

# The everchanging Lorne and Garden Border railway

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About 25 years ago I was given a Video of G Scale Garden railways for Christmas. By the end of January I had purchased a German Lehmann Garten Bahn LGB starter set with a locomotive and two carriages, a circle of track and a few additional bits of track for a siding. It is powered by electricity through the rails. I have given the railway its name The Lorne and Garden Border Railway Company. This was largely based on the fact that much of the cheaper LGB 'Toy Train' products are lined with LGB logos.

Over the years the the railway has grown as I could afford more track and rolling stock. At its height it ran across the garden in twin track to circle the lawn. That was great for running longer trains but proved difficult to maintain. So I have gradually drawn back to a layout around the rockery on one side of the garden. And as time has gone on I have recently raised the layout on stilts about 18 inches off the ground and reduced its length to make it easier to maintain. I have about 10 locos and about 25 wagons and carriages. There are always at least two stations on the layout so that you can run passenger services. They are at Lorne, and Garden Border. In the past I have had Open Days for friends and their children. I have run the trains for Christmas and Easter. Christmas is difficult in terms of the weather but at Easter I run trains with Easter Eggs on board flat wagons and sweets in open wagons.

If you are wondering whether I run any steam powered locos the answer is no. I am afraid that I am no engineer and do not have the patience to wait to raise steam! Hence I am a run it from the box person! Below are a few photos of my ever changing railway taken between 2003 and 2019.



Single track through the rockery



Yes you can run electric trains in the garden after a light snowfall.



A busy ground level station



Express running at ground level



2008 twin track – which ran around the lawn at ground level for approximately 80 feet



Easter 2003 – chicks escaping from a box van.



2018 A goods train drawn by a tram engine.



2018 Lorne station on raised track