Garden Railroads

Today on Gardening in a Minute: garden railroads.

Garden railroads combine two popular hobbies: gardening and model railroads. They provide fun for the entire family—everyone can tend the garden, operate the trains, or build structures to go in the train garden.

Structures can include train stations, houses, and bridges, and can be built from scratch or with kits. Even water elements can be incorporated into the miniature landscape.

If you’d like to create a garden railroad, look for trains, train tracks, and other components designed specifically for outdoor use.

A garden railroad can be customized to the owner’s taste, making each unique. It’s common to create one based on a theme, such as a desert- or mountainscape. Depending on your theme, you can add plants such as succulents, bonsai, or dwarf conifers.

For more information about garden railroads and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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