

= Delaware Route 23 =

Delaware Route 23 (DE 23) is a 14 @.@ 76 @-@ mile @-@ long (23 @.@ 75 km) state highway in Sussex County , Delaware . Its southern terminus is at Massey 's Landing in Long Neck , near the confluence of Rehoboth Bay and Indian River Bay and its northern terminus is at the Five Points intersection , where it ends at U.S. Route 9 (US 9) , DE 1 , and DE 404 . From the southern terminus , route runs west through residential areas of Long Neck before heading north through rural areas with some development . DE 23 is concurrent with DE 5 between the DE 24 intersection in Long Neck and Fairmount . It is also concurrent with DE 24 Alternate (DE 24 Alt .) between Hollymount and the DE 1D intersection in Five Points . The road originally existed as an unnumbered road except along the DE 5 concurrency , becoming fully paved by 1970 . The DE 23 designation was assigned by 1994 .

= = Route description = =

DE 23 begins at a boat ramp parking lot at Massey 's Landing in Long Neck , near the confluence of the Rehoboth Bay and the Indian River Bay . From here , the route heads west on two @-@ lane undivided Long Neck Road , passing through a mix of residential areas and marshland between Rehoboth Bay to the north and Indian River Bay to the south . The road winds west through homes , commercial development , and a few farms . Farther west , DE 23 comes to an intersection with DE 5 / DE 24 . At this intersection , the name changes to Indian Mission Road , and DE 23 begins a concurrency with DE 5 . The two routes head northwest through a mix of farmland and woodland with some housing subdivisions .

In Fairmount , DE 5 splits to the northwest and DE 23 continues north on Beaver Dam Road . In Hollymount , DE 23 intersects DE 24 Alt. and forms a concurrency with that route , with the road curving northeast . In Five Points , DE 23 intersects DE 1D and turns to the north , with DE 1D / DE 24 Alt. continuing straight and curving to the southeast . A short distance later , DE 23 intersects US 9 / DE 404 and turns east @-@ northeast to join those two routes on the four @-@ lane divided Lewes Georgetown Highway . DE 23 reaches its northern terminus at an intersection with DE 1 , at which point DE 404 also ends and US 9 turns east to join DE 1 . Past this intersection , the road becomes US 9 Business (US 9 Bus .) .

DE 23 has a total length of 14 @.@ 76 mi (23 @.@ 75 km) . The route has an annual average daily traffic count ranging from a high of 13 @, @ 167 vehicles at the northern terminus at DE 1 to a low of 1 @, @ 671 vehicles at the south end of the DE 24 Alt. concurrency . The small portion of DE 23 that is concurrent with US 9 / DE 404 is part of the National Highway System .

= = History = =

By 1920 , what is now DE 23 existed as an unimproved county road . The portion of the present route that is concurrent with DE 5 was upgraded to a state highway by 1931 and became a part of DE 5 by 1938 . By 1970 , the road was paved . DE 23 was assigned onto its current alignment by 1994 . DE 24 Alternate was designated to run along DE 23 between Hollymount Road and Plantation Road by 2006 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Sussex County .