

Trinity Scenic Byway

Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests
Pacific Southwest Region

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PART B: SCENIC BYWAY INVENTORY

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STATE: CALIFORNIA

NAME OF ROUTE: STATE HIGHWAY 299 WEST

ROUTE NUMBER(S): 299

FROM: REDDING, CA I-5

TO: ARCATA, CA NEAR HIGHWAY 101

URBAN: _____ RURAL: X

Category:

- 1. Designated _____
- 2. Under consideration for designation. X
- 3. Significant potent. for desig. (OP) _____

CORRIDOR FEATURES (Check each that applies):

Predominant Theme(s):

- 1. Water X
- 2. Vegetation X
- 3. Topographical X
- 4. Urban Scenes _____
- 5. Cultural X
- 6. Wildlife X
- 7. If other, specify HISTORY

Land Use Controls:

- 1. Comp. plan _____
- 2. Zoning ord. _____
- 3. Scenic asmnt. _____
- 4. Public owner. X
- 5. Land trusts _____
- 6. Transfer develop. rights _____
- 7. If other, specify _____

ROADWAY FEATURES:

Ownership (Jurisdiction):

- 1. Federal _____
- 2. State X
- 3. Local _____

Length: 140 miles

Range of Speed Limits: 25-55 MPH

Mileage With:

- 1. One lane _____
- 2. Two lane 140
- 3. Four lane _____
- 4. Six lane _____

Federal-Aid System (Mileage):

- Off system _____
- Interstate _____
- (ICR) U Federal-aid primary 140
- Federal-aid secondary 140
- Federal-aid urban _____

AADT: 2050

* Attributable to

Scenic Byway: UKN

Peak ADT: 2600

Route Restrictions: N-A

- 1. Seasonal closings _____
- 2. Bridge weight _____
- 3. If other, specify _____

Passing Opp. Provided by:

- 1. Climbing lanes X
- 2. Pavement mrkgs. X
- 3. Signing X
- 4. None Provided _____

Road Surface:

- 1. Paved X
- 2. Gravel _____
- 3. Earth _____

Complementary Services Available:

- 1. Rest stops X
- 2. Scenic pullouts X
- 3. Interpretive signing _____
- 4. Campgrounds X
- 5. Other lodging X

- 6. Restaurants X
- 7. Auto services X
- 8. Bikeways _____
- 9. Trails _____
- 10. IF other, specify _____

Vehicles Prohibited: NONE

- 1. Motor Homes/Buses _____
- 2. Motor cycles/mopeds _____
- 3. Trucks, 3 axles or more _____

- 4. Bicycles _____
- 5. Trailers X
- 6. IF other, specify _____

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Executive Summary

The proposed Trinity Scenic Byway is one of the jewels of Northern California. It provides a scenic, recreational, historical, and educational tour through a cross section of the north state. At the east end of the route the user begins their journey in the golden California Central Valley then meanders westward into the Klamath Mountains and finishes at the ice blue Pacific Ocean. This passage provides the traveler with a full array of experiences.

The proposed byway is 140 miles long, passes through three counties, Trinity, Shasta, and Humboldt; two National Forests; one National Recreation Area; two State Historic Parks and numerous historic towns and places. The route is on State Highway 299 West and maintained by California Department of Transportation to Highway Safety Standards. The trip can take as little as three hours to drive or as long as your curiosity leads you to explore and stop to soak up some of the local views and historical lore

Along this route the motorist will experience a tremendous change in climate, geology/geography, and vegetation. This 140 mile road traverses coastal plains, steep granite cliffs, arid manzanita and digger pine hillsides, lush redwood forests, stands of pine and Doug-fir and parallels for some 30 miles the beautiful Congressionally designated Wild and Scenic Trinity River and the Trinity Alps Wilderness Area. Fishing for steelhead and salmon in the spring and fall and rafting/kayaking in the summer and spring insure almost constant use of the Trinity River by recreationists.