

= Arizona State Route 89A =

State Route 89A (SR 89A) is an 83 @. @ 85 @- @ mile (134 @. @ 94 km) state highway that runs from Prescott north to Flagstaff in the U.S. state of Arizona . The highway begins at SR 89 and heads northward from Prescott , entering Jerome . From Jerome , the route then heads to Cottonwood and Sedona . The highway is notable for its scenic value as it passes through Sedona and the Oak Creek Canyon . The route then enters Flagstaff , where it crosses Interstate 17 (I @- @ 17) and I @- @ 40 . The highway ends at I @- @ 40 Business in Flagstaff . What is now SR 89A became a state highway in the late 1920s as SR 79 . The highway was extended and improved several times through 1938 . SR 79 was renumbered to U.S. Route 89A (US 89A) in 1941 and then to SR 89A in the early 1990s .

= = Route description = =

SR 89A runs from its southern terminus in Prescott northward through the towns of Jerome , Cottonwood and Sedona to its northern terminus in Flagstaff . The highway is known for its scenic views as it passes through the Sedona and Oak Creek Canyon .

= = = Prescott to Jerome = = =

The southern terminus of SR 89A is located at a junction with SR 89 north of Prescott near the Antelope Hills Golf Course and Ernest A. Love Field . The road heads east from the junction with SR 89 as a four @- @ lane divided highway with diamond interchanges located at most intersections . It continues as a divided highway until it reaches Fain Road in Prescott Valley . The route continues beyond this intersection as a two @- @ lane undivided highway .

As SR 89A moves to the northeast , it begins to ascend the Black Hills mountain range . The roadway follows the terrain through a series of hairpin turns as it climbs in elevation . Once SR 89A reaches passes over the mountains , it begins its descent into the Verde Valley . During its descent , SR 89A enters the town of Jerome . In Jerome , the highway provides access to the nearby Jerome State Historic Park .

= = = Jerome to Sedona = = =

Upon exiting Jerome , SR 89A heads northeast through the Verde Valley . After it enters the town of Clarkdale , it turns southeast at a roundabout with Clarkdale Parkway . The route continues towards the southeast through Clarkdale before entering the town of Cottonwood . There , the highway starts heading east at Cottonwood Street before reaching an intersection with Main Street .

The historic route of 89A from Clarkdale to Cottonwood , when it was called U.S. Route 89A , ran through the old downtown areas of each city . From Jerome , the route continued along 11th Street (now Clarkdale Parkway) , turning right at Main Street in Clarkdale , and then right again at Broadway . It continued past Tuzigoot National Monument , becoming Main Street in Cottonwood , and providing access to Dead Horse Ranch State Park . The route intersects Cottonwood Street , where the bypass route now intersects Main Street . This portion is now signed as " Historic U.S. 89A . "

Following the intersection with Cottonwood Street , the road follows Main Street to an intersection with SR 260 , which heads to the south toward Camp Verde and I @- @ 17 . SR 89A then moves northeastward towards Sedona .

As the highway leaves Cottonwood , it again becomes a divided highway north of Rocking Chair Road , heading into desert . Before reaching Sedona , SR 89A provides access to Red Rock State Park . The route remains a divided highway until it reaches Sedona , an arts and resort community known for its red sandstone formations . As it enters the city of Sedona , the route is known as the Si Birch Memorial Highway . The route continues east through Sedona , providing access to the Sedona Airport . SR 89A continues towards the east through Sedona to an intersection with SR 179

, which heads south from this intersection through the southern part of Sedona to provide access to I @-@ 17 .

= = = Sedona to Flagstaff = = =

The highway heads northeast into a wooded area from Sedona and follows Oak Creek as it enters Oak Creek Canyon . SR 89A then curves to the north as it follows the creek and provides access to Slide Rock State Park along this portion of the highway . The roadway leaves the creek as it begins to ascend through the canyon . Upon ascending , the road goes through a series of hairpin turns (no trucks over 50 ft .) towards the Mogollon Rim . The roadway continues northward away from the canyon towards Flagstaff . It curves northeastward as it passes to the west of the Forest Highlands Golf Club . The route continues to the northeast towards I @-@ 17 near Flagstaff Pulliam Airport . SR 89A begins to run concurrently with I @-@ 17 as a freeway northward . The two highways continue north to an interchange with I @-@ 40 , where I @-@ 17 terminates . The route continues north along Milton Road , passing to the west of Northern Arizona University before reaching its northern terminus at Interstate 40 Business in Flagstaff .

= = History = =

The routing of SR 89A was first defined as a state highway in 1927 as SR 79 by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) . At the time , only the portion from Prescott to Clarkdale was built , but the remaining portion to Flagstaff had been planned . By 1929 , the highway had been extended north to Sedona , although the entire highway was not paved at this time . A graded dirt road was built the following year between Flagstaff and Sedona . The southern half of the section between Sedona and Flagstaff had been improved to a gravel road by 1934 , with the northern half under construction . The next year , the construction on the northern section near Flagstaff was complete . The southern end of the highway near Prescott and the section between Jerome and Cottonwood had been paved by this time . By 1938 , the entire route had been paved .

By 1941 , the highway was redesignated from SR 79 to US 89A . Before the establishment of the route for I @-@ 17 , the only route to Flagstaff was through Prescott . There were two routes available : US 89A through Jerome , Cottonwood , Clarkdale , Sedona and Oak Creek Canyon or north through Chino Valley via US 89 to US 66 . The route was redesignated from US 89A to SR 89A in 1993 .

= = Junction list = =

= = Spur route = =

Fain Road / Prescott Loop is a short , route running roughly northwest to southeast , along Fain Road in Prescott Valley . Its primary original purpose was to provide a direct route from SR 69 to SR 79 and was originally designated as SR 179 and went to west mingus meeting than SR 79 (Jerome JCT) now known as 89A . It now moves west away from West Mingus and towards Robert Road in Prescott Valley where it meets 89A . The road was originally two lanes wide , but it has since been widened to a 4 @-@ lane divided highway and Future plans to make it part of the Prescott Loop Freeway system that will connect Future Interstate 11 and Interstate 17 via Freeway .