

= Delaware Route 5 =

Delaware Route 5 (DE 5) is a 19 @. @ 48 @-@ mile @-@ long (31 @. @ 35 km) state highway in Sussex County , Delaware . The route runs north from River Road on the Indian River Bay in Oak Orchard north to DE 1 , north of Milton . Along the way , DE 5 passes through rural areas along with the communities of Long Neck , Harbeson , and Milton . The route has concurrencies with DE 23 and DE 24 in the Long Neck area . DE 5 features one alternate route , DE 5 Alternate (DE 5 Alt .) , which provides a bypass of Milton . DE 5 was built as a state highway in the 1920s and 1930s , receiving its designation by 1938 . DE 5 Alt. was designated by 2001 .

= = Route description = =

DE 5 heads northwest on two @-@ lane undivided Oak Orchard Road from the intersection with River Road on the shore of the Indian River Bay , passing through the residential areas of Oak Orchard . The road continues through a mix of farms and woods with some housing developments , coming to an intersection with DE 24 . At this point , DE 5 turns northeast to form a concurrency with DE 24 on John J. Williams Highway . The road heads north through residential and commercial development with some fields as it enters the Long Neck area , where it intersects DE 23 .

At the DE 23 intersection , DE 5 splits from DE 24 and turns northwest onto DE 23 , which is called Indian Mission Road . The road heads through a mix of farmland and woodland with some housing subdivisions . In Fairmount , DE 23 branches off to the northeast , and DE 5 continues to the northwest through more rural areas . At the intersection with DE 24 Alt. in Hollyville , the name changes to Harbeson Road . The route turns north and reaches Harbeson . In Harbeson , DE 5 crosses a Delaware Coast Line Railroad line and intersects US 9 / DE 404 near Beaverdam Cemetery .

Past this intersection , the road runs north through more rural land before curving northwest . The route turns north again and comes to an intersection with the southern terminus of the DE 5 Alt. bypass to the west of Milton , which heads west on Sand Hill Road . Also at this intersection , the name changes from Harbeson Road to Federal Street . DE 5 continues northeast into Milton , encountering the Milton Rail @-@ Trail and passing several homes . At the intersection with Front Street , the route turns northwest onto Union Street , running through the downtown and crossing the Broadkill River . The road continues through residential areas in the northern part of Milton . At the north end of town , DE 5 intersects DE 16 along with the northern terminus of DE 5 Alt . , which heads west on DE 16 . DE 5 continues north on Union Street Extended , passing through agricultural areas with some woods and homes . The route turns northeast and comes to its northern terminus at DE 1 .

DE 5 has an annual average daily traffic count ranging from a high of 18 @, @ 803 vehicles at the intersection with DE 23 and DE 24 to a low of 2 @, @ 170 vehicles at south end of the DE 24 concurrency . None of DE 5 is part of the National Highway System .

= = History = =

By 1920 , what is now DE 5 existed as an unimproved county road . The road was upgraded to a state highway between Harbeson and Milton by 1924 . The following year , the road was proposed as a state highway north of Milton and from Oak Orchard to the present @-@ day north end of the DE 24 concurrency . The entire length of the present DE 5 was completed as a state highway by 1931 . DE 5 was assigned to its current alignment by 1938 , running between Oak Orchard and DE 14 (now DE 1) north of Milton . By 1994 , DE 23 was designated to run concurrent with a portion of DE 5 in the Long Neck area .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Sussex County .

= = Bannered routes = =

Delaware Route 5 Alternate (DE 5 Alt .) is a 3 @. @ 8 @- @ mile @- @ long (6 @. @ 1 km) alternate route of DE 5 that bypasses the town of Milton . The route travels west from DE 5 south of Milton along two @- @ lane undivided Sand Hill Road through areas of farms and woods with some homes . The route turns north to join DE 30 on Gravel Hill Road , crossing an abandoned railroad line just east of the terminus of a Delaware Coast Line Railroad branch . DE 5 Alt. splits from DE 30 by turning east onto DE 16 , following that route through more rural areas on Beach Highway . The route ends at an intersection with DE 5 north of Milton . In some locations , the route is signed as " DE 5 Truck Alt " . The route was designated by 2001 .

Major intersections

The entire route is in Milton , Sussex County .