

2024 SUMMER LAYOUT TOURS



NORTH TOUR Saturday
July 27th 11am – 4pm

SOUTH TOUR Sunday
July 28th 11am – 4pm

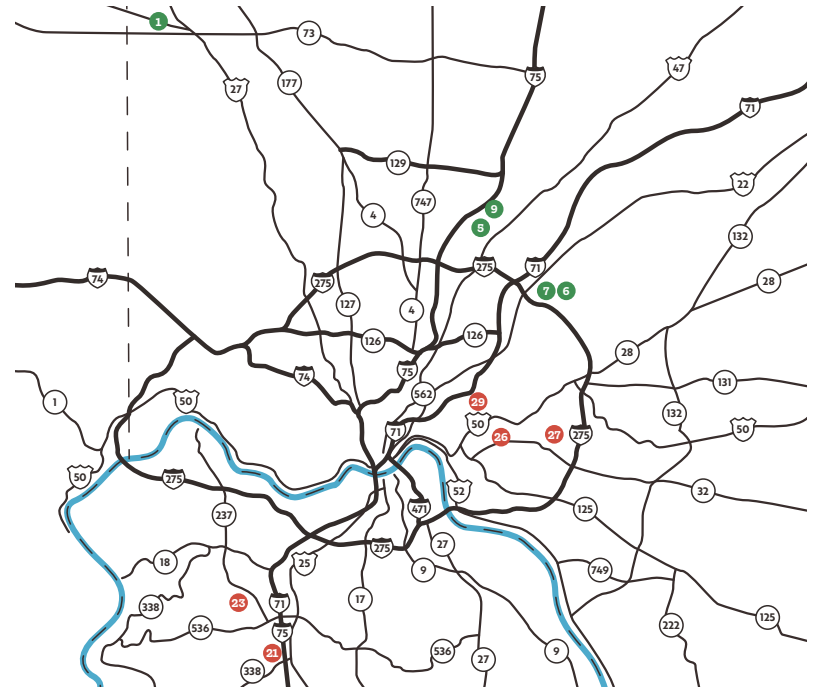
Free family fun activity.
Open to the public.



Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society

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Greater Cincinnati Area



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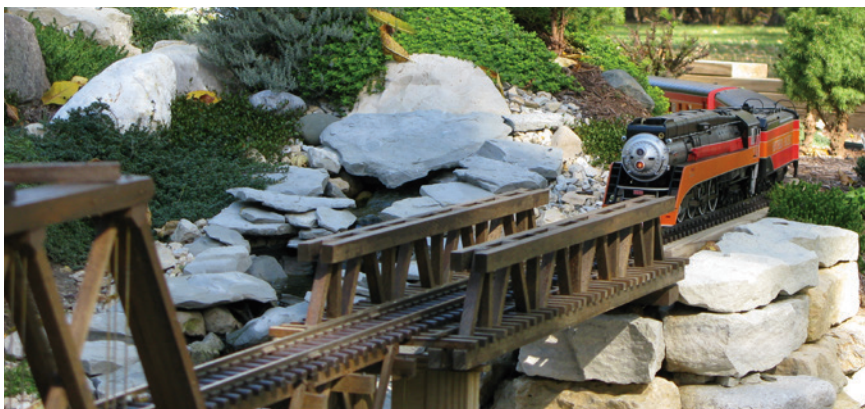
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LAYOUTS ARE ONLY OPEN ONE DAY DURING THE WEEKEND.
PLEASE CHECK gcgrs.org FOR LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS.

SATURDAY, JULY 27th 11am - 4pm

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Allan & Liz Pantle's
MIDWESTERN & RAINBOW TUNNEL RAILROAD



📍 111 Country Club Dr. Oxford, OH 45056
☎ (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.

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Steve & Karen Carr's
BUCKEYE SPRINGS RAILWAY



📍 7357 Susan Springs Dr. West Chester, OH 45069
☎ (513) 777-4919

The Buckeye Springs Railway begun in April 2012, 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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Mark & Gaye Salisbury's
LITTLE MIAMI, NEWPORT, & OHIO



📍 813 Quailwoods Dr. Loveland, OH 45140
📞 (513) 600-5234

The LMNO is based on the small railroad towns of the Ohio valley as it might have been in 1910. It draws its name from where the owners spent their childhoods – Mark, in the towns around the Little Miami River, and Gaye, in Newport Beach, California.

There are two main lines, an upper and a lower, capable of running 4 trains. The upper line joins the towns of Lido and Blackhawk, while the lower line connects Lido with the farther away cities of Cincinnati and Columbus (in the builder's imagination). Locomotives and rolling stock reflect the railroads of

the location and era, with occasional nods to southern California.

The railroad which was started in 2011 as a simple over and under figure eight, has now grown and changed to its present incarnation. The structures are typical of the period, and most are scratch built. The railroad is designed for relaxing and watching trains. It is track powered and uses electronic automation for station stops and for alternating trains on each line.

The layout is at ground level and accessible over grass.

Directions: From I-71 or I-75, take I-275 East to Exit 52 for Loveland/Indian Hill. Go toward Loveland on Loveland Madeira Road and turn left on Cottonwood Drive up the hill past Penn Station. Turn left on Dogwood Drive, then quick right on Quailwoods. 813 is on the right just before the second stop sign.

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Don & Gayle Oeter's
THE GREAT WESTERN RESERVE RAILROAD



📍 11261 Grandon Ridge Cir. Montgomery, OH 45249
📞 (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.

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GCGRS'
CLUB GARDEN RAILROAD



📍 7379 Squire Ct. West Chester, OH 45069

📞 (513) 469-9611

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. You might even see a 100 car train.

Scenery and trestles were all built by club members. The layout is on a hill, but the upper areas are accessible.

This may be the last year to see our club layout as EnterTRAINment Junction is slated to close at the end of 2024.

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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Dan & Pam Stenger's
CRANBERRY & LINVILLE RIVER RAILROAD CO.



📍 557 Mustang Dr. Walton, KY 41094

☎ (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 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.

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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Dan & Robin Bisig's
D&R SCENIC RAILROAD



📍 2722 Running Creek Dr. Florence, KY 41042

☎ (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.

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Scot & Nancee Roger's
GNOME FOREST LINE



📍 6730 Main St. Newtown, OH 45244

☎ (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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Tom & Jane Baker's
APPLE BLOSSOM RAILROAD



📍 8685 Apple Blossom Ln, Cincinnati, OH 45244

☎ 513-276-0837

The Apple Blossom Railroad is about 140' feet of track. It has three bridges and a trestle and a waterfall.

I designed and built the layout and bridges to fit a small backyard "serenity" space. It uses track power.

Most of my rolling stock is Reading RR or the Western Maryland RR

as a nod to my home state of Pennsylvania and to my dad who worked for both companies years ago.

This has been a multi year retirement project . . . which continues.

Directions: From I-275 take the Newtown exit (Rt. 32 West) Turn right on Beechwood Rd, then left on either Craig or Old Beechwood (first or second left off Beechwood). Turn Right on Mt. Carmel Rd, and another right on Apple Blossom Ln. 8685 is the fifth house on the right.

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Zachery Riggins
RIGGINSVILLE RAIROAD



📍 5801 Adelphi St. Cincinnati, OH 45227

📞 (513) 652-5080

Welcome to Rigginsville!

The Rigginsville Community Railroad, located on the eastside of Cincinnati, was designed in the fall of 2019 and became a two year 'Pandemic' project from March of 2020 to the fall of 2021. Over 18 months of construction went into its creation. It opened in spring of 2022 to friends and neighbors.

While no main theme has been given to the railroad, we mainly run

DC electric steam engines with an occasional diesel engine allowed to occupy its tracks.

The layout sits in our backyard in a 52 x 50 area with over 600 feet of track. It is fully landscaped with a variety of trees, bushes, and flowers. Features include: an entrance bridge, eight (8) various RR bridges, four (4) towns, and a pond as part of the layout.

Directions: From I-71 north or south, take the Red Bank Road exit, follow it to Madison Rd. Make a left onto Madison Rd (Look for the UDF store) and continue to Whetsel Ave, make a right onto Whetsel Ave. Continue on Whetsel for about a quarter mile, make a right onto Adelphi St. The house is located on the left side of the street. Look for the railroad crossing sign!