take the scenic route.**

**Creating a  
Lake Mille Lacs  
Scenic Byway**

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**“Who asked what would happen if we had a scenic byway?”**

Interested locals asked the question, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation offered to help us pursue the possibility of a future Lake Mille Lacs Scenic Byway.

**“What is a scenic byway?”** Since 1991, Scenic Byways designated by MnDOT foster transportation related tourist amenities throughout the U.S., including twenty scenic drives in Minnesota. Recognized for many qualities, they attract travelers seeking authentic experiences offered by roads less travelled.

**“Where could the route be?”** Initially, the roadways being discussed are US Highway 169 along with Minnesota Highways 169, 18, 47, and 27. Basically, creating the loop around Lake Mille Lacs officially as a Scenic Byway. Other roadways could be included.

**“Why do we want a Scenic Byway designation?”** By developing an official Scenic Byway through MnDOT, it opens opportunities for increased tourism, and can preserve the corridors important to the communities surrounding the Scenic Byway.

**“When will the roadways become a scenic byway?”** The assessment phase is just beginning, where we’re gathering input from as many people as possible. This should be completed by the end of Summer 2017. Once the feedback is collected a request may be made to have the route officially designated.

## “How can I learn more?”

Check us out on Facebook—  
Lake Mille Lacs Scenic Byways

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