

TRAVELERS' ✓✓ by Ann Hattes

ROADS, CITY WALKS, and TIPS FOR TRAVELERS

Historic National Road: The Road that Built the Nation

"The journey westward over the National Pike, especially if it be taken in the green and fragrant month of June, is sure to dwell long and pleasantly in the memory," reported Rufus Rockwell Wilson after he traveled westward by horse and carriage in 1902. Over 100 years after Mr. Wilson's pleasant journey, the state of Maryland offers the *Historic National Road: The Road That Built the Nation* map guide in recognition of over 200 years of history and the many recreational opportunities along the road.

The Historic National Road, the first federally funded road in America, was envisioned by George Washington in the late 1700s. In 1806, Thomas Jefferson made that roadway a reality by authorizing federal funding and opened the western frontier in the process. "Maryland is the first state to produce a map guide and install wayside markers on the Historic National Road ..." said Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. "Every mile has a story to tell."

The map guide details 66 interpretive markers found along Maryland's portion of the road, which runs from water's edge at Baltimore's Inner Harbor traveling through Baltimore and several counties to the Pennsylvania state line.

Lincoln Highway

Another later highway, the Lincoln Highway stretched across 3,389 miles and 13 states, connecting the bright lights of Broadway with the foggy shores of San Francisco. The meandering road was the road of Gettysburg, Notre Dame, the Great Salt Lake, and the Gold Rush Trail. It is now undergoing, as Route 66 did twenty years ago, a miraculous revival. A new book, **The Lincoln Highway: Coast to Coast Along Route 30 from Times Square to the Golden Gate** by Michael Wallis, celebrates America's first transcontinental highway. With hundreds of new and rare photographs **The Lincoln Highway** is an ode to the great American road trip, exploring vintage diners, Art Deco buildings, plus unique and funky roadside attractions.

City Walks

The Chronicle Books "City Walks" series continues with two sets of "50 Adventures on Foot." Skip the bus tours and experience these cities as the natives do – on foot! Each card in the **City Walks** deck offers a self-guided walking tour, with an easy-to-follow map on one side and detailed, inside information about the destination on the other. Pick any card and discover where locals eat, drink, rest, walk and play.

The Smart Traveler's Passport

The Smart Traveler's Passport 399 Tips from Seasoned Travelers (Quirk Books) is about traveling "the right way" with tips from the readers of *Budget Travel Magazine*. In this handy guide readers discover 13 different uses for Ziploc bags; where to find the best street food in cities worldwide; how a digital camera can help you find your rental car; and how to avoid long lines at the world's most popular attractions. As traveling today can be overwhelming, these tired-and-true travel secrets can be a big help whether heading out on a business trip or planning a vacation.



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