

About our Trains

The trains that run on the track at Fairview Park are 1/8th the size of the real thing, and operate like real world locomotives. Most types of locomotives run on our track. "Live steam" refers to working scale models of full steam locomotives. These "live steamers" burn coal, oil or propane to produce steam in the boiler for use in driving the locomotive. Diesels are powered by internal combustion engines and are replicas of the types of locomotives you would see pulling trains today. Electric locomotives, just like their full-size prototypes, run very quietly, using power stored from internal batteries.

Most of our engines and rolling stock are built and owned by the members, and some locomotives can pull more than 20 adults at one time.

About our Location

The City of Costa Mesa granted the Orange County Model Engineers a 25-year lease, allowing the construction and operation of a miniature railroad, train station and gift shop at Fairview Park. The 40 acres of open park contain 20,000 feet of track in a natural setting. In scale miles, that is more than 30 miles of track, sidings, and bridges, making Mackerel Flats and Goat Hill Junction Railroad one of the largest public miniature tracks in the world.



About our Club

The Orange County Model Engineers Inc. is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting and educating the public about live steam hobby trains and train history. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in trains, large or small. Guests are invited to our weekly Saturday work parties at the track site, monthly general meetings and especially our public riding days on Saturday and Sunday each weekend of the third Saturday of the month. For information or membership applications please call:
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