

= Delaware Route 82 =

Delaware Route 82 (DE 82) is a state highway in the northwest suburbs of Wilmington in New Castle County , Delaware . The route runs 5 @. @ 51 miles (8 @. @ 87 km) from DE 52 near Greenville to the Pennsylvania border near Yorklyn , where it continues as Pennsylvania Route 82 (PA 82) . The route runs through areas of woods and fields in northern New Castle County , with much of the route paralleling the Red Clay Creek . The entire route is a part of the Red Clay Scenic Byway , created in 2005 . DE 82 was first numbered by 1952 on its current alignment . In 2010 , DelDOT had proposed eliminating the route number , but the plan fell through due to public opposition .

= = Route description = =

DE 82 heads to the west of DE 52 near Greenville as two @-@ lane undivided Campbell Road . East of DE 52 , the road continues to DE 100 as Kirk Road . The road passes through wooded areas with some fields and homes before crossing over the Hoopes Reservoir . A short distance after the reservoir , DE 82 makes a left turn onto New London Road to head to the south . The route passes through woodland , curving to the west as it follows a winding alignment . The road reaches an intersection with Mt . Cuba Road in the community of Mount Cuba. where it heads northwest on Creek Road and parallels the Red Clay Creek and the Wilmington and Western Railroad . It continues on a winding alignment and passes over the creek twice before crossing the railroad two times . Along this stretch , the road passes through the community of Ashland and by the Ashland Nature Center .

The route reaches the community of Yorklyn , where it turns southwest briefly . After making a turn to the northwest to continue on Creek Road , DE 82 continues north alongside the Red Clay Creek with the Wilmington and Western Railroad heading to the southwest . A short distance past Yorklyn , the route reaches the Pennsylvania border , where it becomes PA 82 and continues toward Kennett Square , Pennsylvania .

The entire length of DE 82 is a part of the Red Clay Scenic Byway , a designation given to several roads in the Red Clay Creek valley . The Red Clay Scenic Byway is a part of the Delaware Byways system . DE 82 has an annual average daily traffic count ranging from a high of 4 @, @ 682 vehicles at the southern terminus at DE 52 to a low of 197 vehicles at Mt . Cuba Road . None of DE 82 is part of the National Highway System .

= = History = =

When Delaware started numbering state highways in the 1930s , what is now DE 82 was originally an unnumbered road . By 1952 , DE 82 was created on its current alignment to connect PA 82 to DE 52 near Greenville . DE 82 was incorporated into the Red Clay Scenic Byway , the second scenic byway in Delaware , in 2005 . In 2010 , DelDOT considered removing the DE 82 designation in order to preserve the route as a scenic byway . After a public workshop on the proposed designation removal was held , DelDOT decided in April 2010 to keep the DE 82 designation due to strong opposition from area residents on the plan .

= = Major intersections = =

Mileposts run from north to south . The entire route is in New Castle County .