

= Delaware Route 24 =

Delaware Route 24 (DE 24) is a state highway located in Sussex County , Delaware . The route runs east from Maryland Route 348 (MD 348) at the Maryland border east of Sharptown , Maryland to an intersection with DE 1 in Midway , between Lewes and Rehoboth Beach . Along the way , DE 24 passes through Laurel , Millsboro , and Long Neck . DE 24 intersects U.S. Route 13 (US 13) in Laurel , US 113 / DE 20 in Millsboro , and DE 5 and DE 23 in Long Neck . The road runs concurrent with DE 30 between Mission and Millsboro . DE 24 features an alternate alignment , DE 24 Alternate (DE 24 Alt .) , that runs to the north of the route from US 113 in Stockley to DE 24 near Midway . DE 24 was built as a state highway throughout the 1920s , with completion of the entire route by 1931 . DE 24 was assigned onto its current alignment by 1936 . DE 24 Alt. was designated by 2006 .

= = Route description = =

DE 24 begins at the Maryland border , where it continues west into that state as MD 348 . From the state line the route heads east on two @-@ lane undivided Sharptown Road . The road heads through agricultural areas with some woods and homes , curving to the northeast . DE 24 runs to the south of Laurel Airport and enters the town of Laurel , passing homes . Following this , the route turns north onto West Street . DE 24 curves east and becomes West Market Street , crossing Norfolk Southern 's Delmarva Secondary railroad line as it continues into the downtown of Laurel . At the Central Avenue intersection , the route becomes East Market Street and runs southeast , bending east onto East 4th Street and heading through areas of homes to the south of Records Pond . At the eastern edge of Laurel , DE 24 comes to an intersection with US 13 .

Past Laurel , DE 24 heads east on Laurel Road through farmland with some woodland and homes . The route then passes to the north of Trap Pond State Park . The road continues east through a mix of farms and woods with occasional residences , reaching an intersection with DE 30 in Mission . Here , DE 24 turns north to form a concurrency with DE 30 on Millsboro Highway , with the road running northeast . Farther along , residential development increases as the road crosses into Millsboro . At this point the road name becomes Laurel Road as it passes homes and reaches an intersection with US 113 / DE 20 . Past this intersection , DE 24 / DE 30 turns north @-@ northeast on Washington Street . The two routes split into a one @-@ way pair following Main Street northbound and Washington Street southbound , crossing Norfolk Southern 's Indian River Secondary railroad line . The one @-@ way pair heads through the downtown area of Millsboro , rejoining along two @-@ way Main Street and crossing Indian River to the east of Millsboro Pond . A short distance later , DE 24 and DE 30 split at an intersection .

Upon splitting from DE 30 , DE 24 heads northeast on John J. Williams Highway , soon curving to the east . The road passes through farmland with some woods and homes and bends to the northeast , coming to an intersection with DE 5 near Oak Orchard . At this point DE 5 turns northeast to form a concurrency with DE 24 . The road heads north through residential and commercial development with some fields as it enters the Long Neck area , where it intersects DE 23 . Here , DE 5 splits from DE 24 by turning northwest onto DE 23 , and DE 24 continues north through a mix of farms , woods , and residential neighborhoods . The road runs through Angola and curves to the northeast , crossing Love Creek . The route continues northeast and intersects DE 1D / DE 24 Alt . Here , DE 1D turns northeast to join DE 24 and the two routes pass homes and businesses as a three @-@ lane road with a center left @-@ turn lane . DE 24 / DE 1D becomes a four @-@ lane undivided road as it comes to its end at an intersection with DE 1 in Midway .

DE 24 has an annual average daily traffic count ranging from a high of 20 @,@ 273 vehicles at the northern edge of Millsboro to a low of 1 @,@ 386 vehicles at the intersection with Mt . Pleasant Road west of Laurel . None of DE 24 is part of the National Highway System .

= = History = =

By 1920 what is now DE 24 existed as a state highway between Mission and Phillips Hill , with the remainder of the route existing as an unimproved county road . At this time the road was under contract as a state highway between Laurel and Pepper and from Phillips Hill to east of Millsboro . The sections under contract were completed by 1924 and the remainder of present @-@ day DE 24 was proposed as a state highway a year later . Completion of these final segments occurred by 1931 . DE 24 was assigned to its current alignment between the Maryland border west of Laurel and DE 14 (now DE 1) in Midway by 1936 . In 1940 , a new bridge was built over Love Creek as part of improving the route east of Millsboro for traffic heading to the beaches in the summer . DE 24 has remained on the same alignment since its inception .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Sussex County .

= = Bannered routes = =

Delaware Route 24 Alternate (DE 24 Alt .) is an alternate route of DE 24 between US 113 in Stockley and DE 24 in Midway . The route heads east from US 113 on two @-@ lane undivided Speedway Road , passing to the north of Georgetown Speedway . DE 24 Alt. then heads southeast onto Zoar Road , passing through agricultural areas with some woods and homes and crossing Norfolk Southern 's Indian River Secondary railroad line . The road continues east through more areas of farms , woods , and residences , turning north and east before crossing DE 30 in Zoar . The route heads east @-@ northeast through more rural areas , turning north onto Hollyville Road . DE 24 Alt. turns northeast and comes to a junction with DE 5 in Hollyville . The road continues east and intersects DE 23 in Hollymount . Here , DE 24 Alt. turns north to join DE 23 on Beaver Dam Road and the two routes continue through agricultural and wooded areas with residential developments , curving to the northeast . In Five Points the road intersects DE 1D , with DE 23 turning to the north and DE 24 Alt. continuing northeast along with DE 1D on Plantation Road . The two routes curve southeast immediately to the south of the intersection between US 9 / DE 404 and DE 1 and head through a mix of farmland and residential development . Finally , the road reaches an intersection with DE 24 where DE 24 Alt. ends and DE 1D turns northeast to join DE 24 . DE 24 Alt. was designated by 2006 .

Major intersections

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