

Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society Summer Layout Tours

SOUTH TOURS - SUNDAY, JULY 24TH - 2011, 1pm - 6pm

Grandymon Lake Railroad

Jack & Kathie Griffin 14 Locust Hill Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45245 (513) 752-3458

Directions: From the Northeast using 275, take Beechmont exit, turn right (going west). Go to 2nd Traffic Light (Hopper Hill) (Smokey Bones and Car Wash). Turn left and take to end (Nordyke). Turn left, go about 1000 feet to Nine Mile Road. Turn right, go another 1000 feet, then turn left over bridge to Locust Corner Road. Go up approximately 1 ½ miles to Locust Hill Road. Turn right into Locust Hill Road and go up to top of the hill to #14. There is another Griffin house before the top of the road, #6. That is not the right one.

From the South or West, take Interstate 471 to 275, go over 275 bridge, get off 2nd exit after bridge, the New Richmond Exit. Go out Route 52 East, past Asbury Road and Eight Mile Road to Nine Mile Road. Turn Left, Cross Old 52, Go 1000 feet further then turn right onto bridge (Locust Corner Road). Go up approximately 1 ½ miles to Locust Hill Road. Turn right and go up to top of hill to #14. There is another Griffin house before the top of the road, #6. That is not the right one.

Description: Grandymon Lake Railroad runs through two horseshoe canyons where there was once only a gentle sloping hillside. Much of the terrain is moss covered and dotted with many miniature conifers, hosta, astilbe and coleus trees. A meandering creek flows into Lake Grandymon, which spills under a curved seventeen foot trestle modeled after the trestle on Vine Street in St. Bernard. Some of the other historical models include the Procter & Gamble Ivorydale building and the old Winton Place Station. The Mt. Adam's Incline and Immaculata Church are recent additions. Current projects include adding two downtown bridges. A large stone from the old L&N Railroad bridge pier serves as a resting place where you can sit and view the train garden. There is a flagstone walk both through and around the railroad and much of the train garden is handicap accessible. Two trains and two streetcars run through the layout. We're a little out of the way, but well worth the trip!

Cranberry & Linville River Railroad Co.

Dan & Pam Stenger 557 Mustang Drive Walton, Kentucky 41094 (859) 485-6844

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 second house on the left side of the street.

Description: The Cranberry and Linville River is a fictitious railroad based on the three-foot gauge East Tennessee and Western North Carolina R.R. that ran from Johnson City, Tennessee to Boone, North Carolina. The C&LR, circa 1920-1940, consists of two loops that interchange to enable two trains to run on each loop or one train to run the entire railway. The C&LR is approximately 1600 sq. ft. with 350 feet of Aristocraft code 332 brass rail and LGB 1600 switches. The minimum radius is 4' with a maximum grade of 5%. The railway features an irregular shaped rubber-lined pond, waterfalls and stream. Like the ET&WNC, the over six-year-old C&LR has tunnels (five to be exact) and numerous bridges and trestles including a long trestle/bridge combination 64 scale feet high and 445 scale feet long. The C&LR runs track powered steam including ten-wheelers, a Climax and a consolidation. Plants include: Dwarf Alberta Spruce, Chinese Junipers, Red twig Dogwood, Japanese Green Junipers, Mugho Pine, Blue Star Juniper, Weeping Sergeant's Hemlock, Japanese Maple, Arborvitae, Thymes, Sedums, miscellaneous annuals, perennials and water plants. The railway was designed by Paul Busse and built by Dan and Pam Stenger, the owners, with help from their children Amanda and Zachary. The lower level of the layout is handicap accessible.

B & P Bluegrass Railroad

Bill & Pam Brown 82 Thompson Avenue Fort Mitchell, KY 41017 (859) 331-1257

Directions: From Cincinnati: 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 ¼ mile. Left on Thompson Avenue. Go thru STOP sign. 82 Thompson on left. From Northern KY South of Fort Mitchell: I-75 North to Fort Mitchell Exit. Right on Dixie Hwy. Continue as above.

Description: 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.

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SPECIAL NOTICE!!

In addition to the layouts, the Behringer-Crawford museum is one of Cincinnati's treasures. Please be sure to visit. Mention that you are on the Garden Railway tour for a special discount. Note that the hours of operation for the museum are slightly different than the hours for the layouts.

BEHRINGER-CRAWFORD MUSEUM

Ray Faragher's Layout Display DEVOU PARK **NOTE: open 1pm – 5pm** Covington, Kentucky

(859)491-4003

Directions: A. From Ft. Wright/ Park Hills/ Kyles Lane (KY 1072) After exiting the expressway, turn onto KYLES LANE (left if coming from the south and right if coming from the north). Proceed to DIXIE HIGHWAY and turn RIGHT. At the next light, turn LEFT onto SLEEPY HOLLOW ROAD. At the bottom of the hill, turn RIGHT (this is a four way stop) onto AMSTERDAM ROAD. Follow Amsterdam to the third stop sign to PARK DRIVE. Turn LEFT on PARK DRIVE and follow it into DEVOU PARK. Go through the three-way and four way-stops. The museum parking lot is on the LEFT as you head down the hill from the four-way stop.

B. From Covington/ 12th Street/ Pike Street Exit and SOUTH I-75. After exiting the expressway, turn RIGHT onto PIKE STREET. ****IMMEDIATELY BEAR TO THE RIGHT** dipping down the hill onto LEWIS STREET. Stay on Lewis to MONTAGUE ROAD. Just after the third stop sign, bear Right onto MONTAGUE ROAD up the hill into DEVOU PARK. (There is a Devou Park sign at the base of Montague Road.) Turn RIGHT at the three way stop and go straight through the four way stop. The museum parking lot is on the LEFT as you head down the hill from the four-way stop.

C. From Covington/ 5th Street Exit and SOUTH I-75 After exiting the expressway, turn RIGHT onto Route 8 (also know as Crescent or Highway avenue. Go Straight at the stop sign and around the bend. Turn LEFT onto Western Avenue (1st street on left). Go up the hill, make a sharp RIGHT turn at the first road on the right to enter Devou Park (stone entry sign here). Follow W. Park Drive to stop sign (band shell on left). Turn LEFT and proceed to next stop sign. Turn RIGHT onto N. Park Drive. The museum parking lot is on the LEFT as you head down the hill from the four-way stop.

D. From Covington/ 12th Street/ Pike Street Exit and NORTH I-75. After exiting the expressway, you need to be on Pike Street. Go STRAIGHT at the stop sign, crossing 12th Street. At the next light, turn LEFT onto PIKE STREET. Stay in the right lane and after passing under the expressway overpass proceed from ** in Directions B. **NOTE:** If you need Handicap Parking, you should turn LEFT at the four way stop and then RIGHT at the first drive. There is limited accessible parking by the Museum entrance.

Description: The G-scale Layout depicts small town scenes and sounds from the 30's, 40's & 50's (Ray's extended childhood). Every building was scratch-built and the level of detail in, on and around the buildings is nothing short of incredible. Super-kid friendly, you push buttons to move trains and trolleys, start sounds and lights and you can even push a button to make it "night-time"! The move from Ray's basement was made possible by the GCGRS and was orchestrated by long-time club member and friend of Ray's, John Lange. Be sure to tour the rest of this recently expanded Transportation Museum. It's a hidden jewel that won't stay hidden for long.

SPECIAL NOTE: THE B-C MUSEUM IS ONLY OPEN FROM 1PM -5PM ON SUNDAYS, SO START YOUR DAY HERE!