

# Welcome to the Dreamland Miniature Railway!

## Bubble's Railways – 2012

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### Introduction

The Dreamland Miniature Railway opened in 1920 as a major attraction in the newly inaugurated Dreamland Amusement Park in Margate, England. Initially the railway comprised of a short circuit, of approximately 375 yards, which was operated by a Bassett-Lowke Class 10 locomotive, 'Prince Edward of Wales'. Three years later, the line had been transformed into an end to end line of around 600 yards in length. The Bassett-Lowke locomotive had also been joined by 'Billie', an Albion class locomotive built by Albert Barnes of Rhyl, which was now used as the main locomotive.

The railway operated in this form for most of its 60 year life although it did experience several changes. The two steam locomotives were joined by a petrol locomotive in the late 1950s and soon after this the Bassett-Lowke locomotive was retired and sold. The station in the gardens appeared and disappeared several times and the rolling stock was rebuilt with access only being available on one side.

The park went through several changes of owner in the subsequent years and eventually the railway closed in 1980 after several years of neglect. The only remaining relic of the railway today is the alley it ran down after leaving Park Station.

As of 2012 the park is disused and there are legal battles being fought over the ownership of the land. Whether the park will ever hear the clickety clack of a railway again is currently unknown, but this pack allows, at least virtually, steam to return to the Dreamland Miniature Railway.

### Installation

**PLEASE BACKUP YOUR TRAIN SIMULATOR DIRECTORY TO A SAFE LOCATION BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO INSTALL THIS PACK.**

- 1) Insert the CD into your CD drive
- 2) Navigate to your CD drive (Modern operating systems should give you the option to do this automatically)
- 3) Double click on the DMRroute.exe installation file.
- 4) Install the software using the Wizard.

*Note - Make sure that the wizard is pointing towards your main Train Simulator directory (the default directory is C:/Program Files/Microsoft Games/Train Simulator)*

Please see notes below in red before continuing with the installation.

5) Select and *copy* the 'Global' file on the CD.

6) Navigate to your train simulator directory – this is typically C:\Program Files\Microsoft Games\Train Simulator\

7) Inside the 'Train Simulator' folder (you *do not* need to enter the *global* folder), paste the files we copied in step 5. If asked to overwrite anything please select 'yes' as this will install a new tsection.dat.

Please note - This pack is supplied with new ukn\_ track sections and textures created by Reg Furniss based on the original idea by Tim Bridge. These will overwrite any ukn\_ sections you already have installed as part of the Xtracks package. If you have Xtracks installed already and you do not want the new sections please continue past stage 5. The route will still function correctly, but the new track sections have several changes in them which will increase the realism of the DMR route.

UK Build 42 of the universal tsection.dat file compiled by Stephen Masters is also included in this package. If you have a build between 38 and 44, and you wish to carry on using this instead of build 42, please back up your present tsection.dat to a safe location, copy the files and then copy and paste your backed up version of tsection.dat back into the Microsoft Train Simulator folder.

*If you don't know which tsection you have got, navigate to your Train Simulator directory, double click on the tsection.dat file (open in Notepad/Wordpad) and it is clearly written at the top.*

### Included in this Pack

- The Dreamland Park and Railway as running in the 1950's.
- Bassett Lowke Class 10 locomotive 'Prince Edward of Wales'
- Albion Class locomotive 'Billie'
- 'Morse' petrol locomotive.
- 'Morse' petrol locomotive in late Green Livery
- Bassett-Lowke 4 wheel coaches as built
- 4 wheel coaches as rebuilt.
- 4 wheel coaches as rebuilt and repainted.
- Jaycot railway Brakevan.
- A series of activities based around different scenarios and timeframes.

The DMR trains ran without train brakes, instead relying on handbrakes in the locomotives. To access this in the steam locomotives you will need to bring up the F9 display and double click on the tender to slow the train. In the Diesel locomotives you can use the engine brake keyboard controls as set up in your copy of Microsoft Train Simulator.

The Morse locomotives come with a custom cab view and uses samples of sounds from the SD402 locomotive. The steam locomotives use the SCOTSMAN cabview and a custom soundset. Please ensure that you have both of these default locomotives installed correctly before attempting to use this pack.

## Activities

*In addition to using the supplied consists with the paths created there is also a series of activities included which add a further degree of realism to the route.*

### 1 - Introduction to the Route

Using the Barnes Atlantic locomotive, explore the route and learn a little about the sights and history surrounding this railway.

### 2 - Out and Back with Billie

Today Barnes Atlantic Billie is providing the single train service, enjoy offering a regular service trying to keep departures from Park Station as close to 20, 40 and 00 as possible.

### 3 - Out and Back with Prince Edward

It's a wet morning in the park and as a result park attendance is down, can you still offer a reasonable service using the Bassett Lowke Class 10 locomotive?

### 4 - Day with the Morse

Generally in the mornings, the only locomotive in service was the Morse as it was more economical for the lighter loadings than the steam locomotives. You can choose to either run the service as normal, running around at Magic Garden, or you can run it as a push pull service, the choice is yours! Prince Edward is static in the station, adding a bit of an extra attraction for visitors.

### 5 - Day with Billie and the Morse (1970)

A standard service day in the twilight years of the park, the Morse locomotive is starting the days service and Billie is ready in the centre line to take over. If you have **MSTSBin**, you can swap locomotives and drive Billie for the second trip.

### 6 – Gala Day

This activity is based around a fictional gala in which all of the stock is available for service. The gala is being kicked off with Prince Edward of Wales with the Morse in the centre road and Billie ready with her train in the shed. To swap between the locomotives **MSTSBin** is recommended.

### 7 - Rescue the Morse

The Morse locomotive has failed in service with the first train of the day, luckily for the DMR, Billie has just reached working pressure and can act as a thunderbird. Proceed out

of the shed, change the points and collect the train, heading safely back to Platform 1 at Park Station.

## 8 - Morning Inspection

After a wet and windy night in the park, railway personnel are at the line early the next morning to set out and ensure that the railway has not been damaged in any way. Drive the Morse locomotive (in its 1975 Green livery) to Park Station to collect one of the coaches and the Jacot brakevan. They are situated in the central running line as Platform One has the main stock in it. Then proceed around the track and try to keep dry! There is no end to this activity, so click ESC to end once you are happy it is safe to open!

## Using the Traverser

As Microsoft Train Simulator does not include the ability to provide working traversers and turntables, a provision has been made in this route to run around your train at Park Station through a series of hidden tracks which essentially act as a run around loop. To use the hidden sections, simply proceed past the end of the Traverser (through the building) and stop at the following locations.

From Platform 1 (LHS) to central line - Stop at boundary of second garden, press G and proceed forward.

From Platform 2 (RHS) to central line - Stop at boundary of fourth garden, press G and proceed forward.

Although this is not ideal, it at least caters for continuous running on the route.

This has however come at a cost, many people will not be able to open the route in the activity editor as MSTS cannot decipher where the 'hidden' track pieces are. If you are competent with moving files and altering your Microsoft Train Simulator directory around, there is a fiddly way to overcome it. Please contact us for further details.

## Thank You...

...to all of those from the Save Dreamland and UK Train Sim forums who have offered support and guidance throughout this project. Particular thanks to Reg Furniss who has supplied the bushes and track sections which are used throughout the route, Tim Elsby who has supplied the Bassett Lowke class 10 model and Martin Phillips who helped me enormously with designing the buses which can be seen in the car park!

## MSTSBin

It is recommended that as part of your Microsoft Train Simulator installation, you install MSTSBin, which is a free upgrade for Microsoft Train Simulator. Available from <http://mstsbin.uktrainsim.com>, this patch offers the ability to swap between locomotives in addition to making MSTS run smoother and adding some other useful tools. Although recommended, Bubble's Railways does not support any of the features of this add on.

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