



# 2017 SUMMER LAYOUT TOURS

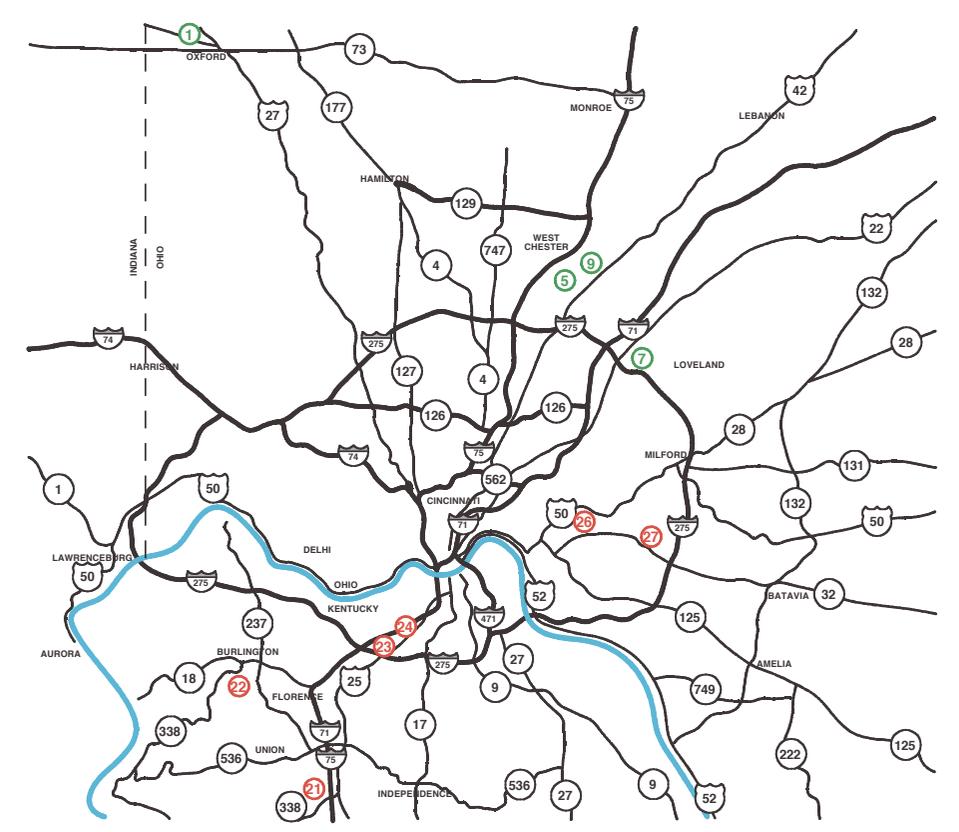


JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> & JULY 23<sup>RD</sup> 2017



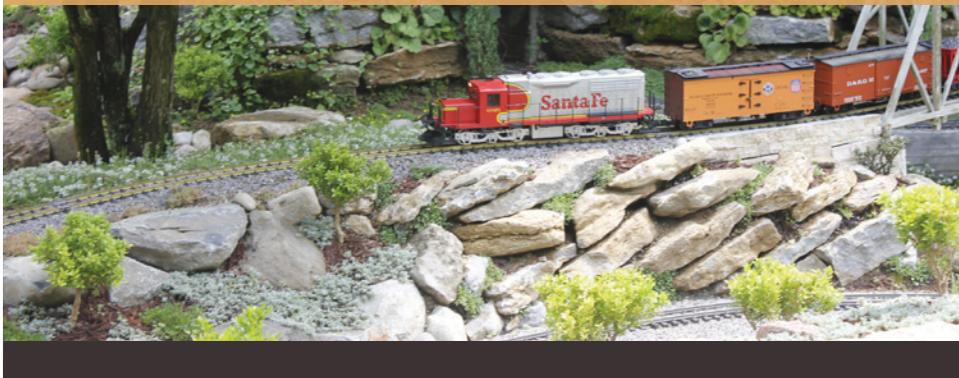
Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society

## Greater Cincinnati Area



## OVERALL TOUR MAP

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# CRANBERRY & LINVILLE RIVER RAILROAD CO.

Dan & Pam Stenger

📍 557 MUSTANG DR. WALTON, KY 41094

📍 LAT 38.92311 LONG -84.63861

📞 (859) 485-6844

Travel back in time to the mountains of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina and visit The Cranberry and Linville River. The C&LR, (circa 1920-1940) a fictitious railroad based on the three-foot gauge East Tennessee and Western North Carolina R.R., consists of two loops. The C&LR is approximately 1600 sq. ft. with 350 feet of track winding through mountains, valleys, tunnels as well as crossing and following waterfalls and a stream. Like the ET&WNC, the 13-year-old C&LR has five tunnels and

numerous bridges and trestles including a long trestle/bridge combination 64 scale feet high and 445 scale feet long. The C&LR runs mostly battery-powered steam including ten-wheelers, a Shay, Climax and a consolidation. The railway was designed by Paul Busse and built by Dan and Pam Stenger, the owners, with help from their children Amanda and Zach. Harken back to the last century when the whistles of the ET&WNC echoed through the hills..."Tweetsie"! The layout is wheelchair accessible over grass.

**Directions:** Take I-75 to Exit 175 (Richwood). Proceed west on 338 (Richwood Rd.) to Paddock (just past McDonald's). Turn right onto Paddock and proceed to Mustang (1st left). Turn left onto Mustang. 557 is the third house on the left side of the street.

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# BACON'S SCHWEITZER GARTENBAHN

Harold & Peggy Bacon

📍 2663 STERLING TRACE BURLINGTON, KY 41005

📍 LAT 39.01356 LONG -84.72346

📞 (859) 586-1117

The BSG depicts two small stations on the Rhatische Bahn (RhB) at the turn of the 21st Century. The RhB is an electrified, meter gauge narrow gauge railroad that traverses the Swiss Alps between Zermatt and St. Moritz.

The BSG displays two stations located in the Graubunden Canton of eastern Switzerland. Susch is located on the Engadin Line along the Inn River in the

Upper Engadin Valley. Surava is situated on the Albula Line along the Albula River.

There is one prefab waterfall on the east side of the layout as part of the "alps". The two tunnels are constructed of clay fireplace flue liners. The watch tower is constructed of PVC boards covered with stone backsplash tiles. Most of this layout is handicap accessible (some access is through lawn).

**Directions:** Take I-75/71 to exit #181 (Burlington Pike KY 18). Go West toward Burlington. Go approx. 3 miles to KY 237 traffic light (Camp Ernst Road). You are close to KY 237 when you pass a Kroger's shopping center on your L and the Boone County Public Library on your R. Turn L (south) onto KY 237 to the traffic light at Rogers Ln. Turn R (west) and drive approx. 1 mile to the entrance of the Hanover Park Subdivision on your L. Turn L on Hanover Blvd. Turn R onto Autumn Trail and immediately turn L onto Sterling Trace (1st cross street) to the 3rd house on your L. **Please observe the parking restrictions—one side of the street only!**

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# FERN VALLEY RAILROAD

Mike & Jeanette Wolf

- 📍 164 LOOKOUT FARM RD CRESTVIEW HILLS, KY 41017
- 📍 LAT 39.03259 LONG -84.5831
- 📞 (859) 331-0472

This is a shade garden railroad that has been under major renovations this year. We have approximately 385 feet of track with many tunnels, trestles and bridges. We also have 5 waterfalls with almost 50 feet of stream. The layout can be viewed from the yard (handicap accessible) and 2 decks and it can be walked through across a footbridge to the lower yard.

**Directions:** From the East, Exit I-275 at exit 83. Take the Dixie Highway North Ramp. Go right for about 100 Yards to the first traffic light. This is Lookout Farm Dr. Turn left and drive straight past 2 stop signs across a small bridge. We will be the second drive way on the right. **Alternate:** From the West or I-75/71. If from I-75/71 exit I-275 East (away from the airport). Follow I-275 approximately 1 mile to exit 83. At the light turn left and go to the first traffic light. This is Lookout Farm Dr. Turn left and drive straight past 2 stop signs across a small bridge. We will be the second drive way on the right.

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# B & P BLUEGRASS RAILROAD

Bill & Pam Brown

- 📍 82 THOMPSON AVE FT. MITCHELL, KY 41017
- 📍 LAT 39.04632 LONG -84.56130
- 📞 (859) 331-1257

The B & P Bluegrass Railroad was designed and built by the owners. A perennial garden with a flagstone patio and pond was just completed when the idea was sparked that just maybe a train track could be installed to make the garden more interesting. How fun this would be for the grandchildren we were soon expecting!

153 feet of LGB track was hand laid by the owner and the following year another patio was installed with more perennials

and an additional 160 feet of track was laid. Two trains can now be running at the same time, passing through tunnels and many buildings and structures. The project is ongoing with new ideas each year.

The garden incorporates many miniature conifers, varieties of sedum, herbs, and annuals. The garden railroad can be viewed from many areas of the outdoor living space from the balcony to three different seating areas within the garden.

**Directions:** I-75 South to Fort Mitchell, KY Exit. Left on Dixie Highway. Pass Shopping Center and Sunoco Station. Turn right on Beechwood Road. Follow Beechwood Road approximately 3/4 mile. Left on Thompson Avenue. Go thru STOP sign. 82 Thompson on left.

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Scot & Nancee Rogers

📍 6730 MAIN STREET NEWTOWN, OH 45244

📍 LAT 39.12493 LONG -84.36762

📞 (513) 527-4516

If a big hollow tree falls down in your yard, you can try to haul it off, or make friends with the gnomes living inside and offer them a train (no cookies ever appeared, so we figure gnomes, not elves). Three loops totaling about 350 feet make up the design.

One loop goes under the log, two go through (big tree, remember). Another part of the tree has been stood up as a feature. Trestles are made of bamboo,

small branches and a ladder. We are encouraging plants to grow over some of the tunnels while others will be covered with rocks. Some water features are included or in process. Track the stream bed from the rock mountain to the future pond.

We have Stone / Brick – henge in the center for the gnome druids. They have decided a nice lawn-bowling area would be good too.

**Directions:** I-275 to Exit 63A OH-32 Newtown (the exit is under construction, but you can still get here, just watch the signs) Take OH-32 West towards town. After approx.. 5 miles, 6730 is on your right. Our drive has a phone pole with reflectors right next to it. We have a few spots there. Note: No street parking at all on OH-32. We have arrangements with areas on our side of the street for parking. Watch for helpers, who will tell you which areas have spaces available. Layout is wheelchair accessible.

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Richard & Nancy Engouser

📍 5052 GOAL POST LN. CINCINNATI, OH 45244

📍 LAT 39.139555 LONG -84.28459

📞 (513) 829-4990

A layout in a small area can still be eye catching! We sit on 1 ½ acres but have a sloping back yard. A retaining wall was built which now displays an open figure eight design. The layout has a snow shed tunnel and small water feature. The track is nickel which holds up well to weather. The layout is under the canopy of a Japanese Maple tree. Other plants featured are ferns,

miniature cypress and hemlock, small box woods, creeping cinquefoil, sedum and thyme as well as annuals. Can be viewed from the patio as well as the deck. Come enjoy our backyard train as well as our stream bed emptying into a goldfish pond, bridge, swing, flowers as well as a trail through the woods. The layout is wheelchair accessible over some grass.

**Directions:** I-275 exit 63, left on 32 west, right on Beechwood (VA facility on corner). At 3 way stop, bear left to stay on Beechwood, right on Dorgene (Polo Fields Subdivision), Immediate left on Goal Post Ln. #5052



📍 111 COUNTRY CLUB DR OXFORD, OH 45056

📍 LAT 39.51560 LONG -84.76515

📞 (513) 524-2124

The Midwestern and Rainbow Tunnel Railroad is a combination mainline and branchline model railroad set in the 40s & 50s. The MW & RT RR covers approximately 1700 sq ft with 500 ft of track. The track winds through a garden of over 60 different varieties of plants, around a rock stream and pond, and past more than 20 buildings. Trains go

through a tunnel, climb 40-ft long hills with 2% grades, and pass over 3 bridges and 5 trestles. A variety of trains run on the railroad – including those pulled by articulated steam locomotives, diesel locomotives, and small narrow-gauge locomotives. A digital command control system is used for train operations. The layout is handicap accessible.

**Directions:** Take I-275 to exit 33 (US 27, Colerain Ave). Take US 27 north into Oxford. On the way US 27 makes a left turn in Millville at a traffic light (12 miles from I-275), and another left turn at High St in Oxford (10 miles out of Millville). Follow High St straight west and it changes its name to Contreras Rd (no longer US 27) at the end of downtown Oxford (Shell and BP stations). Continue straight and follow Contreras road over the RR tracks, past Arby's (on the left) and past Oxford Country Club (on the right). At Olde Farm Rd. (approx 1 mile out of downtown Oxford), turn right into Heritage Subdivision. Turn right on Country Club. Dr. Pantle's house is the fifth one on the right side of the street.

📍 17357 SUSAN SPRINGS DR. WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

📍 LAT 39.33030 LONG -84.38323

📞 (513) 777-4919

The Buckeye Springs is a relatively new layout begun in April 2012. It has three fully operational main loops with broad curves totaling 380 feet of track. It occupies 2600 sq ft at the top of a steep hill overlooking the neighborhood pond.

The layout is owner-designed and constructed and features 100 feet of

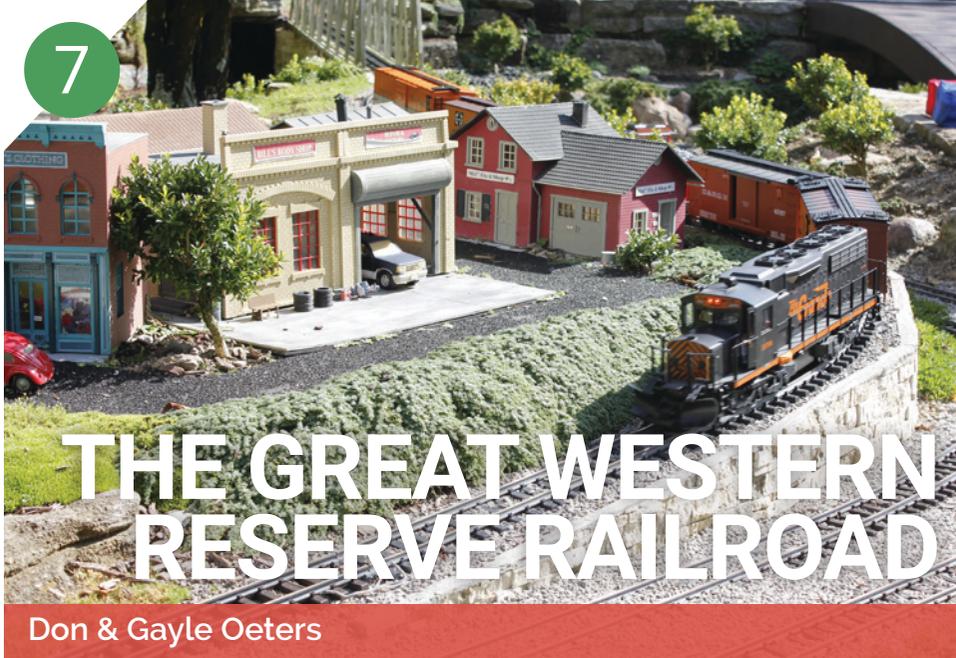
trestle, a water feature, three bridges, dozens of buildings and plants.

The railway uses the setting to provide dramatic views of elevated trains against the pond. There are many opportunities for visual interaction as trains pass near and over each other. Layout is mostly wheelchair accessible over grass.

**Directions:** Cars and small trucks only: From I-75 Exit 19 (Union Centre Blvd) east on Union Centre Blvd to Cincinnati-Dayton Rd. Turn north on Cin-Day Rd. & go to West Chester Rd. (0.5miles). Turn right and follow W. Chester Rd. past Barret Rd to Revere Run (approx. 1.5 miles). Before Barret, there is a LOW railroad underpass, which is why this route is NOT for larger vehicles. Turn left on Revere Run, then first left onto Wintergreen Drive. Wintergreen ends at Susan Springs. Turn right, go east past two streets and 7357 will be on your right. **Alternate:** From I-71 Exit at Kings Island Dr. and turn west on Western Row Rd. Follow Western Row Rd. and stay on as it changes to Barret Rd. Left on Cox Rd. then right on Monticello and right on Sussex. Right on Susan Springs Dr. and 7357 will be on your left.

## North Tour

SUNDAY, JULY 23RD 1-6PM



📍 11261 GRANDON RIDGE CIR MONTGOMERY, OH 45249

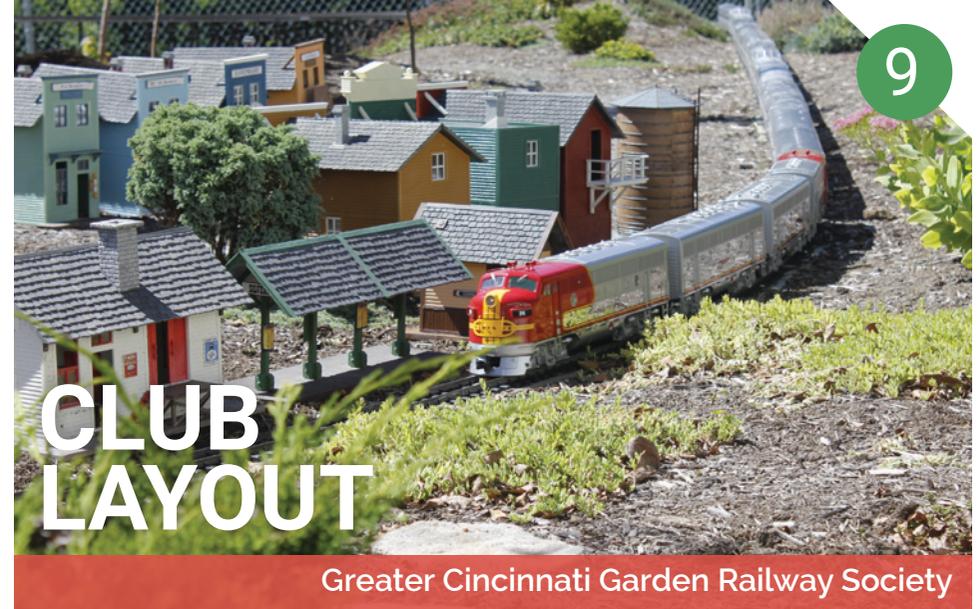
📍 LAT 39.25972 LONG -84.32633

📞 (513) 469-9611

The Great Western Reserve Railroad has a very rugged and rocky character. Over 600 feet of track is continuously winding in and out with many tunnels and trestles. A waterfall and a babbling brook empty into a scale size lake at the lower end of the railroad.

Two main lines and a station-to-station trolley line intertwine through the rocky slopes. The layout can be walked through as well as viewed from many different interconnected levels. New miniature landscaping has been added. Ask about wheelchair access.

**Directions:** Take I-75 North to Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway East. Follow to I-71 North to exit 15, Pfeiffer Road. Turn right on Pfeiffer and go to the traffic light. Turn left on Montgomery Road to the second traffic light, right on Weller Road and follow to the Reserve of Montgomery (enclosed by brick wall). Enter Reserve of Montgomery, turning left on Oldstone, right on Grandstone and left on Grandon Ridge Circle. Oeters' is the second house on the right. Alternate = I-275 to Montgomery Rd exit, then south to Weller, left on Weller then as above.



📍 7379 SQUIRE CT. WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

📍 LAT 39.35150 LONG -84.37459

Our club layout, located outside EnterTRAINment Junction, is a team effort, with club members donating track, plants, rocks, dirt and most importantly their time.

We have two loops of track which can be electrically powered, or switched off to allow the use of club member's battery powered or Live Steam equipment. Live Steam? What's that? Well, you are in

luck, because some members will be running that during the tour. These are actual working steam engines that have water tanks and burners so that they can be fired up to produce their own steam power! Come see how this works!

Scenery and trestles were all built by club members. There is more coming, so check back next year. The layout is on a hill, but the upper areas are accessible.

**Directions:** From I-75: 1. Exit 22 (Tylersville Road) go East on Tylersville 2. Turn right at the first light (Kingsgate) 3. Turn right at the first street (Squire Court). 4. Go to the end of Squire Court where you will see EnterTRAINment Junction. Go to the south side (left as you face the main entrance) around the end of the building. We have a fenced off area, but the gate will be open, so come on in!