

Tucson Garden Railway Society – 2019 Rails in the Garden Tour
Saturday and Sunday, March 2nd and 3rd, 10am to 4pm both days

Unless stated otherwise, all layouts are wheelchair accessible.

Note – For the most part, these layouts are at private homes and, therefore, public restrooms are usually not available.

The number listed before each layout is the same number that is shown on the “Overall Map”.

1
Catalina and Rincon Saddle Railroad
12440 E. Ave de la Vista Verde 85749

The Catalina and Rincon Saddle Railroad is generally themed in the early steam era. While most garden railroads are planned around open space with few constraints, the CRSRR is an example of creating a railroad around established landscaping. All trains are battery powered. The layout will feature a “seek and find” for the “kid” in all of our visitors. We will also have **live steam** equipment demonstrations during the event. We are a little ways out but worth the effort.

From Tanque Verde/Houghton head east on Tanque Verde 2.5 mi to left on Fennimore. Take the second right on Avenida de la Vista Verde to 12440.

2
Double K Ranch Railroad
3930 N. Smokey Topaz 85749

We have 2 separate layouts. One of them is at the end of the driveway and it represents the Tucson area. It has a beautiful train station, many other authentic-looking buildings and winds its way thru hills and valleys and natural vegetation. Our larger layout is built within the pool area and includes track around the border of the patio. The trains traverse bridges, tunnels, ponds, and waterfalls. There are theme areas that represent locations in Wisconsin, 1948 Chicago RR Fair and family events. It consists of approximately 1400 feet of track.

Take Tanque Verde East and then turn left (North) onto Soldier Trail Road and proceed for 2 Miles. Next, turn Right (east) on to Roger Road and go 2 blocks and turn right (south onto Smokey Topaz until you come to the end of the cul de sac.

3
Eagle Mountain Railroad
4625 E. Cerro de Aguila 85718

Gary started his garden railway in 1992 after buying his first Garden Railway magazine. It was decided that the design of the railroad would be educational and aesthetic and that the theme of the railroad would be the early diverse events that took place in Arizona between the late 1800’s and the mid 1900’s. As you walk through the garden, look closely and you will see miniature scenes that depict these early events. The garden is divided into two distinctive areas: mountains and desert. The layout has grown in

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four phases: first was the town area and 50 feet of track. Next came the logging area with waterfall and ponds the third phase was the desert mining area. The fourth phase is the raised track as you enter the train yard and was designed exclusively to extend the total footage of running track. The garden incorporates a variety of native with other colorful plants that have been chosen for their resistance to desert animals. We have enjoyed a project that brings two hobbies together, gardening and model railroading.

From any direction connect to Swan Road...

- **From the South go North on Swan Road, past River Road and turn left on the first left turn after River Road, Cerro de Aguila.**
- **From the North you will be on Sunrise, go South on Swan Road approximately 1.5 miles turn right on to Cerro de Aguila.**

We are the second house on the right, look for signs.

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Cholla Patch Railroad
925 E. Foothills Dr. 85718

The 375 ft. Cholla Patch Railroad emphasizes the gardening aspect by incorporating a huge variety of desert plants and cactus (especially chollas). The railroad is an intricate symphony of handcrafted elaborate wood trestles, bridges, walkways and tunnel that carefully winds like a pretzel around all the plants and structures. Roughly designed to reflect turn of the century styles and technology, the extremely detailed buildings even have furnished interiors. Keep your eyes peeled for the many odd and humorous vignettes and the luxurious Victorian treehouse!

Foothills Drive is one block north of River Rd. off of 1st Ave. Turn East onto Foothills Dr. then go to the 4th house on the left (north) side of the street.

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Rockbottom Railroad
4042 E. Cooper St. 85711

Welcome to the Rockbottom Railroad and Brewery. Work began in 2000 after visiting the National Garden Railroad Convention in San Diego. The layout has over 350 feet of main line, a mining loop, a circus loop, and a 'back and forth' trolley line. All the lines are track powered.

The layout has two time periods. The largest section is roughly the 1940's with two towns, Rock Bottom and Morrow. The town of Rock Bottom is home to the Rockbottom Brewery. The brewmaster, Dasgute Lager, is so good he has been granted a license to brew other brands and distribute them because Rock Bottom is so remote from the rest of the world. This explains all the different brands of reefer cars on the railroad. The brewery's best customer is Phil T. Rich. He lives in the castle on top of the mountain over the mining tunnel.

When the train passes through the wall (a time portal), you are in the Old West town of Grimy Gulch, taken from the comic strip, "Tumbleweeds." There you will also find the Poohawk Indians and Fort Ridiculous, home of the 6⁷/₈ Cavalry. The layout is home to several puns: swing bridge, Camelot, SNAFU junction, Moot Point, and a few others.

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Cross streets are Broadway and Alvernon. We can be found in the San Clemente neighborhood just South of Broadway between Alvernon and Columbus

6 Southern Arizona Transportation Museum
414 N. Toole Ave. 85701

We have 2 separate layouts, both of which are track-powered...

- The first one is inside the museum. It is overhead in the display area and is a 1900 era replica of locomotive number 1673. This is the actual locomotive used in the 1955 movie "Oklahoma".
- The second layout is outside next to/under locomotive 1673. This is a "point to point" layout that travels around the perimeter of the locomotive.

The SATM is located in downtown Tucson next to the AMTRAK Depot at Pennington and Toole Aves. Parking is available in lots around the depot and is free on the weekend.

7 Rincon Country West RV Park
4555 S. Mission Road 85746

The RCW layout is located at 4555 S. Mission Rd. The layout has 5 interconnecting loops with approx. 1000 feet of track. The layout accommodates Diesel & Steam, track power or battery. During our Train-A-Thon event we have run 23 engines pulling various rolling stock. The layout depicts a canyon area, waterfall feature & rural town with farm area. "Old Town" is located along a running stream and a circus area. Four tourist trolleys and an abundance of flowers, trees and bushes showcase several whimsical vignettes. We also have a mountain with a waterfall and a lake.

Although the address is listed as Mission Road, to get to the park turn east on W. Via Ingresso. This is on Mission Road, south of Ajo Road and north of Irvington Road. Follow this road a short distance and you'll see the entrance to the park on the right. The park is gated and the guard will let you thru. Continue on the main street to the large parking lot on the left. The layout is at the far end of the parking lot.

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Tucson Rodeo Parade Museum
4823 S. 6th Avenue 85714

This is a railroad based in the early frontier days of Tucson. Sections of the Tucson area included are a Mexican village, a “tent city”, a stockyard and the main street downtown with its historic train station. Trains and sounds of the time bring Tucson’s past to life.

Take I-19 to Irvington, go left (east) on Irvington about 1 mile, go left (north) on 6th Ave. and the museum is on the right just north of Irvington. Or from I-10 take Irvington exit to westbound Irvington. Turn north on 6th avenue as above to museum on the right.

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Flathead Junction
6219 E. Diablo Sunrise Rd. 85756

Welcome to the growing town of Flathead Junction. Flathead Junction was named after the famous Ford/Mercury Flathead V8 engine, which were made between 1932 and 1953. Flathead Junction was established in October 2015 and has a population of just a few. It currently consists of two loops in an area 48 x 24 feet. There is a pondless waterfall and a five-foot tunnel. Both are made out of Coronado brown rock and lots of DG dirt. The layout has approximately 250 feet of track and a combination of both steam and diesel locomotives. All our locomotives are R/C battery with sound. My wife and I hope you enjoy our railroad as much as we do.

From downtown Tucson, take I-10 east towards El Paso. Take exit 269/Wilmot Rd. Turn right at the stop sign. Take a right turn onto Diablo Sunrise Rd. (just past the Shell Station). We are the 4th house on the right and are wheelchair accessible.