

## = Pennsylvania Route 143 =

Pennsylvania Route 143 ( PA 143 ) is a 20 @-@ mile @-@ long ( 32 km ) state highway in Pennsylvania . It runs from PA 662 in Richmond Township , Berks County northeast to PA 309 near New Tripoli in Lehigh County . The route passes through rural areas , intersecting Interstate 78 ( I @-@ 78 ) / U.S. Route 22 ( US 22 ) in Lenhartsville , PA 737 near Kempton , and PA 863 in Lynnport . What is now PA 143 north of Lenhartsville was originally designated Legislative Route 285 in 1911 . PA 143 was designated to in 1928 to run from PA 43 in Lenhartsville to PA 29 near New Tripoli . The route was extended slightly east through New Tripoli by 1940 following a realignment of PA 29 . PA 143 was extended south to PA 662 by 1966 .

## = = Route description = =

PA 143 begins at an intersection with PA 662 in Richmond Township , Berks County , heading to the north on two @-@ lane undivided Hard Hill Road . It turns northwest through a mix of hilly farms and woods with some homes , reaching the community of Virginville and becoming Main Street . In Virginville , the road crosses the Maiden Creek into Perry Township , where it runs a short distance to the west of the creek with woods to the east and farm fields to the west as an unnamed road . PA 143 continues through rural surroundings as it passes through Windsor Township and into Greenwich Township . The road enters more wooded surroundings and makes a few sharp turns prior to heading west into Lenhartsville . Here , the road becomes Chestnut Street and passes homes and businesses , making a right turn to the north onto Willow Street as it intersects the former alignment of US 22 .

Upon leaving Lenhartsville for Greenwich Township again , PA 143 becomes unnamed and reaches an interchange with I @-@ 78 / US 22 . From this point , the road winds north through more forested areas , still running to the west of Maiden Creek . The route enters Albany Township and enters a mix of woods and farms as it comes to an intersection with the northern terminus of PA 737 near the community of Kempton . Following this intersection , the road passes through more rural areas as it runs to the west of Ontelaunee Creek and the Wanamaker , Kempton and Southern Railroad .

PA 143 crosses into Lynn Township , Lehigh County , continuing northeast to the community of Wanamakers as Kings Highway . At this point , the road turns more to the east and passes the terminus of the Wanamaker , Kempton and Southern Railroad and heads into more agricultural areas with some homes . Upon reaching the community of Lynnport , PA 143 comes to the northern terminus of PA 863 . From this intersection , the route continues farther east , passing through New Tripoli as Decatur Street before reaching its northern terminus at PA 309 .

PA 143 has a total length of 20 @.@ 039 miles ( 32 @.@ 250 km ) . In 2010 , PA 143 had an annual average daily traffic count ranging from a high of 5 @,@ 400 vehicles between PA 662 and I @-@ 78 / US 22 to a low of 1 @,@ 800 vehicles between PA 737 and PA 863 . None of PA 143 is part of the National Highway System .

## = = History = =

What is now PA 143 north of Lenhartsville was designated as part of Legislative Route 285 , a legislative route that ran from Hamburg to New Tripoli , in 1911 . PA 143 was designated in 1928 to follow its current alignment from PA 43 ( now Old Route 22 ) in Lenhartsville northeast to PA 29 west of New Tripoli . The route was originally unpaved between Lenhartsville and Kempton while the section between Kempton and New Tripoli was paved . By 1940 , PA 143 was paved between Lenhartsville and Kempton . Also by this time , PA 143 was extended through New Tripoli to end at PA 29 ( now PA 309 ) to the east of the community following a realignment of PA 29 . PA 143 was extended south from Lenhartsville to its current southern terminus at PA 662 by 1966 , adding 6 @.@ 4 miles ( 10 @.@ 3 km ) to the length of the road .

= = Major intersections = =