
15th Annual Central Iowa Garden Railway Society Tour

2024 Midwest Garden Railroad Gathering

Saturday, June 22, 2024
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM



Enjoy this tour at your own leisure – You may start at any Railroad

Boulder Creek Railroad - BCRR

John & Pat Olsen – [361 NW 58th Place, Des Moines, Iowa 50313](#)

Boulder Creek RR will enjoy its 16th season with new ties on all rails with lots of colorful mini plants, shrubs, and trees throughout the layout. Come walk through our garden railroad and see what's growing! Motive power and rolling stock include USA trains, Aristo, Bachmann and MTH.



Miller Nursery – MNRR Railroad

Andrew Folkers – [5155 NW 57th Street, Johnston, IA 50109](#)

Miller Nursery has been a staple of the Johnston community since 1966. We are a family-owned nursery offering Des Moines and the surrounding area with top quality trees, shrubs, and perennials. Our railroad, the MNRR has just begun laying rails, but our gardens have been growing for many years! We are a freelance freight railroad that hauls everything from soft drinks to cattle. You may see real live growing cars on the rails. Stop by and talk trains, plants, or both!



Maple Creek Railroad

Doug & Cindy Doggett – [8163 NE 110th Ave, Bondurant, IA 50035](#)

Built in 1998, Maple Creek Railroad is a beautiful mature setting that boasts five separate loops with nine different trains running simultaneously. Pull up a chair and enjoy!



Iron Horse Railroad

Ron & Kay Huntimer – [1318 SW 3rd Street, Ankeny, Iowa 50023](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1318+SW+3rd+Street,+Ankeny,+IA+50023)

Come see our railroad from our observation deck and see the Old West 1886 town of “Iron Horse.” We showcase a lumber mill, a grist mill, covered bridges over lakes, trestles, farms, cowboys, Indians, stagecoaches, and many wagons from this era; on over 200 ft of track. Our railroad comes alive with many different ground covers, trees, and flowers!



Merle Hay Station

Ben Hancock – [3800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, Iowa 50310](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3800+Merle+Hay+Road,+Des+Moines,+IA+50310)

Enter off Douglas Avenue near Flix Brewhouse, proceed to suite 1255.

In operation since 2018 and in our second location. Merle Hay Station is a modular system owned by the members of CIGRS. Individual modules represent a theme that is unique to the member(s) who owns it. We share our hobby with the public on Sunday from 12 noon to 3:00 pm.



A huge thank you to the management at Merle Hay Mall.

King’s Way Crossing Railway

Bob & Joy King – [14404 Clearview Lane, Urbandale, Iowa 50323](https://www.google.com/maps/place/14404+Clearview+Lane,+Urbandale,+IA+50323)

Our railway was only a dream ten years ago when Bob received a windfall of LGB G-scale trains. Construction began in 2018 with a raised wall, water feature, and flagstone patio & walk. We filled the area with compost and let it mature over the winter. In a short nine days 270 feet of track was laid. This railroad includes two mainlines, and a short loop.



*THIS IS YOUR ADMISSION TICKET
\$10.00 per car for the entire TOUR*



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- Print all pages of your TOUR ticket
- Bring a printed copy of your TOUR ticket
- At your first TOUR stop pay \$10.00 cash fee per car
- Have your ticket stamped and the next stops are included!
- “CIGRS” and TOUR hosts will not assume liability
- Terrain in and around garden railroads can be difficult to maneuver, please be mindful of your surroundings
- Please be respectful of the TOUR hosts property and their neighbors
- Children are always welcome, please keep watch over them
- Abide by the TOUR hours shown above
- There are no public restroom facilities at the TOUR sites

Please ask questions – hosts are eager and willing to talk about their hobbies

Have fun and enjoy your day!