

STOKE SUMMIT

An Exhibition Main Line

The Location

Stoke Summit is the top of the famous bank in Lincolnshire where trains begin their descent, achieving the fastest speeds on record. Indeed, it was down this stretch of line in 1938 where Mallard achieved her ultimate record for steam traction, 126 mph.

Situated between Peterborough and Grantham, this very fast stretch was the final part (before the Selby diversion) of the East Coast Mainline to be opened, bypassing the original Peterborough - Boston - Lincoln - Doncaster section of the old Great Northern Railway.

Passing through gentle, rolling Lincolnshire countryside it is still very rural today, though all the beautiful mechanical signalling has gone, the signal box has been demolished and overhead catenary infests the scene. Stoke Tunnel and the Burton Coggles farm overbridge are still extant, reminding us of the vernacular building styles adopted by our original independent railways.

The Period

What is depicted represents the time scale 1957 - 1964, the most interesting period when steam was being replaced by diesel. Contemporary photographs, O.S. maps and our own site pictures and observations were used as a basis.

The model took two years to build.

The Model

Main line - four tracks reducing to two to pass through the tunnel, designed for 'Watching the Trains Go By'.

Dimensions 30' x 11', the scenic section is along one side as shown on the attached plan, though it can be presented in the round if necessary.

4mm scale - 00 Finescale.

The fiddle yard can accommodate 38 scale-length trains, made up from over 100 locomotives, over 200 coaches and over 500 items of freight stock. All stock is kit built, scratch built or modified proprietary, each piece being a faithful reproduction of its prototype.

A representative sequence is operated, consisting of 40+ trains in approximately 35 minutes.

Exhibition Information

Travel	The layout is transported by Luton van (approx £240 hire charges for a weekend), plus diesel and petrol for 2 cars, cost dependent on distance.
Operators	A minimum team of 6 operators is needed, but for long exhibitions more may be required.
Insurance	The value of the layout and stock is £100,000.
Setting Up	Setting up time is usually 3 – 4 hours from arrival.
Electricity	A single 13 Amp socket is required.
Size	Overall size is 30' x 11', the layout comes complete with drapes and is fully illuminated.

Regular updates on the layout, locomotives and rolling stock appear in the model railway press. One can regularly be arranged to coincide with your show.

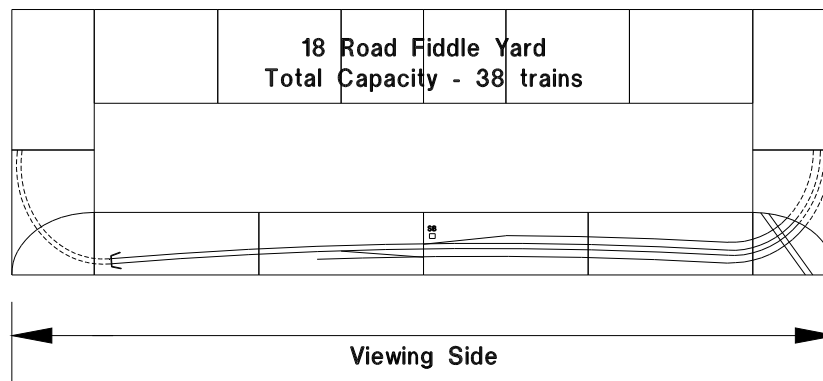
The Stoke 'Team'

The layout and stock was built and is operated by members of Wolverhampton Model Railway Club. The layout is exhibited under the club banner.

Contact

Rob Kinsey,
8, York Crescent,
Kings Hill,
Wenesbury,
West Midlands.
WS10 9JJ.

Tel 0121 – 526 – 3889.



STOKE SUMMIT (Overall size 30 feet x 11 feet)