

## CSXT FROM COVINGTON, KENTUCKY TO WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY

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**WARNING – Most of this route is not suitable for low slung cars or RVs. The roads are one lane without shoulders, lacking in turn around sites, and plagued with low hanging branches. – WARNING**

The tour will start from the McDonalds parking lot located at **586 W 3<sup>rd</sup> STREET (3<sup>rd</sup> & PHILADELPHIA)** in Covington. From the parking lot one has an excellent view of the Kentucky approach to the C&O Bridge.

Turn west, away from C&O Bridge, from McDonalds onto **3<sup>rd</sup> STREET** and go under **I-75**. Turn right at “T”. Then turn left at the first street on left **WESTERN AVENUE**.

Follow **WESTERN AVENUE** to Devou Park entrance sign. Turn right here onto **NORTH PARK ROAD**. Go up hill and turn right at first street on right. Then continue on and turn right at next street on right. Follow this back to the overlook for a great view of the C&O Bridge.

Return to **WESTERN AVENUE**. Turn left. At “T” turn right and follow **KY 8 (FIFTH STREET)** to **MADISON AVENUE**. (First traffic light past the Federal Courthouse) Turn right and drive south on **MADISON AVENUE**.

*If you get on I-75 by error stay in right lane. Get off at next exit. Go to 12<sup>th</sup> STREET and turn left. Take 12th STREET to MADISON AVENUE. Then turn right to 15<sup>th</sup> STREET*

On left there will be a very large church (St Mary Basilica). Next street is **M L KING (12<sup>th</sup> STREET)**. Then turn right at next street, **14<sup>th</sup> STREET**. You are at former C&O Roundhouse. Follow this street on around to **15<sup>th</sup> STREET**. There is a great view of the track from the **15<sup>th</sup> STREET BRIDGE**. Turn left at **15<sup>th</sup> STREET** to **MADISON AVENUE**. Then turn right.

Follow **MADISON AVENUE** one street to **16<sup>th</sup> STREET**, just pass the Masonic Temple. Turn right and go to track. This is the site of KC Tower. Track to left is former C&O to Ashland. Track in left front is former L&N to Louisville and Winchester. Track in right front C&O/L&N to Cincinnati.

Return to **MADISON AVENUE** and turn right. At fork take left fork **KY 16**. Go under track, make a 90 degree left on to **DECOURSEY AVENUE**. Then turn right onto **34<sup>TH</sup> STREET**. Go two blocks and turn left on **GRAFT STREET**. You are at former L&N Yard now Cincinnati Railroad Museum. Return to **DECOURSEY AVENUE (KY 16)** and turn right.

At the five way intersection turn left onto **SOUTHERN AVENUE**. Cross railroad track and turn left on **GLENN STREET**. Take to end. Track in front is former L&N to Newport and

Cincinnati. Track to your left rear is former L&N line from Cincinnati to Winchester. Track going off to left is the former L&N Short Line, Latonia to Louisville. The Latonia Depot was in the southwest corner of the diamond. Track to left front leads to Cincinnati

Drive back along **GLEEN STREET** to **44<sup>th</sup> STREET**. Cross railroad tracks and turn left onto **HUNTINGTON STREET**. Follow **HUNTINGTON** to **47<sup>th</sup> STREET**. Turn right to first road, **DECOURSEY PIKE (KY 177)**. Turn left.

First street on left leads to CSXT DeCoursey Yard. This is a public road to the track. **DO NOT CROSS TRACK**

Return to KY 177 and turn left. At the fork take the left fork KY 1930. This will take you pass the entrance to Progress Rail. You can park this side of track to view their facility. **DO NOT CROSS TRACK**

Continue south on **KY 1930**. You will cross track at south end of DeCoursey Yard. Continue out **KY 1930, (LOCUS PIKE)**

You will have to be careful here. **KY 1930** will turn up a hill and become **WHITES ROAD**. You need to look to your left. Coming in at a very sharp angle from the left will be **LAMBS FERRY ROAD**. You will make a very sharp left to take **LAMBS FERRY ROAD** down the hill. **BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR TURN**. At bottom of the hill is the south entrance to the twin Grants Tunnel.

Continue on **LAMBS FERRY ROAD**, it is a loop, to **WHITES ROAD**. **BE CAREFUL** as you rejoin **WHITES ROAD**.

At "T" (**KY 177**) turn left onto **DECOURSEY PIKE** and drive south on **DECOURSEY PIKE KY 177**.

At Ryland Lake turn left into golf course and follow road back to track. Speed is 15 MPH. After viewing track return to **KY 177**.

Just pass **KY 536** (Visalia) turn left onto **VICES TRAIL ROAD**. Do not cross track but follow road south to **VISALIA ROAD**. Turn right back to **KY 177** and then turn left.

The CSXT track will follow **KY 177** from here to Morning View.

At **KY 2042** (Kenton) turn left to track. Then return to **KY 177** and turn left. Look on left for **FONTANA ROAD** and **ROUSE ROAD**. Both of these are loop roads that follow the track and lead back to **KY 177**.

At **KY 14** (Morning View) turn left to track. Then return to **KY 177** and turn left.

At **KY 467** (Demossville) turn left and follow the well-traveled road to the track. Then return to **KY 177** and turn left.

Follow **KY 177** under the track at Butler, Kentucky. Turn left at the first street, **FRONT STREET** and follow railroad track into town. Then return to **KY 177** and turn left. Follow **KY 177** to **US 27** and turn right.

Follow **US 27** south to **Philip A. Sharp School** (on right). Turn left onto **MENZIE BOTTOMS ROAD** across from school. This road will take you back to a stretch of CSXT double track. You will have to return to **US 27** as the road dead ends.

Follow **US 27** into Falmouth. Turn left onto **WOODSON STREET** which will become **PARK STREET**. Follow to end. You are by the CSXT Licking River Bridge. Return to **US 27**.

At **US 27** turn right, north. Cross back over the Licking River and turn left onto **KY 330**. At **KY 1054** turn left and follow **KY 1054** to railroad track at Morgan.

Continue on **KY 1054** to Boyd. You can turn left just before the track onto **BOYD STATION ROAD** or cross track and turn left on **NEBRO ROAD**. Both dead end so you have to return to **KY 1054**.

Follow **KY 1054** to **KY 1032** (Berry). Turn left and drive into Berry. Stop and view track.

Continue on **KY 1023** out to **KY 3180**. Just before and pass **KY 3180** are some dirt farm road on the right that lead down to the track. All of these roads dead end in farm fields so think before turning on to them.

Continue to follow **KY 1023** to **US 27**. At **US 27** turn right and drive to Cynthiana. .

In Cynthiana turn right on **KY 36**. Follow this to **A. KELLER DAM ROAD**. Turn right onto **A. KELLER DAM ROAD** and drive back to CSXT Bridge. Return back to Cynthiana on **KY 36**. Cross **US 27** and follow **KY 36** to railroad track. Turn right onto **KY 982** and follow to **US 27**

At **US 27** turn left, south. At **KY 1893** turn left to Shawhan. Former depot sign is on a barn on the right after you cross under the track. Return to **US 27** and turn left.

At Paris turn left onto **US 68 PARIS BY PASS ROAD**. Turn right at **US 68 BUSINESS (MILLERSBURG ROAD/ E MAIN STREET)** and follow into town.

In town turn left onto **KY 627, WINCHESTER ROAD**. The former L&N/Frankfort & Cincinnati Depot is on left at track, park here. Joint TTI and CSX Yard is to the right. Look to left and the TTI track curving northeast for Maysville can be seen.

Continue on **KY 627** south. At **KY 57** turn right for Austerlitz. View track and then return to **KY 627**. At **KY 627** turn right and follow **KY 627** into Winchester.

In Winchester, turn left at **US 60, LEXINGTON AVENUE**. Go one block and turn right on **MAIN STREET**. Go to flashing light and turn left onto **FRENCH AVENUE, KY 974**.

Follow **KY 974** over railroad track. Turn left at second road on left **OLD MUDDY CREEK** and follow back to the cemetery and park. Patio Yard is in front of you.

THE NEXT PART OF TRIP IS FOUND UNDER WINCHESTER TO THE  
TENNESSEE BORDER