

B&A Central Division

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The B&A Central is an 11' x 11' (plus staging) freelanced layout representing a fictitious part of The Boston and Albany Railroad connecting the two towns of Roundly and Mill Creek Mass. At Roundly there is an interchange with the New Haven, and at Mill Creek there is an interchange with the Boston and Maine. All three railroads share some mainline trackage. Freight service operates from all three railroads with passenger service also connecting the towns. Don't let the small size fool you, there is a great deal of operating action on this finely scened pike with an operating turntable, staging and a need for helper service.

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Layout at a glance

Name: B&A Central
Scale: HO
Size: 11 x 11 with staging
Prototype: Boston and Albany/Boston and Maine/New Haven
Locale: Central Massachusetts
Era: 1950s
Style: Folded double oval with a duck-under
Mainline run: 70'
Minimum radius: 24"
Minimum turnout: #5
Maximum grade: 2%
Benchwork: Open Grid
Height: 50" – 55"
Roadbed: Cork over Homesote over Plywood
Track: Peco Code 83
Scenery: Sculptamold over plaster gauze
Backdrop: Photo Murals from LARC Products
Control: Digitrax DCC with Sound

Operating positions: Up to 6 total Spots

Dispatcher: directs train movements
Staging Hostler: controls train movements in staging/yard
Local Switching crew in Mill Creek
Local Switching crew in Roundly
Road crew: B&A
Road Crew: B&M
Road Crew: New Haven

Comments:

Dick runs a relaxed session and encourages newcomers to operations as well as feedback from experienced crews.