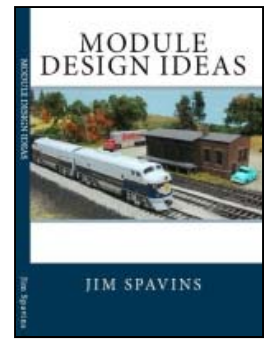




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Design Facts and Figures

Scale: N
Size: 2'x4' and 1'x4'
Standards: NTRAK, oNeTRAK
Type: Scenic
Features: Train Station
Era: 1980s-Present

As discussed in Chapter 6, one way to be able to use a module when it is not set up at a display or train show is use in a home layout. The Addison Central track plan was based on a freelanced branchline in Vermont. This plan is a tourist railroad located in Maryland, the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad. This line operates a steam train excursion through very mountainous terrain. The excursion runs from Cumberland, MD, to Frostburg, MD. In this plan, each termination point is designed to be a module.

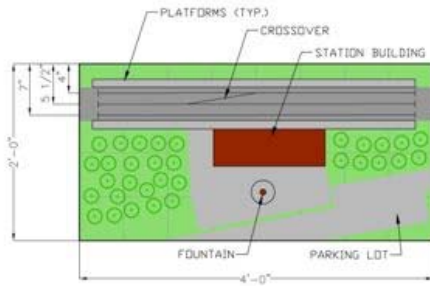
The Cumberland, MD, station, a massive brick structure, is the focal point for an Ntrak module. The wood framed Frostburg station centers an oNeTRAK module. The two modules are setup in a 9'x11' room and connected around the wall running through the mountains.

The route of the excursion train starts at the Cumberland station. The Ntrak module is the starting point on the layout. To the left of the module, the city of Cumberland is modeled with various brick and stone multi-story buildings. When the excursion trains leave Cumberland, they follow a concrete lined river as it heads up grade through an area called the Narrows. A long truss bridge carries the trains over a road in the Narrows. Here the mainline cuts through the steep mountains.

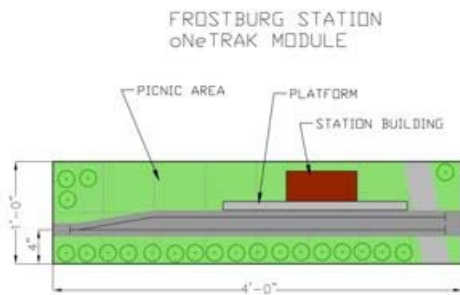


While the design doesn't include any grades, it should appear as though the line heads up the mountain. The most famous scene from the line is Helmsetter's Curve which is depicted in the plan with an easy vantage point to take photos in a similar location which is accessible on the prototype. After passing through Helmsetter's Curve, the excursion train reaches Frostburg. Here the engine is turned on the turntable and runs around the waiting passenger cars. The excursion train then heads back to

Cumberland.



The Ntrak module is a very straightforward design. It is a 2'x4' module with only the three mainlines with one crossover, which is part of a passing siding on the home layout. The Cumberland, MD, station sits at the center of the module. This building is a large brick building and would most likely have to be scratchbuilt. The parking area is located behind the station with a large courtyard and fountain. Landscaped area with lots of trees sits on either side of the station.



The oNeTRAK module is also a very simple design. The module is 1'x4' with the single mainline and the one switch which is used as part of a runaround with the turntable on the home layout. The station is wood framed and a picnic area is to the left of the station. Typically, the excursion trains will stop over for 30 minutes or so allowing passengers the opportunity to get off the train and grab a snack and watch the crew turn the locomotive.