My Travels in the US and Canada

Years ago, I built my first simulation model of population dynamics the United States. I resolved to see the population centers I knew so well though data. I drafted my first list of places to visit before I could say that I had truly and thoroughly traveled the country. Since then, I have traveled over 25,000 miles and my list has grown to include 128 metropolitan areas in all 50 states, plus DC, Puerto Rico, and adjacent areas of Canada.

This information dashboard tracks
my past progress towards achieving that goal, and provides planning information for my future efforts.
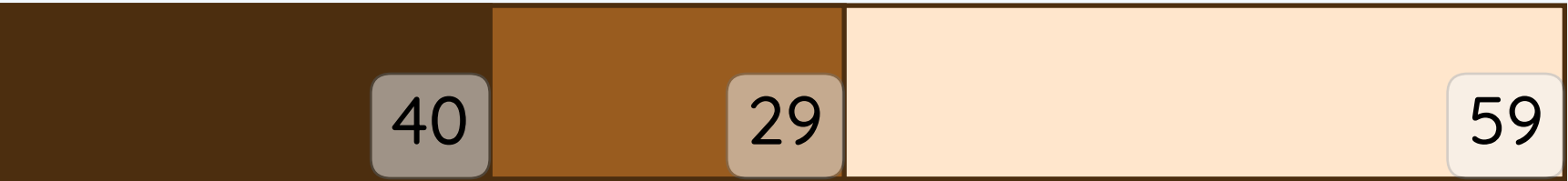
Progress Toward Goal

Legend:
- Unvisited
- Visited
- Photographed

States: Photographed 25 | Visited 10 | Unvisited 15

Metropolitan Areas: Photographed 40 | Visited 29 | Unvisited 59
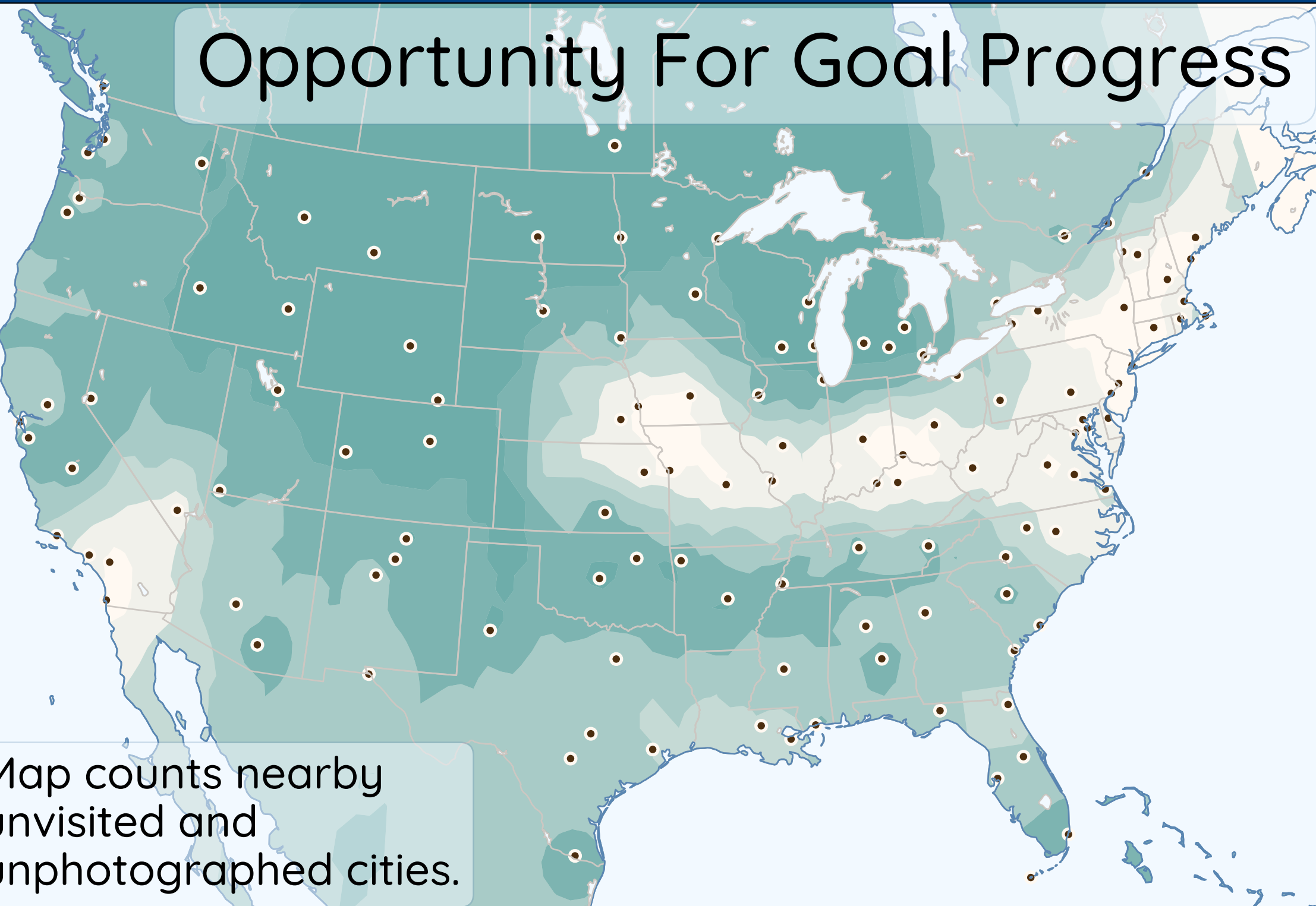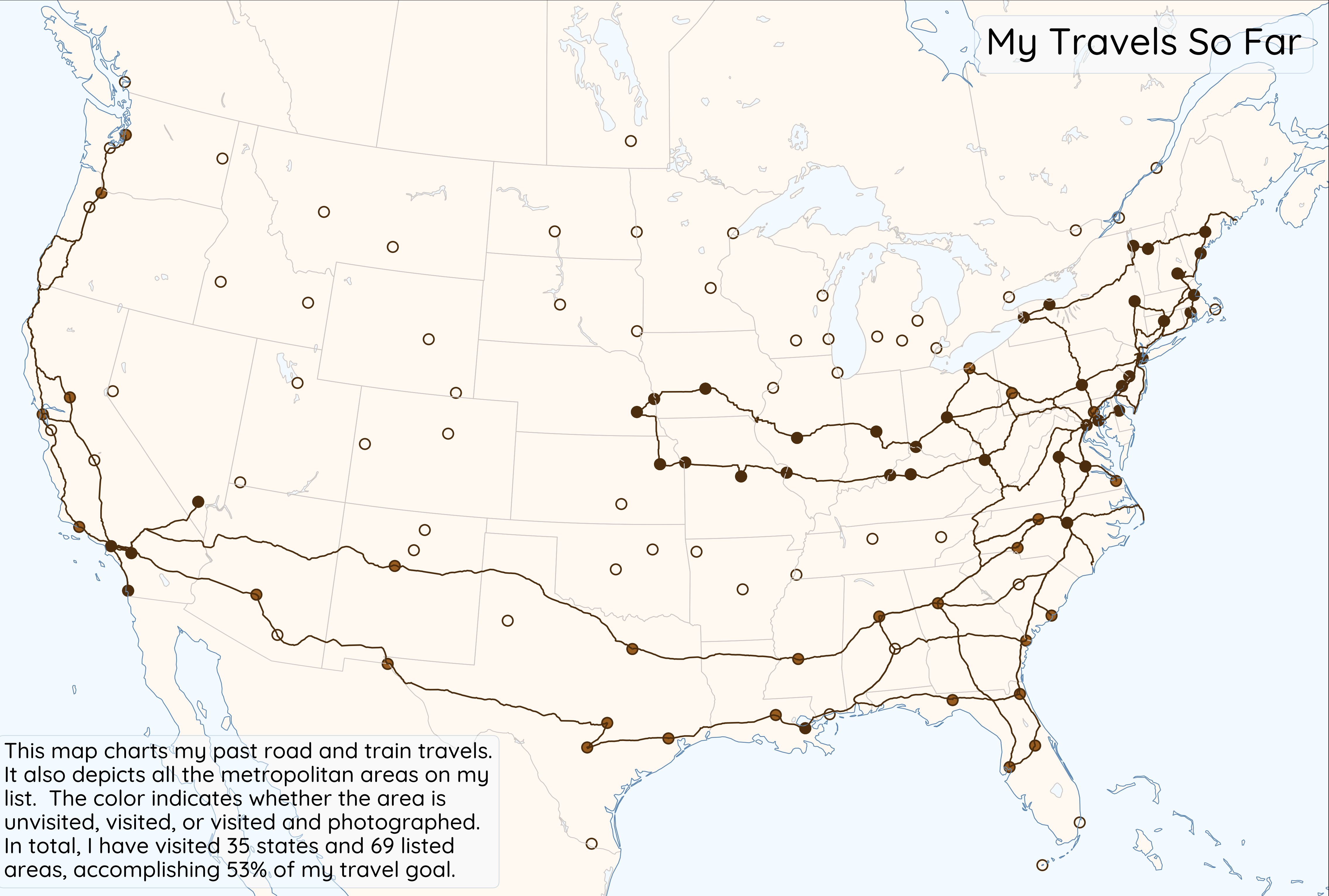
These bar charts measure progress towards visiting (and taking pictures) each metropolitan area and state on my list. I consider an area "visited" if I have walked in it for at least an hour.
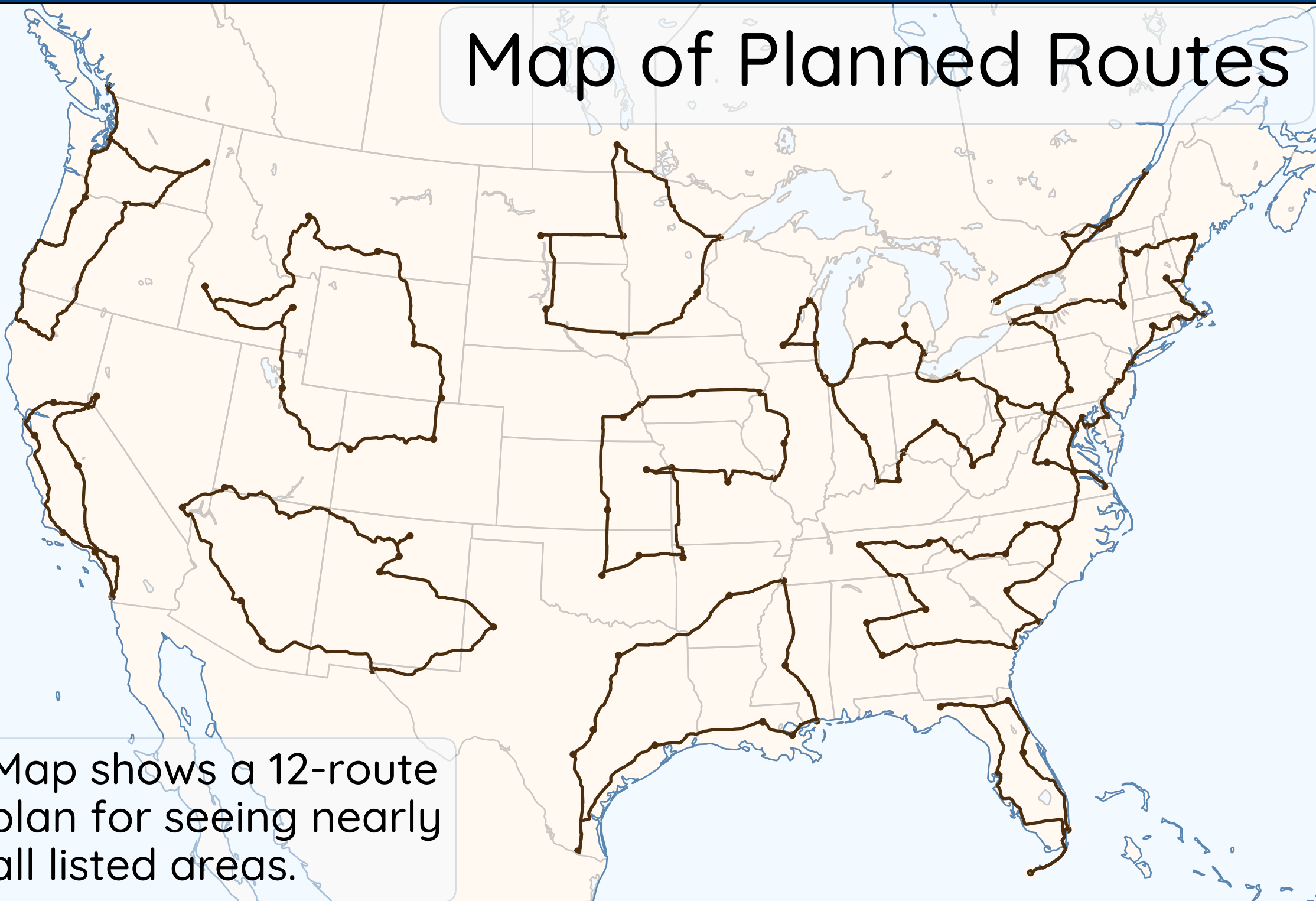
My Travels So Far

This map charts my past road and train travels. It also depicts all the metropolitan areas on my list. The color indicates whether the area is unvisited, visited, or visited and photographed. In total, I have visited 35 states and 69 listed areas, accomplishing 53% of my travel goal.

Opportunity For Goal Progress

Map counts nearby unvisited and unphotographed cities.

Map of Planned Routes

Map shows a 12-route plan for seeing nearly all listed areas.

Planned Route Information

Planned Route	Driving Miles	Trip Days	Best Weather Q1-Q2	Best Weather Q3-Q4	Goal Contrib.	Pre-Travel	States (And Equivalent)
Alaska State	700	13	Jun	Jul-Aug	4	SEA > ANC	AK
East Canada	1050	10	Jun	Jul-Aug	8	YYZ	CAN
Minnesota Plus	1600	11	May-Jun	Sep-Oct	14	MSP	MN, ND, SD, CAN
Wyoming Plus	2200	14	May	Sep	18	DEN	CO, ID, MT, UT, WY
Oregon Plus	1950	12	May-Jun	Sep-Oct	10	SEA	CA, OR, WA, CAN
Northeast Plus	2400	14	May-Jun	Sep-Oct	4	None	Northeast + DC, DE, MD, VA
Indiana Plus	2650	14	May	Sep-Oct	18	None	IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, PA, WI, WV
Missouri Plus	1950	12	Apr	Oct	8	STL	AR, IA, IL, KS, MO, NE, OK
Georgia Plus	2350	12	Apr	Oct	14	None	AL, GA, NC, SC, TN
New Mexico Plus	2350	14	Mar-Apr	Oct	13	LAS	AZ, NM, NV, TX, UT
California Plus	1450	10	Feb-Jun	Oct-Nov	9	LAX	CA, NV
Louisiana Plus	2250	14	Mar-Apr	Nov	16	DFW	AR, LA, MS, TN, TX
Hawaii State	0	9	Jan-Mar	Dec	2	SFO > HNL	HI
Puerto Rico	0	5	Jan-Mar	Dec	1	SJU	PR
Florida State	1400	9	Jan-Feb	Dec		Autotrain	FL