

Route 66

One of the most recognizable images of American road culture is Route 66. The development of transportation, economic expansion, and cultural significance in the United States are all reflected in its fascinating historical journey.



In the early 20th century, the concept and idea for Route 66 emerged as a way to upgrade the country's transportation system. It received official recognition as a highway connecting current roads and highways forms a continuous route.



Route 66 played a significant role during the Great Depression by creating jobs and acting as one of the few routes connecting the Dust Bowl region to the West Coast, where people were looking for employment opportunities.

The highway's significance was further cemented during World War II when it was used as a major route for military supplies.

Following the war, Americans started using Route 66 more frequently for leisure travel. It was immortalized in songs, books, movies, and TV shows.

But as the interstate highway system took off in the late 1950s, Route 66 began to wane in popularity. Interstates which are quicker and more direct have taken the place of many sections. By 1985, it had been formally shut down as an U. S. highway.

Despite being decommissioned, preservation efforts have helped to preserve Route 66's history. In order to draw tourists and enthusiasts, many communities along the old route have worked to restore and maintain their historic sites.

Travelers can reminisce at a number of iconic locations along the route.

Today, Route 66 is still viewed as a representation of American freedom, discovery, power and adventure. Although it is longer a major route for transportation, it still encourages road trips and acts as a memorial for roadside culture.

