

= New Jersey Route 163 =

Route 163 is a short 0 @. @ 30 @- @ mile (0 @. @ 48 km) long state highway in the county of Warren in New Jersey . The route , which is currently a stub , used to be the approach to the destroyed Delaware Bridge , which was a road bridge over the Delaware River , connecting the settlement of Delaware , New Jersey with Portland , Pennsylvania . Until 1953 , the bridge carried U.S. Route 46 over the river . The bridge has been destroyed , but the approaches are still state @- @ maintained . A still @- @ existing bridge carries an abandoned ex @- @ Delaware , Lackawanna and Western Railroad line across the river just north of the former road crossing . The unsigned Route 163 runs from US 46 north to a dead end on the east side of US 46 , all in Knowlton Township , New Jersey . From the dead end , the bridge approach continued northwest and west over US 46 to the bridge .

= = Route description = =

Route 163 begins north of an intersection with U.S. Route 46 and Roy Ace Road in the community of Delaware . The highway heads to the north along Lackawanna Road . Route 163 passes several residences to the north and a short stretch of homes to the south . There is a short intersection with an unnamed local road . After that intersection , Route 163 passes a truck stop that is visible on both Route 46 , which parallels to the south , and the short state highway . There is another short truck stop before an intersection with a return ramp to Route 46 . Route 163 officially terminates at a barricaded dead @- @ end near Hemlock Hill Road .

= = History = =

New Jersey Route 163 originated as an alignment of U.S. Route 46 (co @- @ signed with New Jersey State Highway Route 6) . The alignment of 6 and 46 went along the alignment of the original State Highway Route 5 from the early 1920s , stretching from Newark to the bridge over the Delaware River at Delaware . The route was decommissioned when the 1927 renumbering occurred . After that renumbering , the route became State Highway Route 6 , a co @- @ designation to U.S. Route 46 , which had been assigned the prior year . The two highway designations remained intact until the 1953 renumbering , when Route 6 was decommissioned in favor of using the U.S. 46 designation . U.S. Route 46 was realigned once again when the Portland @- @ Columbia Toll Bridge opened in 1953 , when the alignment of the highway was changed to head along former State Highway Route 8 (mostly New Jersey Route 94) , where it ended at U.S. Route 611 and NJ 94 , where its current terminus is located . After the realigning of the Delaware Bridge alignment , the route was renumbered to New Jersey Route 163 . Two years later , the Delaware Bridge was swept away in floods caused by Hurricane Connie and Diane in 1955 , which took out several other bridges over the Delaware .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Delaware , Warren County .