

Lodging and Travel

(To the Virden Center - Lewes, Delaware)

LODGING INFORMATION

There are several options for accommodations in the Lewes region and we advise visitors to book early since there is a jazz festival in nearby Rehoboth the same weekend. Families may want to consider renting a cottage or condo in the Lewes area since it's a quiet and safe residential area. Most will require a three-night minimum. Downtown historic Lewes has a quaint New England charm with many fine shops, restaurants and cafes. It is close to the festival site (1.2 miles). Note that local speed limits are strictly enforced so relax and enjoy the slower pace. There are a few hotels and B&Bs in Lewes as well as several chain hotels on Route 1 "Coastal Hwy" just outside of town. Route 1 is the main thoroughfare between Lewes and Rehoboth. On it is the multiplex cinema Midway Theater and dozens of national brand name shopping outlets. There are also many chain restaurants and hotels along Route 1 near the theater and numerous fine restaurants in Lewes and Rehoboth.

When exploring lodging options ask for time or distances to downtown Lewes since the Virden Center is just a mile west of downtown on Pilottown Road. A south entrance from New Road is also an option for those coming south down Route 1. Rehoboth is approximately 15 minutes south of Lewes on the Atlantic Ocean. Dewey Beach is about 20 minutes from Lewes and Bethany Beach 30 minutes. On busy weekends Route 1 heading toward Rehoboth can be a little congested. Rehoboth and Dewey feature clubs and more active night-life.

Beachcombers will find Cape Henlopen State Park as a 4,000 acre paradise for walking the Delaware Bay and Atlantic shores. It features trails for biking and hiking, surf or pier fishing and incredible views from a WWII submarine watch tower. There are also campsites available inside the park for advance booking.

Full Service Cottage and Condo Rental Companies (3-night minimum)

Lewes Realty (800)705-7590 www.lewesrealty.com

Prudential Gallo Realty (302)645-6697 www.prugallo.com

Lingo Realty (800)345-3469 www.jacklingo.com

Long & Foster (800)272-2828 www.lfvacations.com

Internet/Direct Cottage and Condo Rentals

www.vrbo.com www.cyberrentals.com www.homeaway.com

www.vacationrentals.com www.greatrentals.com

Beach Escapes, LLC (302)530-1013 (rental condos in Lewes)

Hotels, Inns and B&Bs (Lewes)

The Inn at Canal Square (888)644-1911 www.theinnatcanalsquare.com

Hotel Rodney (800)824-8754 www.hotelrodneydelaware.com

The Beacon Motel (800)735-4888 www.lewes.com/beacon

An Inn By the Bay [B&B] (302)644-8878 www.aninnbythebay.com
Blue Water House [B&B] (800)493-2080 www.lewes-beach.com
John P. Virden House [B&B] (302)644-0217 www.virdenhouse.com
Also see this link for more <http://www.beach-net.com/LodgehotelLewes.html>

Hotels, Inns and B&Bs (near Lewes on Hwy Route 1)

Heritage Inn (800)669-9399 www.rehobothheritage.com
Sleep Inn (302) 645-6464 www.rehobothsleepinn.com
Comfort Inn (800)590-5451 www.comfortinnrehoboth.com
Holiday Inn Express (302)227-4030 www.holiday-rehoboth.com

Additional Lodging Links

<http://www.rehobothtoday.com/lodging/>
<http://www.deshorebnbs.com/bb2.php#lewes>
<http://www.ihsadvantage.com/h/hotels/lewes/de/us/#visited=true&cityID=6221>

TRAVEL INFORMATION (Destination: 700 Pilottown Rd. Lewes, DE 19958)

Air travelers can look for flights to Baltimore (BWI) or Philadelphia (PHL). Both offer rental cars. BWI is about 2 1/3 hours and PHL about 2 hours but PHL airport is busier and seems to have more delays.

From BWI take I-97 South toward Annapolis/Bay Bridge to Route 50 East over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge (\$2.50 one way). Continue of Route 50 to Wye Mills and take 404 East for 23 miles. Just after entering DE take Route 36 East (at Scott Store Rd). Route 36 becomes 16, follow through Ellendale to the Route 1 Coastal Hwy South intersection and turn right. Go 7 miles and turn left at Route 9 (Savannah Rd) into Lewes. Go left at Front St. which becomes Pilottown Rd and follow to end or use the alternate entrance on New Road at Nassau from Rt. 1.

From PHL take I-95 S to Delaware to exit 11 onto I-495 S to bypass Wilmington. Merge back on I-95 S for 4 miles then right on exit 4A to State Route 1 South – Christiana (pass Christiana Mall) and continue on Route 1 about 78 miles to the beach area (two 1 dollar tolls). Approaching Lewes turn left at Route 9 (Savannah Rd) into Lewes. Go left at Front St. which becomes Pilottown Rd and follow to end or use the alternate entrance on New Road at Nassau from Rt. 1.

From NJ take the Garden State Pkwy to Cape May and the ferry over to Lewes. Head down Savannah Rd just over the canal and turn right on Front St then follow to its end on Pilottown Rd.

From VA/Norfolk Take Route 13 N over the Ches. Bay Bridge Tunnel then exit onto Route 113 N at Pocomoke toward Ocean City for 47 miles. At Millsboro take Route 24 East into Route 1 N turn left and head north up Coastal Hwy. Approaching Lewes go right onto Savannah Road down into Lewes then left at Front St. which becomes Pilottown Rd and follow to the end.