

= Delaware Route 36 =

Delaware Route 36 (DE 36) is a state highway in Sussex County , Delaware . It runs in a generally northeast ? southwest direction from DE 404 in Scotts Corner to Slaughter Beach , a town along the Delaware Bay . The road runs through the northern portion of Sussex County , passing through rural areas along Greenwood and Milford . The route intersects DE 16 and U.S. Route 13 (US 13) in Greenwood and US 113 , DE 1 Business (DE 1 Bus .) , and DE 1 in Milford . DE 36 was built as a state highway in stages during the 1920s and 1930s . The road was designated by 1938 from DE 16 east of Greenwood to Fort Saulsbury (present @-@ day Slaughter Beach) and was extended west to DE 404 by 1994 .

= = Route description = =

DE 36 begins at an intersection with DE 404 in Scotts Corner , heading the northeast on two @-@ lane undivided Scotts Store Road . The road runs through a mix of farmland and woodland with some homes , coming to an intersection with DE 16 . At this point , DE 16 turns east to become concurrent with DE 36 on Hickman Road . The road enters Greenwood and becomes Market Street , passing several homes along with a few businesses . The highway crosses Norfolk Southern 's Delmarva Secondary railroad line before it intersects US 13 on the eastern edge of Greenwood . Past this intersection , DE 16 / DE 36 leaves Greenwood and becomes Beach Highway , crossing the Nanticoke River .

In Saint Johnstown , DE 36 splits from DE 16 by turning to the northeast onto Shawnee Road . The road heads through agricultural areas with some woods and homes . Farther northeast , the road reaches the city of Milford . Upon reaching Milford , the route runs through residential areas and intersects US 113 . Past this intersection , DE 36 becomes Lakeview Avenue and passes to the west of Bayhealth Milford Memorial hospital . The road forms the eastern border of Silver Lake , a lake along the Mispillion River , and crosses Norfolk Southern 's Indian River Secondary railroad line . After this , DE 36 continues to the east on Causey Avenue past homes and businesses . In the downtown area of Milford , the route turns north onto Walnut Street briefly before it heads east on Southeast Front Street . The route passes through the residential eastern part of Milford where it intersects DE 1 Bus .

DE 36 leaves Milford and heads to the northeast on Cedar Beach Road , entering a mix of farmland , woodland , and homes . The road turns to the east , running a short distance to the south of the Mispillion River as it comes to a diamond interchange with the DE 1 bypass of Milford . Past this interchange , the route continues to the northeast . DE 36 winds east through a mix of farmland and marshland and comes to a drawbridge over the Cedar Creek in Slaughter Beach . The DE 36 designation ends here , but the road continues past the drawbridge into Slaughter Beach where it becomes Bay Avenue and turns south to run along the Delaware Bay .

DE 36 has an annual average daily traffic count ranging from a high of 9 @, @ 886 vehicles at the eastern edge of Greenwood to a low of 871 vehicles at the eastern terminus . None of DE 36 is part of the National Highway System .

= = History = =

By 1920 , a section of present @-@ day DE 36 southwest of Milford was completed as a state highway while a portion leading further northeast into Milford was under contract as one ; the remainder of the route existed as an unimproved county road . The portion leading into Milford was completed four years later , in addition to the segment of the road through Greenwood . A year later , the state highway was under proposal between Greenwood and southwest of Milford . The state highway between Greenwood and Milford was finished in 1929 . All of current DE 36 was completed by 1931 except for the easternmost part of the road . DE 36 was designated to follow its current alignment between DE 16 east of Greenwood and Fort Saulsbury (now Slaughter Beach) by 1938 , with the entire route paved except for the part near Fort Saulsbury . The unpaved portion was paved

a year later . DE 36 was extended westward to its current terminus at DE 404 by 1994 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Sussex County .