

= Delaware Route 100 =

Delaware Route 100 (DE 100) is a state highway in New Castle County , Delaware . The route runs from DE 4 near Elsmere to the Pennsylvania border near Montchanin , where it continues into Pennsylvania as State Route 3100 (SR 3100 , Chadds Ford Road) . The road runs through suburban areas of northern New Castle County . It intersects with DE 2 in Elsmere and DE 34 north of Elsmere before forming separate concurrencies with DE 48 and DE 141 from west of Wilmington north to Greenville . In Greenville , there is an interchange with DE 52 . North of Greenville , DE 100 continues by itself to the Pennsylvania border , intersecting DE 92 in Montchanin . DE 100 was first designated in the 1930s to run from DE 52 to the Pennsylvania border , where it originally connected to Pennsylvania Route 100 (PA 100) . By the 1970s , it was extended south to DE 4 . The route was realigned to follow parts of DE 48 and DE 141 by 1990 .

= = Route description = =

DE 100 begins at an intersection with DE 4 southwest of Wilmington , heading north on the one @-@ way pair of Race Street northbound and South Dupont Road southbound . The one @-@ way pair , which carries two lanes in each direction , passes through suburban residential areas . Both directions of the route join , with the route continuing northwest as South Dupont Road , a four @-@ lane divided highway . DE 100 curves north and enters Elsmere , where it runs through industrial areas and comes to a bridge over CSX 's Philadelphia Subdivision . A short distance later , the route crosses DE 2 and becomes North Dupont Road , where it becomes an undivided road and passes over an East Penn Railroad line on a bridge . The road continues through wooded residential areas , leaving Elsmere and becoming South Dupont Road . The route reaches an intersection with the eastern terminus of DE 34 . Following this intersection , DE 100 passes to the east of a cemetery before reaching an intersection with DE 48 south of the Cab Calloway School of the Arts and Charter School of Wilmington .

At this point , DE 100 turns northwest to form a concurrency with DE 48 on four @-@ lane undivided Lancaster Pike , passing through business areas before crossing the East Penn Railroad . The road continues through residential and commercial areas , widening into a divided highway as it comes to an intersection with DE 141 . Here , DE 100 splits from DE 48 by turning northeast to join DE 141 on four @-@ lane divided Centre Road . The road runs through industrial areas , curving north and becoming a freeway past the Barley Mill Road intersection . The freeway curves northeast and passes under the East Penn Railroad before coming to a partial cloverleaf interchange with DE 52 in Greenville . Past this interchange , the road curves east and the freeway ends , with DE 100 splitting from DE 141 at an at @-@ grade intersection by heading north on two @-@ lane undivided Montchanin Road .

DE 100 continues north through wooded areas with fields and homes , crossing the East Penn Railroad line again . The road runs through Montchanin and passes to the east of the Wilmington Country Club and the Winterthur Museum and Country Estate before crossing the railroad tracks again . The route intersects the western terminus of DE 92 on the western edge of Brandywine Creek State Park . At this point , the road continues straight as DE 92 , with DE 100 turning north to remain on Montchanin Road . The road crosses under the East Penn Railroad again and curves northwest . DE 100 bends to the north again before reaching its northern terminus at the Pennsylvania border , where the road continues into that state as SR 3100 (Chadds Ford Road) . The Montchanin Road portion of DE 100 is part of the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway , a National Scenic Byway and Delaware Byway .

DE 100 has an annual average daily traffic count ranging from a high of 41 @,@ 949 vehicles at the Barley Mill Road intersection along the DE 141 concurrency to a low of 2 @,@ 040 vehicles at the Pennsylvania border . The portion of DE 100 concurrent with DE 141 is part of the National Highway System .

= = History = =

By 1920 , what is now DE 100 existed as a county road . The route north of Kennett Pike was proposed as a state highway by 1924 . The highway was paved by 1931 . By 1932 , the state highway had been completed from Elsmere north to the Kennett Pike while the remainder was still a county route . DE 100 was designated by 1938 to run from DE 52 in Greenville north to the Pennsylvania border , where it continued as PA 100 . The route was extended south to DE 4 by 1971 , following Dupont Road . DE 100 was realigned to bypass a portion of Dupont Road by following DE 48 and DE 141 by 1990 . In 2002 , the Montchanin Road portion of DE 100 was designated as part of the Brandywine Valley Scenic Highway in the Delaware Scenic and Historic Highways system ; it was designated a National Scenic Byway in 2005 . In 2003 , PA 100 was truncated in Pennsylvania . However , DE 100 remains unchanged . On February 24 , 2015 , the bridge carrying DE 100 over the East Penn Railroad in Elsmere was closed after concrete fell from the bridge deck onto the railroad tracks below . Emergency repairs took place and the bridge was expected to be reopened by the end of March .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in New Castle County .