## Dewey Beach Walking Tour

Explore the Town of Dewey Beach and discover some of its many treasures!

## **Bayside Walking Tour**

- Start at the public beach on Lighthouse Cove at Van Dyke St.. Since the recent beach replenishment this gently sloping beach has become very popular. It's often crowded by diverse activities in and out of the water but shared in a very comfortable friendly way.
- 2. From this beach, take the bay walk to the Public Beach at Dickinson where you may find a volleyball game in progress! Note the long pier on the north side of the beach—this is where the water taxi that goes between Dewey Beach and Lewes docks.
- 3. Follow the side walk east toward Highway and continue North. You will notice Town Hall on your left at Rodney St. Continue North to Read St.
- 4. Turn left on to Read St. toward the Rehoboth Bay and Monigle Park. At the park you will find signage regarding the common critters found at Rehoboth Bay—the second largest of Delaware's three inland bays.
- 5. Take Hayden Rd. to McKinley Ave. Take a few minutes and enjoy the Wetland Environmental Interpretation Park on your left. The Lions Club has placed three signs regarding the Tidal Salt Marsh. On your right, the Lions Club has also provided the John Waples Playground for public enjoyment. Next to the gazebo is an attractively decorated small house, it's a Little Free Library. Enjoy its contents.
- 6. Cross the parking lot to Sunset Park, part of the Inland Bays Watershed. The wooden bridge will take you to a gazebo and a beautiful view.
- 7. Walk back over the bridge returning to Dagsworthy. The annual Dewey Beach Arts Fest is held here.
- 8. Walk toward Highway 1 then follow the side walk north to the intersection of Highway 1 and Route 1-A

## Oceanside Walking Tour

- Cross Highway 1 to 1-A and continue North through the residential area, walking in the pedestrian/bikelane. You'll see examples of traditional cottages, bungalows and A-frame homes as you walk toward Chesapeake St., the first (or last) street in Dewey Beach. Continue walking toward Silver Lake and look east across the lake. You'll see seven homes that are not as tall as the other. These seven homes are the northern most properties in Dewey Beach. Turn back South and take any street toward the beach.
- 2. Now that you are actually on Dewey Beach, you can enjoy the mile-long open expanse of the beach. The National Resources Defense Council has named Dewey Beach one of America's 35 Superstar Beaches for its consistently superior water quality.
- 3. Walk south along the beach toward Saulsbury and New Orleans St. The annual East Coast Skimboarding Championship takes place in this stretch of the beach.
- 4. Turn right down New Orleans St. at Highway 1, look up to see the Dewey Beach "A Way Of Life" clock. The New Years Eve skim boarder drop occurs here. Now return down New Orleans to the beach again.
- 5. Walk South along the beach toward Dagsworthy St. and the Life Saving Station [LSS]. This section of the beach hosts many summer activities including the Junior Lifesaving program, movies, volleyball and bonfires.
- 6. Continue South toward Collins St., the southern most part of Dewey Beach [Indian Beach begins on the South Side of Collins St]. Turn left on Collins and follow to the traffic light. Walk one block South to Beach Ave and you will have walked all of Dewey Beach. Or you may cross Highway 1 at Collins and continue on to Collins St. Bayside, a great spot to see the sunset!

Dewey Beach was incorporated in 1981 and continues to develop and change. Note the recently added benches and bike racks throughout town. There are also handicap access surf chairs at the LSS. Public restrooms are available at Hyatt Place, The Lighthouse and LSS [when open]. Dewey Beach welcomes you and hopes to see you many times in the future. Hope you are enjoying our walkable town!

