



# 2021 SUMMER LAYOUT TOURS

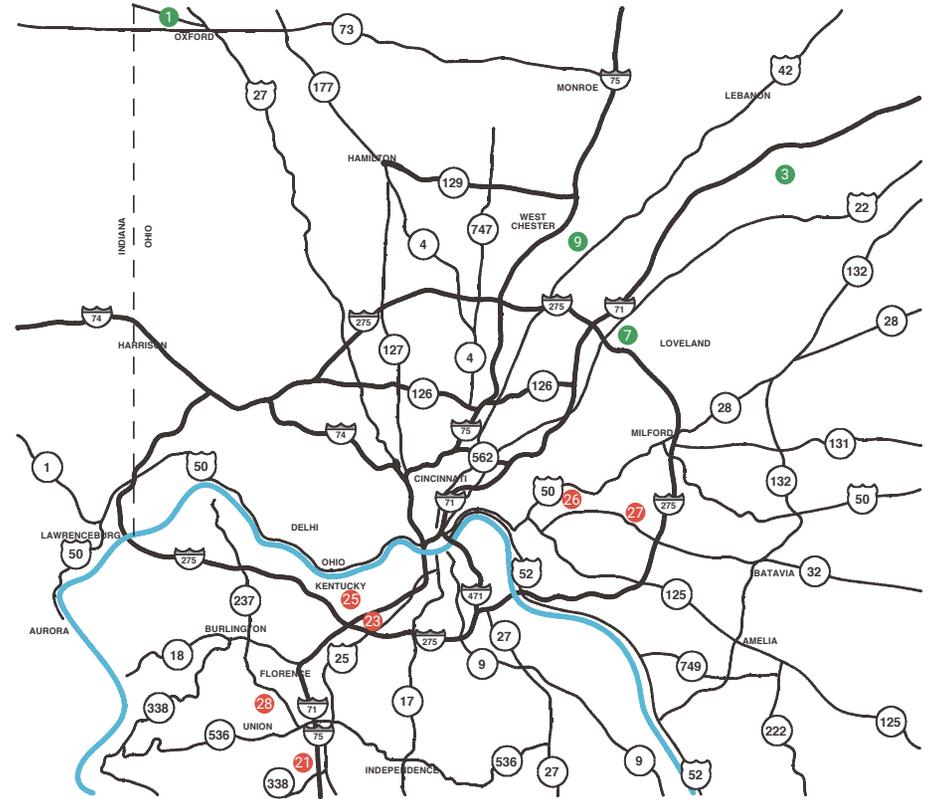


JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> & JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> 2021



Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society

## Greater Cincinnati Area

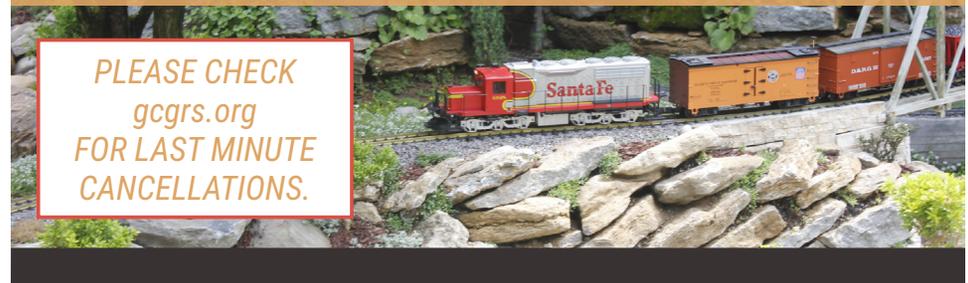


## OVERALL TOUR MAP

①	③	North tour layouts open on Saturday	⑲	⑳	South tour layouts open on Sunday
⑦	⑨	July 10th	㉕	㉖	July 11th
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\* PLEASE NOTE LAYOUTS ARE ONLY OPEN ONE DAY DURING THE WEEKEND.

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CANCELLATIONS.





## MIDWESTERN & RAINBOW TUNNEL RAILROAD

Allan & Liz Pantle

📍 111 Country Club Dr. Oxford, OH 45056

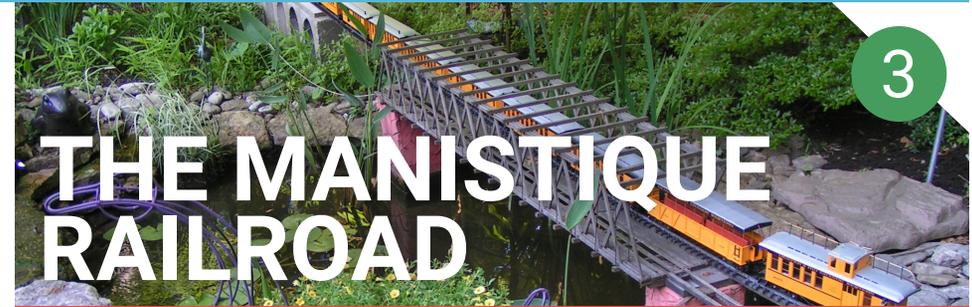
📍 LAT 39.51560 LONG -84.76515

📞 (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.



## THE MANISTIQUE RAILROAD

Bob & Anna Dransman

📍 2295 Manistique Lakes Dr. Lebanon, OH 45036

📍 LAT 39.394494 LONG -84.166502

📞 (513) 932-8154

The Manistique Railroad continues to be under construction and much progress has been made.

You'll notice the addition of a 14' x 18' pavilion that houses the beginnings of a roundhouse, and an operational turntable. A new elevated track is now in the upper perimeter of that building as well.

Those planning to build or enhance their own garden railways might be interested in such details as the method of overhead track support, the power of 3D printing in building construction, computer control of railway features and the L-girder construction of the table.

The 40' concrete viaduct project was completed in late fall 2020 with the addition of the upper walls and overall stuccoed appearance.

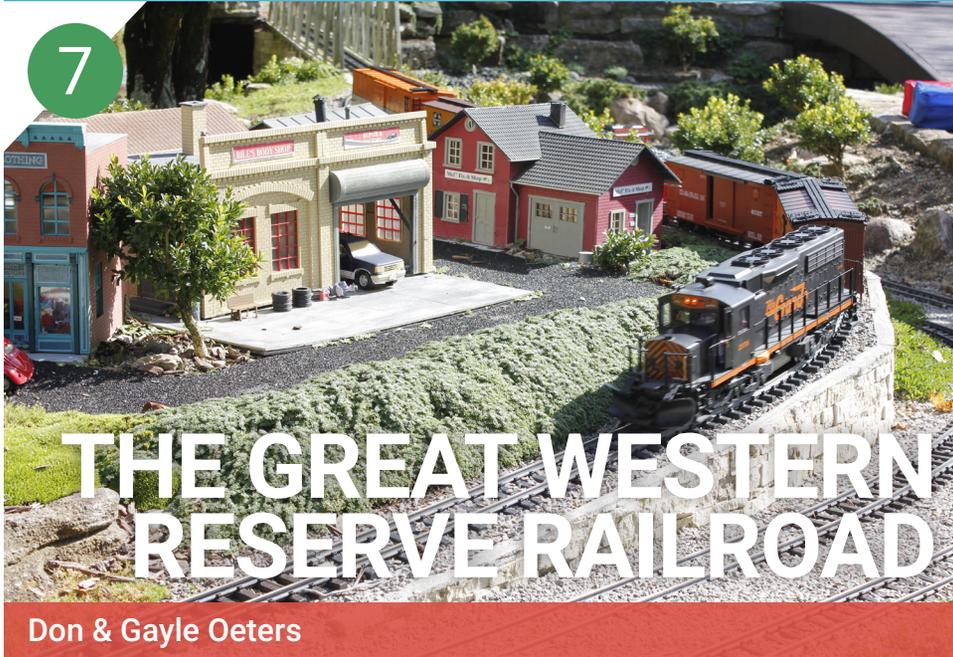
Conversion is being made from track power to battery power and the addition of Direct Digital Control (DDC) to add realism to the layout's operation. There is also talk of a train shed in the future to allow the trains to run at a moments' notice.

Hopefully, before tour day a second pike and a few of the planned turnouts will be in place. Come join us to talk and add your ideas to what is planned!

**Directions:** Take I-71 to Exit 32 (Lebanon/Morrow Exit), then turn South onto S.R. 123 towards Morrow. Go ~150 yards and turn right onto Phillips Road (at the Marathon station). Go 1.8 miles and drive straight into Timberlake subdivision (Manistique Lakes Drive). Drive to the cul-de-sac. When you can go no further, the Dransmans' driveway is the concrete one on your left. There are 2 houses on the driveway. The Dransmans' is to the right, 500 feet off the road in the woods.

## North Tour

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# THE GREAT WESTERN RESERVE RAILROAD

Don & Gayle Oeters

📍 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.

SATURDAY, JULY 10<sup>th</sup> 1-6PM

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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 Railroad, consists of two loops.

The C&LR, built in 2000, 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 C&LR has five tunnels and numerous bridges

**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.

and trestles including a long trestle/bridge combination 64 scale feet high and 445 scale feet long.

The C&LR runs battery-powered steam including ten-wheelers, a Shay, Climax and consolidations. 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.

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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 shaded garden railroad features a long looping bridge around a large pond. The Fern Valley have approximately 385 feet of track with many tunnels, trestles, bridges, and of course ferns! There are 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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# THE CLEAR CREEK SHORTLINE

John and Martha Lange

- 📍 2727 Wesley Dr. Villa Hills, KY 41017
- 📍 LAT 39.057141 LONG -84.606378
- 📞 (606) 331-5517

The Lange's railroad began in 1993 as "The Clear Creek District", a replica of the historic Georgetown Loop railroad in Colorado which ran during the late 1800's. In keeping with its roots, it currently depicts a fictional shortline railroad of the same period serving the small town of Silver Plume.

Automated two train operation interchanges at the town station. Trains travel over one hundred feet of track winding through an extensive garden of perennials, dwarf conifers and colorful annuals. A 90 ft. creek meander through the garden featuring multiple waterfalls and terminating at "Our Happy Place".

**Directions:** Take I-75 to Exit 186 (Buttermilk Pike). West on Buttermilk Pike (SR 371) through 5 stop lights. Straight at first stop sign (Rogers Road). Street name changes to Valley Trails Drive. Stay on Valley Trails Drive. Turn right at the fifth stop sign (Wesley Drive). Third house on the right. Park on the right side of the street, left side is fire lane.

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# GNOME FOREST LINE

Scot & Nancee Rogers

- 📍 6730 Main St. 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 and

small branches. Check out 'Boiler Bridge'. We are encouraging plants to grow over some of the tunnels, while others are covered with rocks. Some water features are included or in process. Track the future stream bed from the rock mountain to the fishing pond.

We have Stone/Brick Henge in the center for the gnome druids. Look for other gnomes & houses around the layout.

**Directions:** I-275 to Exit 63A OH-32 Newtown (The exit was designed by a drunken sailor. Watch the signs carefully). 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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## OPEN EIGHT

Richard & Nancy Engrouser

📍 5052 Goal Post Ln. Cincinnati, OH 45244

📍 LAT 39.139555 LONG -84.28459

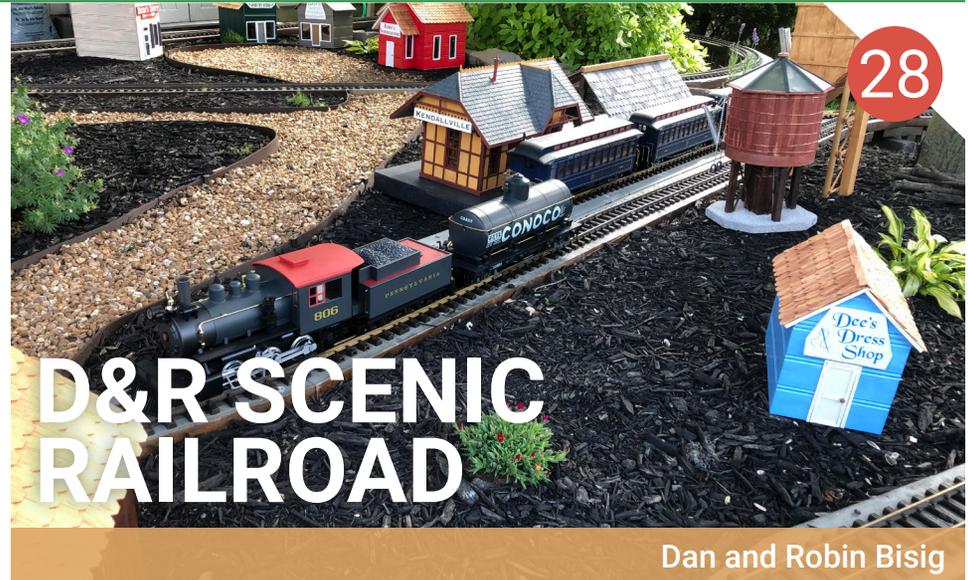
📞 (513) 965-8356

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

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## D&R SCENIC RAILROAD

Dan and Robin Bisig

📍 2722 Running Creek Dr. Florence, KY 41042

📍 LAT 38.970768 LONG -84.681696

📞 (513) 919-2646

The D&R Scenic Railroad is a dream come true for owner Dan Bisig and is just a few years old. It's a perfect size garden railroad to inspire anyone who is looking to get started in this terrific hobby.

The track design was done by friend Dan Stenger. The layout was built by a few other GCGRS members in only one day. This layout has 2 trestles and a variety of scratch built buildings

with whimsical themes. The town of Kendallville, anchored by the station, is surrounded with everything you would expect in a Steam Era town. Occasionally a small traveling Circus comes to town to entertain the locals.

This small but fun layout will hopefully motivate anyone who is considering getting into garden railroading, that you can do it too!

**Directions:** Take I-75 Exit 180 (US-42; US-127). Proceed West toward Union/Florence on US-127/US-42 approximately 8 miles (you have gone too far if you get to Walgreens and Wendy's). Turn right onto Farmview Dr. At 3rd Stop sign - Turn left onto Ridgecrest Dr. At next Stop Sign - Turn left onto Steeplebush Dr. At next Stop Sign - Turn left onto Running Creek Dr. We are the 6th house on the left side (look for the Train Sign) Parking is ONLY on the left side of the street