

= Delaware Route 12 =

Delaware Route 12 (DE 12) is a state highway in Kent County , Delaware . It runs from Maryland Route 314 (MD 314) at the Maryland border near Whiteleysburg , Maryland east to an interchange with DE 1 near Frederica . The route follows a mostly rural alignment , passing through the towns of Felton and Frederica . DE 12 intersects U.S. Route 13 (US 13) in Felton and DE 15 east of Felton . What would become DE 12 was built as a state highway during the 1920s . DE 12 was designated between Felton and Frederica by 1936 and extended west to Maryland by 1938 . The eastern terminus was moved to its current location in 1965 when US 113 (now DE 1) was routed to bypass Frederica . The DE 1 intersection became an interchange in 2011 .

= = Route description = =

DE 12 begins at the Maryland border , continuing west into that state as MD 314 at the state line . From the state line , the route heads southeast on two @-@ lane undivided Whiteleysburg Road briefly before turning northeast onto Whites Lane . A short distance later , DE 12 intersects Two State Road and becomes Burnite Mill Road . The road runs through farmland with some woods and homes , curving east and entering Felton . At this point , DE 12 becomes Main Street and heads into residential areas , crossing Norfolk Southern 's Delmarva Secondary railroad line . The road comes to an intersection with US 13 on the eastern edge of Felton .

Upon leaving Felton , the route becomes Midstate Road and continues through agricultural areas with some woods and homes . DE 12 crosses DE 15 and comes to an intersection with Andrews Lake Road , where the name changes to Johnnycake Landing Road . The road passes through more rural areas before entering Frederica , where it becomes Front Street and is lined with homes . In the eastern part of town , the route splits into the one @-@ way pair of David Street eastbound and Front Street westbound . DE 12 turns north onto two @-@ way Frederica Road and leaves Frederica , passing through marshland and crossing a branch of the Murderkill River . DE 12 continues to its eastern terminus at an interchange with DE 1 .

DE 12 has an annual average daily traffic count ranging from a high of 5 @,@ 207 vehicles where it intersects Frederica Road from the west to a low of 2 @,@ 204 vehicles at the eastern terminus at DE 1 . None of DE 12 is part of the National Highway System .

= = History = =

What is now DE 12 existed as an unimproved county road by 1920 . By 1924 , the route was completed as a state highway between Hollandsville and Frederica and was proposed as a state highway between the Maryland border in Whiteleysburg and Hollandsville and within Frederica . The entire road between Whiteleysburg and Frederica was built as a state highway a year later . DE 12 was designated to run from US 13 in Felton to US 113 (Frederica Road) in Frederica by 1936 . By 1938 , DE 12 was extended west to the Maryland border in Whiteleysburg .

In 1965 , US 113 was moved to a bypass to the east of Frederica , and DE 12 was extended north on the former alignment of US 113 to end at that route a short distance north of Frederica . In November 2009 , construction began for a grade @-@ separated interchange at DE 1 (which had replaced US 113) ; the interchange was completed in June 2011 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Kent County .