

# Greater Cincinnati Area



## 2018 SUMMER LAYOUT TOURS

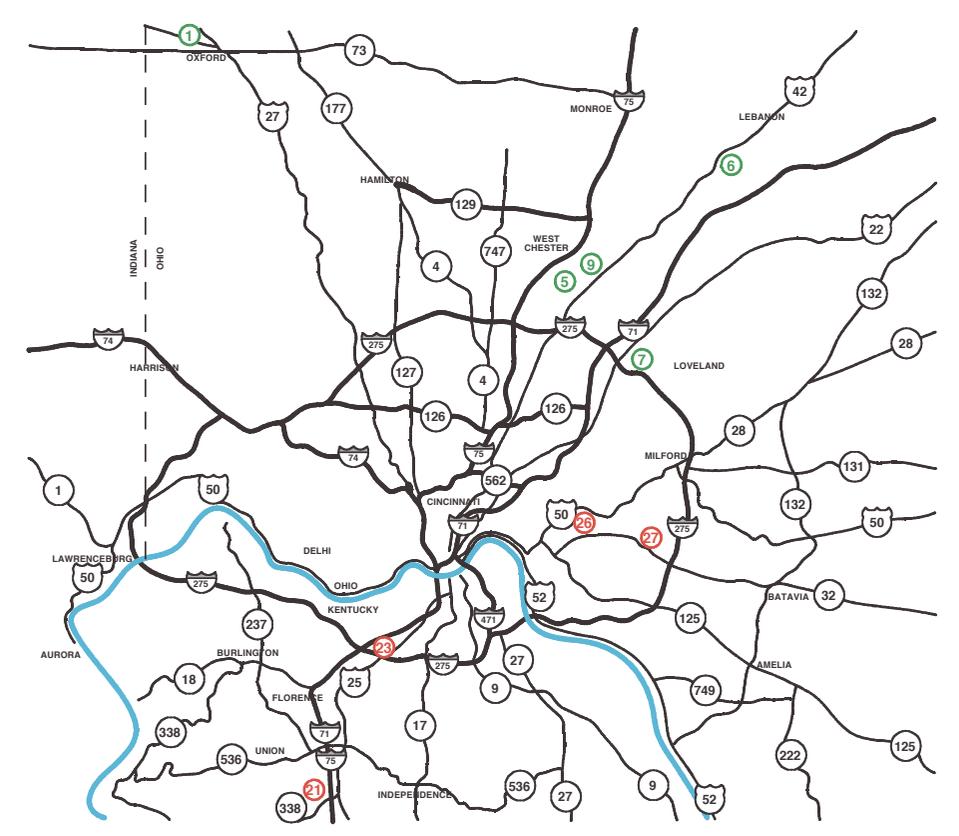


JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> & JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2018



Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society

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## OVERALL TOUR MAP

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\* PLEASE NOTE LAYOUTS ARE ONLY OPEN ONE DAY DURING THE WEEKEND.



## North Tour

SATURDAY, JULY 21st 1-6PM



📍 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.

📍 7357 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.

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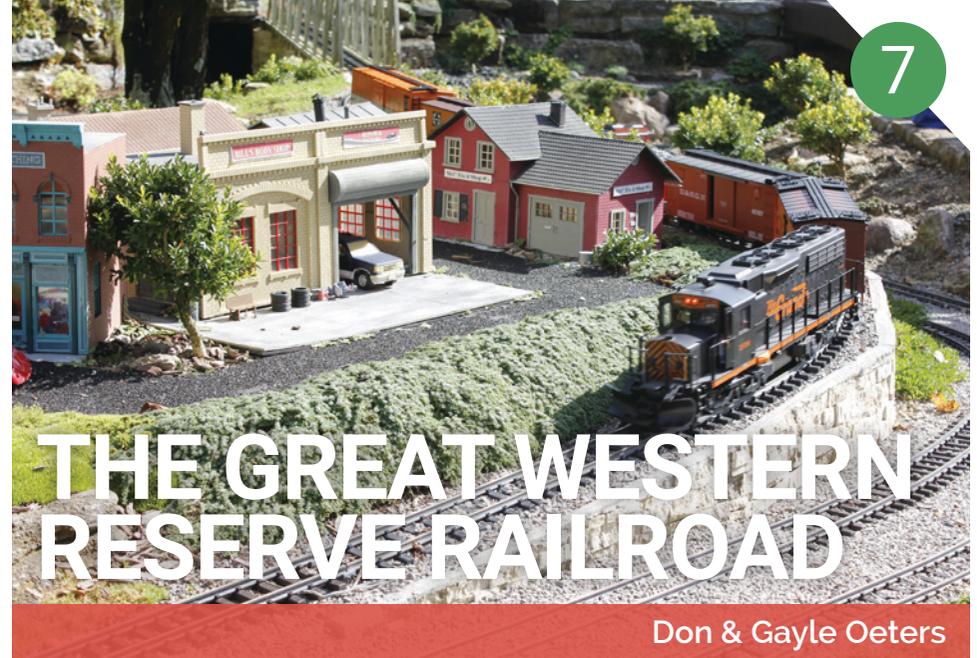
Tom & Pattie Christy

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This railroad is in the very early stages of the yet to be named railroad. For now it is the NNRR. The car shed is complete except for track doors. It is 24x8 with seven tracks. A water feature, under construction with just the liner, will have an upper pond and waterfall pumped from a 8x10 ft lake with a 8 ft bridge. A single loop of track with tunnel and two bridges. This is an opportunity to see what is under all that rock, dirt, etc of a finished garden railroad.

**Directions:** From I-75 N or S. Exit 29 OH-63. East 6 miles. Turn right onto Glosser rd. 0.2 miles turn left onto Cincinnati Ave (US-42). 0.2 miles turn right onto Silverwood Farms Dr. 0.3 miles turn onto Hawthorne Hill Dr. 0.1 miles to end of cul-du-sac.

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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.

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## CLUB LAYOUT

Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society

📍 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, buildings and most importantly their time.

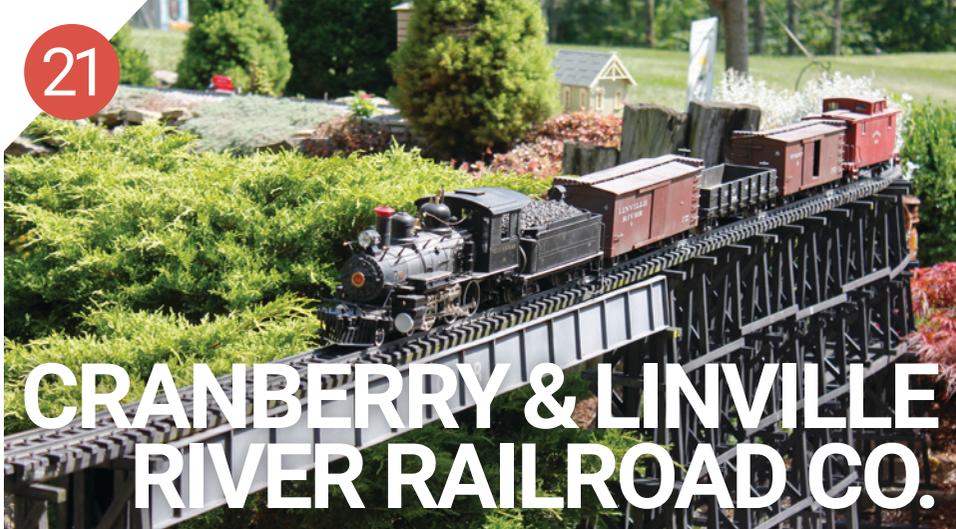
We have three loops of track which can be electrically powered, or switched off

to allow the use of club member's battery powered or Live Steam equipment and a multi-track yard.

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!

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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) 816-5856

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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# 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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Scot & Nancee Rogers

📍 6730 MAIN STREET NEWTOWN, OH 45244

📍 LAT 39.12493 LONG -84.36762

☎️ (513) 314-3749

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) 965-8356

A layout in a small area can still be eye catching! We sit on 1 1/2 acres but have a sloping backyard. A retaining wall was built which now displays an open eight. The track is nickel which is more costly but pays off in very little cleaning maintenance and holds up well to weather. The layout is under a

canopy of a Japanese Maple tree. The layout consists of a snow shed tunnel and small water feature. Plants featured are miniature cypress and hemlock, box woods, various creeping plants as well as annuals. Circa is late 1890s. Can be viewed from patio as well as the deck. 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