

U.S. Bicycle Route System Media Fact Sheet

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Current Status: See the National Corridor Plan for updated total mileage and a listing of participating states at www.adventurecycling.org/corridorplan.

What is the USBRS? The U.S. Bicycle Route System (USBRS) is a developing national network of numbered, signed, and officially approved bicycle routes which use existing roads, trails and other facilities appropriate for bicycle touring. The USBRS will eventually encompass 50,000 miles of routes and open up new opportunities for cross-country travel, regional touring and commuting by bicycle.

Who is behind the USBRS?

- **American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO)** is the nonprofit association representing all 50 departments of transportation that officially approves USBRs by assigning a numbered designation, similar to the U.S. highway system.
- **Adventure Cycling Association** is a national bicycle nonprofit that promotes bicycle travel and is the only organization that coordinates national development of the USBRS. Adventure Cycling staff offer technical assistance, volunteer coordination, and outreach to help states achieve official designation of USBRs.
- **State Departments of Transportation (DOTs):** each state transportation agency must sign off on the U.S. Bicycle Route application before it is designated by AASHTO. DOTs participate to varying degrees in the actual development and promotion of USBRs.
- **Local stakeholders:** state and local bicycle or trail advocacy groups or volunteers are typically involved in developing USBRs and gaining local road owner approvals. These stakeholders work with the DOT to get routes designated and promoted.
- **Road owners:** all USBRs have to be approved by the road owners that the route passes through, whether local counties and municipalities, tribal entities, state or federal agencies.

How are routes established? U.S. Bicycle Routes are nominated for national designation by state DOTs, and designated and catalogued by AASHTO at their spring and fall meetings.

Terminology

Full Name	Acronym	Use
U.S. Bicycle Route System	USBRS	Reference to the entire network of bicycle routes.
U.S. Bicycle Route	USBR	Singular reference to one route in the USBRS.
U.S. Bicycle Routes	USBRS	Plural reference to multiple routes in the USBRS.
U.S. Bicycle Route 30	USBR 30	Singular reference to a specified route number in the USBRS.
U.S. Bicycle Routes 30, 40, and 50	USBRS 30, 40, and 50	Plural reference to multiple specific route numbers in the USBRS.