

A Look at What is Coming Down the Tracks!

The Trainz Darjeeling Himalayan Railway Project

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This project our effort to create a working computer model of the DHR, in full scale, using a computer program made by the Auran Company called Trainz. Full scale means that when trains are run on the railway, the running time of the model will closely match the actual time in real life.

The Trainz DHR Project Group is now working with Trainz TRS2004 and creating many hundreds of custom items so that they can duplicate, as closely as possible, the look and operation of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway. They have created the terrain elevations and main line from actual



maps of the route, models of actual buildings and stations on the DHR, and models of the rolling stock, including those beautiful steam engines.

If you would like to know more about the project's progress please visit the Trainz DHR Project at <http://www.darjeelingtrainz.com>. There you will find a lot of information about the project as it moves along. You can also visit Virtual Railroader at <http://www.virtualrailroader.com>. Al Barten has created an excellent online magazine dealing with virtual railroading. The VR Reading Room has a number of articles about the Trainz DHR Project in addition to other related items.

I would like to thank Paul Whittle for asking me to write about this project and you can be assured that the Trainz DHR Project group thinks the DHR is one of the most fantastic feats of engineering ever accomplished and they will endeavor to create a model that will reflect that heritage. 🚂

All the pictures are screen images from the actual programme in operation.

