

## = Alabama State Route 73 =

State Route 73 , also known as SR @-@ 73 , is a numbered state highway in Alabama . The route runs 11 @.@ 219 miles ( 18 @.@ 055 km ) from SR @-@ 71 in Higdon north to the Tennessee border , where it becomes State Route 377 ( SR @-@ 377 ) . SR @-@ 73 passes through rural areas in eastern Jackson County , serving the community of Bryant .

The SR @-@ 73 designation was first used for present @-@ day CR @-@ 29 between Piedmont in Calhoun County and Forney in Cherokee County , existing in the 1930s and 1940s . In the 1950s , SR @-@ 207 was briefly assigned to the road between Higdon and Bryant before it received the SR @-@ 73 designation . SR @-@ 73 was extended in the 1980s north to the Tennessee state line to connect to SR @-@ 377 .

## = = Route description = =

SR @-@ 73 begins at an intersection with SR @-@ 71 in the community of Higdon , Alabama , heading north on a two @-@ lane undivided road . The route heads through rural areas of farms and woods with some homes , curving to the northwest . The road heads north again as it crosses under several power lines radiating from the Widows Creek Power Plant along the Tennessee River . SR @-@ 73 continues northeast past homes and businesses in the Bryant , Alabama area on top of Sand Mountain prior to going north through more forested areas with a few rural homes . The route passes through a mix of farm and woodland before it turns east into forests . SR @-@ 73 makes a sharp curve north again to traverse Sand Mountain as it comes to the Tennessee border . At this point , the road continues into Tennessee as SR @-@ 377 , which ascends Sand Mountain to end at SR @-@ 156 , east of South Pittsburg , Tennessee .

## = = History = =

The SR @-@ 73 designation was first assigned in 1934 to an unimproved road connecting SR @-@ 74 in Piedmont and SR @-@ 62 in Forney , passing through Spring Garden and Rock Run , Alabama . By 1948 , this road was removed from the state highway system , becoming CR 29 in Calhoun and Cherokee counties by 1955 . What would become the current SR @-@ 73 south of Bryant became a part of SR @-@ 207 by 1955 ; at this time , the portion of road was a paved highway . SR @-@ 207 was redesignated SR @-@ 73 by 1957 . By 1987 , SR @-@ 73 was extended north from Bryant to the Tennessee border .

## = = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Jackson County .