

= Pennsylvania Route 183 =

Pennsylvania Route 183 (PA 183) is a 31 @. @ 7 @- @ mile @- @ long (51 @. @ 0 km) route that runs north to south in southeastern Pennsylvania . The southern terminus is at U.S. Route 422 Business (US 422 Bus .) in Reading in Berks County . Its northern terminus is at PA 61 near Schuylkill Haven in Schuylkill County . The road passes through developed areas near Reading before continuing north through rural areas , crossing from Berks County into Schuylkill County at Blue Mountain . PA 183 serves the communities of Bernville , Strausstown , and Cressona .

Much of what is now PA 183 was originally designated as part of Pennsylvania Route 83 in 1927 , a route that ran from US 30 / PA 1 in Devon northwest to US 120 / PA 42 (now PA 61) near Schuylkill Haven . PA 83 was realigned to a more direct route in northern Berks County by 1960 , bypassing a jog to the west through Rehrersburg . By 1966 , PA 83 was renumbered to PA 183 to avoid duplication with Interstate 83 (I @- @ 83) and the southern terminus was cut back to its current location in Reading . The alignment of PA 83 between Devon and Reading became a part of other state routes , with some portions becoming unnumbered .

= = Route description = =

= = = Berks County = = =

PA 183 begins at US 422 Bus. in the downtown area of Reading in Berks County . The northbound direction begins at the intersection of North 3rd Street and Franklin Street and heads west concurrent with westbound US 422 Bus. on one @- @ way Washington Street , carrying three lanes of traffic . Southbound PA 183 ends at the intersection of 2nd Street and Penn Street , following US 422 Bus. westbound south on North 2nd Street , a one @- @ way street with four lanes of traffic . Past the concurrency with US 422 Bus . , PA 183 heads west on the two @- @ lane undivided Washington Street , passing to the north of Reading Area Community College . The route passes through commercial areas before turning north onto Front Street and entering residential areas . At the intersection with Walnut Street , PA 183 splits into a one @- @ way pair that carries two lanes in each direction , with the northbound direction remaining along Front Street and the southbound direction following Schuylkill Avenue . Front Street heads north while Schuylkill Avenue angles northwest , with the one @- @ way pair continuing through areas of homes and passing over Norfolk Southern 's Harrisburg Line . Schuylkill Avenue becomes a two @- @ way , two @- @ lane road at the Green Street intersection . Northbound PA 183 turns west on two @- @ way , two @- @ lane Windsor Street to rejoin southbound PA 183 on four @- @ lane undivided Schuylkill Avenue . Along this one @- @ way pair , northbound PA 183 is city @- @ maintained . The highway heads northwest , passing over a Norfolk Southern railroad line and the Schuylkill River on a bridge .

The roadway passes commercial establishments before coming to a bridge over Norfolk Southern 's Reading Line , at which point it enters residential areas . PA 183 comes to an interchange with the PA 12 freeway (Warren Street Bypass) that is connected via local streets . Here , the roadway narrows to two lanes . A short distance later , the route enters Bern Township and becomes Bernville Road , passing through a golf course before heading past a mix of homes and businesses in Greenfield Manor . The road passes to the south of Reading Regional Airport , gaining a center left @- @ turn lane before heading past industrial parks and St. Joseph Medical Center . PA 183 widens into a four @- @ lane divided highway as it comes to an interchange with the US 222 freeway .

Past the US 222 interchange , the route narrows back into a two @- @ lane undivided road and passes businesses and homes in the community of Leinbachs . Farther northwest , the roadway heads into a mix of farmland and woodland with development . PA 183 heads west and crosses into Penn Township , continuing through more rural areas with some homes . The route passes through Pleasant Valley and passes to the north of Blue Marsh Lake , curving to the northwest . The road continues through wooded areas and fields with some residences as it continues along the

northeastern side of the lake . Past Blue Marsh Lake , PA 183 enters Bernville and passes to the west of residential and commercial development in the town . The road leaves Bernville , at which point it briefly passes through Jefferson Township and Penn Township again before continuing back into Jefferson Township . The route passes through agricultural areas with some trees and development , curving to the north .

PA 183 enters Upper Tulpehocken Township and heads northwest again through more rural areas of farms and woods as an unnamed road . Farther northwest , the roadway passes along the northeastern border of Strausstown , at which point it crosses Old Route 22 . Continuing through more of Upper Tulpehocken Township , the route comes to an interchange with I @-@ 78 / US 22 . Past this interchange , PA 183 passes through more areas of farmland and development before curving west into forested areas and entering Bethel Township , where it comes to an intersection with the northern terminus of PA 419 . Following this , the road heads north and ascends Blue Mountain .

= = = Schuylkill County = = =

At the summit of Blue Mountain , PA 183 widens into a four @-@ lane divided highway , crossing the Appalachian Trail and entering Wayne Township in Schuylkill County , The route descends the mountain and becomes a three @-@ lane undivided road with two southbound lanes and one northbound lane . The road narrows to two lanes and continues north through wooded areas with some farm fields and residences , coming to an intersection with PA 895 . The route heads through more rural areas with some homes , passing through Reedsville . PA 183 comes to a junction with PA 443 and heads northeast through more farms , woods , and homes . The route crosses into North Manheim Township and becomes Chestnut Street , where it curves to the east . The road passes through more rural areas , becoming the border between Cressona to the north and North Manheim Township to the south before fully entering Cressona .

At this point , PA 183 heads into residential areas before coming to a bridge under a Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad line . A short distance before passing under the railroad , PA 183 Truck splits to the north to bypass the low @-@ clearance underpass . Past the bridge , the route curves north and becomes Sillyman Street , passing commercial establishments before heading past homes . PA 183 turns east onto Pottsville Street , with PA 901 and PA 183 Truck continuing north on Sillyman Street . The route curves northeast and continues past more residences before heading east and crossing a Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad line . At this point , PA 183 heads back into North Manheim Township , where it passes businesses and crosses the Schuylkill River before coming to its northern terminus at an intersection with PA 61 near Schuylkill Haven .

PA 183 has a total length of 31 @. @ 6 miles (50 @. @ 9 km) . In 2010 , PA 183 had an annual average daily traffic count ranging from a high of 15 @, @ 000 vehicles between US 222 and Bernville to a low of 5 @, @ 300 vehicles between I @-@ 78 / US 22 and PA 419 . None of PA 183 is part of the National Highway System .

= = History = =

When Pennsylvania designated legislative routes in 1911 , what is now PA 183 was not given a legislative number . In 1927 , PA 83 was designated to run from US 30 / PA 1 in Devon northwest to US 120 / PA 42 (now PA 61) near Schuylkill Haven . The route headed north from Devon to Valley Forge on Devon State Road , where it continued northwest concurrent with PA 23 through Phoenixville . Northwest of here , PA 83 headed northwest parallel to the Schuylkill River to Reading , where it turned north to follow Poplar Neck Road and 9th Street before heading west along US 22 / PA 3 on Penn Street . From Reading , PA 83 followed the current alignment of PA 183 to northwest of Bernville , where it headed to the west to Rehrersburg before heading north . In Schubert , the route continued north along the current alignment of PA 183 to Schuylkill Haven . PA 83 followed the alignment of Legislative Route 201 between Valley Forge and North Coventry Township and

Legislative Route 147 between North Coventry Township and Reading . The route had a total length of about 72 miles (116 km) .

When first designated , all of PA 83 was paved except the portion between Rehrersburg and the intersection with PA 443 . The remaining unpaved portion was paved by 1940 . PA 83 was split into a one @-@ way pair in downtown Reading by 1953 , being rerouted from following US 422 on Penn Street to following Chestnut Street westbound and Franklin Street eastbound , where it ran concurrent with US 422 Alt . By 1960 , PA 83 was realigned to a more direct alignment between Bernville and Schubert , passing through Strausstown . PA 83 was renumbered to PA 183 by 1966 to avoid conflict with I @-@ 83 , which was located in South Central Pennsylvania . Also , the southern terminus was cut back to US 422 Bus. in Reading . The former alignment of PA 83 between Devon and Reading became an unnumbered road between Devon and the intersection with PA 252 , PA 252 between there and Valley Forge , solely PA 23 between Valley Forge and Phoenixville , PA 724 between Phoenixville and southeast of Reading , and an unnumbered road between there and Reading . The PA 83 designation is not currently used in Pennsylvania .

= = Major intersections = =

= = PA 183 Truck = =

Pennsylvania Route 183 Truck (PA 183 Truck) is a 1 @.@ 6 @-@ mile @-@ long (2 @.@ 6 km) truck route of PA 183 that bypasses a low @-@ clearance bridge under the Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad in Cressona . The truck route follows Wilder Street north and curves to the northwest out of Cressona into North Manheim Township . PA 183 Truck turns north onto Beckville Road and heads east , crossing the railroad tracks at @-@ grade . The route turns northeast and crosses over the West Branch Schuylkill River before it comes to an intersection with PA 901 . At this point , PA 183 Truck heads south to form a concurrency with PA 901 along Gordon Nagle Trail , heading back into Cressona and becoming Sillyman Street . The truck route and PA 901 both end at an intersection with PA 183 .