

CID Layout Tour / Saturday, April 18, 2026
Lafayette, Indiana Area

Please join us for a layout tour in the Lafayette area on Saturday, April 18th. See and appreciate the efforts of your fellow model railroaders, enjoy some camaraderie and conversation, and learn new ideas that you may be able to apply to your own modeling and layout efforts.

Here is a list of the layouts that will be participating from 12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM

Chad Boas' Monon

The layout is the Monon R.R. around 1958. It starts in staging and runs from Monon IN south running through 10 towns to Mitchell and back into staging. There are the main switching yards at Lafayette and Bloomington and some switching at the yards in Monon.

Chuck Tuttle's Salt Creek & Eastern

The Salt Creek and Eastern is a freelanced HO railroad set in the mid 1960's. Operations are by TT/TO with a 2:1 clock on a 24 hour schedule that requires 10 or so operators per session lasting 3-4 hours each. The layout occupies 1200+ sq. ft of the basement plus staging in two crawl spaces. The main line is approximately 550' long on two levels with a helper grade rather than a helix. There are three active interchanges with other railroads that operate independently from the SC&E plus a narrow gauge logging line. Most of it has scenery.

Jim Lewis' Nickel Plate

Layout is late 50's early 60's Nickel Plate RR Indianapolis to Michigan City division.

Larry Swanson's D&RGW

The emphasis is on the Rio Grande in HO scale, in approximately 1,100 SF. Pueblo, Colorado is where 4 railroads converge. Rio Grande, Santa Fe, MoPac and Colorado and Southern each have separate staging on this double deck scheme. Major industries include the CF&I Steel Mill, the Ideal Concrete plant, a meat packing plant and many smaller switching spots found in Pueblo and Canon City. Scenery is 80% complete.

Wait, there is more!

In addition to the above participating layouts, the Purdue Railroad Club will be hosting their Railroad Days' on Saturday, April 18th from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. In addition to their own layout, they have scheduled a presentation with Don Toon of the Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society at 11:00 AM. His presentation will focus on the Monon railroad in and around Lafayette.

Finally, in cooperation with the Tippecanoe County Historical Association and Lafayette bicentennial travelling exhibits program, we will have a display on the history and importance of railroads in Lafayette. There will also be a couple other portable layouts on display.

This will be a self-driven tour – no bus or public transit. Addresses to the layouts will be provided to the CID membership prior to the day of the layout tour. Monitor the CID website regularly for updates!