



Historic Lewes Byway

Gateway to the Bayshore

Located north of the Delaware Beaches, the Historic Lewes Byway, "Gateway to the Bayshore," captures a remarkable history and surviving legacy as the First Town in the First State. The stunning views by land and sea capture natural beauty, maritime origins, architecture, and rich history from native settlements, agriculture and marine industries, to present day resorts. The byway offers unique shopping opportunities, food, and recreational facilities. Situated along the Delaware Bay, the Historic Lewes Byway can be reached from New Jersey on the Cape May-Lewes Ferry and from points west, north, and south along US Route 9, Coastal Highway SR 1, or other roads that access this maritime community. Biking, walking, shuttle, and transit use are available and encouraged to enjoy and experience parts of the byway's intrinsic resources.

What is a Scenic Byway?

Delaware's Byways are special corridors recognized for their unique features and significant stories to tell.

"Communities typically seek out the scenic byway designation by submitting a nomination application to their state department of transportation. This locally-based approach encourages communities to work closely with local and state agencies such as their state department of transportation, tourism office, and department of natural resources to preserve and promote unique local beauty and distinctive community character (National Scenic Byway Foundation)."

"State scenic byway designation is also the first step in applying to the FHWA for National Scenic Byway designation (National Scenic Byway Foundation)."

- 1 - Cape May - Lewes Ferry
- 2 - Lightship Overfalls
- 3 - Lewes Historical Society
- 4 - Lewes Downtown
- 5 - Zwaanendael Museum & Chamber of Commerce
- 6 - De Vries Monument

- Historic Lewes Byway
- Delaware Bayshore Byway
- Trails
- National Register Historic Districts
- Roads
- Swamp/Marsh
- Water
- Parks and Natural Lands
- Delaware Municipalities
- Delaware Public Schools

