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CLINTONS BEND

There really is a city called Clinton in Iowa, USA situated on the banks of the Missouri and close to the Illinois boundary. Using a little modeller's licence, the small town of Clintons Bend lies to the south of the main city on a well used double track main line that carries freight (that is the bulk of the traffic) and



passengers to and from Chicago and the Great Lakes westward over the prairies and finally to the West Coast. The ADM grain company, has a facility on the edge of the town, along side the Sinclair oil and fuel distribution depot. The track work includes a refuge loop to let faster trains to overtake, along with spurs that allow switching activities. The diner and service station cater for the needs of both the local community and passing motorists. All around the facility are the wide- open spaces of the Mid-West praries.

OPERATION

Clintons Bend is a continuous run layout and we try to keep trains running all the time. The stock varies from steam to near modern day with a good selection of US railroad liveries, although it must be said that at times there appear trains from companies that were never near the area. It has also been known, if a certain grandson is willing, for a certain little blue engine and two carriages to show up.



LAYOUT DETAILS

Gauge: "N"

The overall size is 16 (or 20) feet long by 3 feet deep and a 3 feet space is needed behind that to allow for operator movements. A small table is needed to store spare rolling stock

One mains power supply socket is required.

The layout can be operated with only three people but we prefer to have four to avoid operator fatigue and to cover for meal breaks.

The whole layout normally fits into a large estate car / van plus a second car.



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