Midland Main Line

Bedford to Corby

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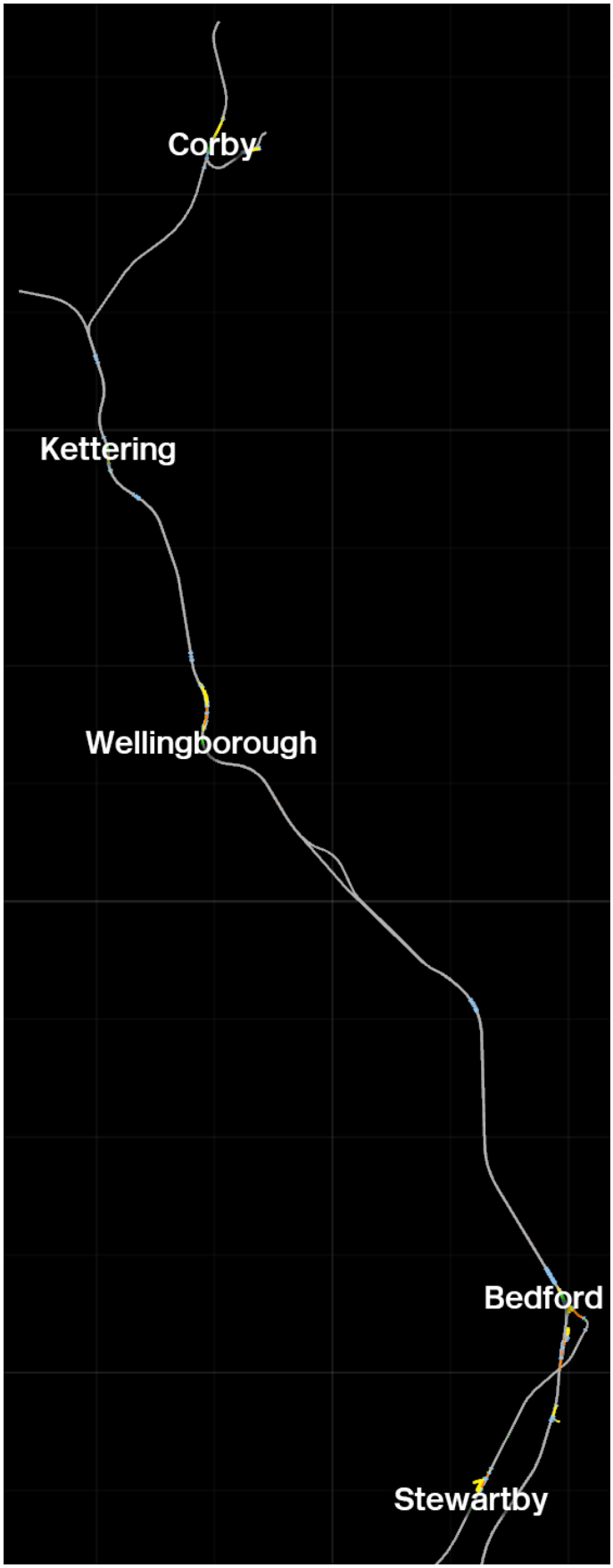
How to Install

1) Locate where you have downloaded this pack and unzip it. Information on how to do this can be found *here*.
2) Go to the location where you have extracted the files from the .zip file.
3) Now find the .exe file called 'MML Bedford to Corby Route Extension Pack'. Double-click this file.
4) Follow the steps and by the end of the process, the pack will have installed.
5) It is essential that you have our *MML: London to Bedford Enhancement Pack* installed for this route extension to function.
6) If you intend to use any of the included scenarios, make sure you have the 'Extra Stock' & relevant payware add-on packs listed on the product page installed so the scenarios function as intended.

Route Map



Overview

This extension pack adds the following route mileage to our *MML: London to Bedford Enhancement Pack*:

Bedford to Corby - 30 miles
Bedford St Johns to Stewartby - 5 miles
Wymington Deviation (slow line deviation at Sharnbrook) - 3.5 miles
Total additional mileage - 38.5 miles

Our *MML: London to Bedford Enhancement Pack* is based between 2011 & 2019 and we wished to match this in our extension. During this period though, most of the overbridges on the Bedford to Corby section were raised in height to facilitate future electrification work. We have decided to model the early part of this era before this work had taken place. Partly for aesthetic reasons as the original structures are more pleasing to look at but also to give a wider scope for scenarios, as it was fairly short-lived that the route existed with modified structures but no overheard wires.

Features

All applicable features listed in the manual for our *MML: London to Bedford Enhancement Pack* are also implemented in this extension.

Points of Interest

Wellingborough

Kettering

Corby

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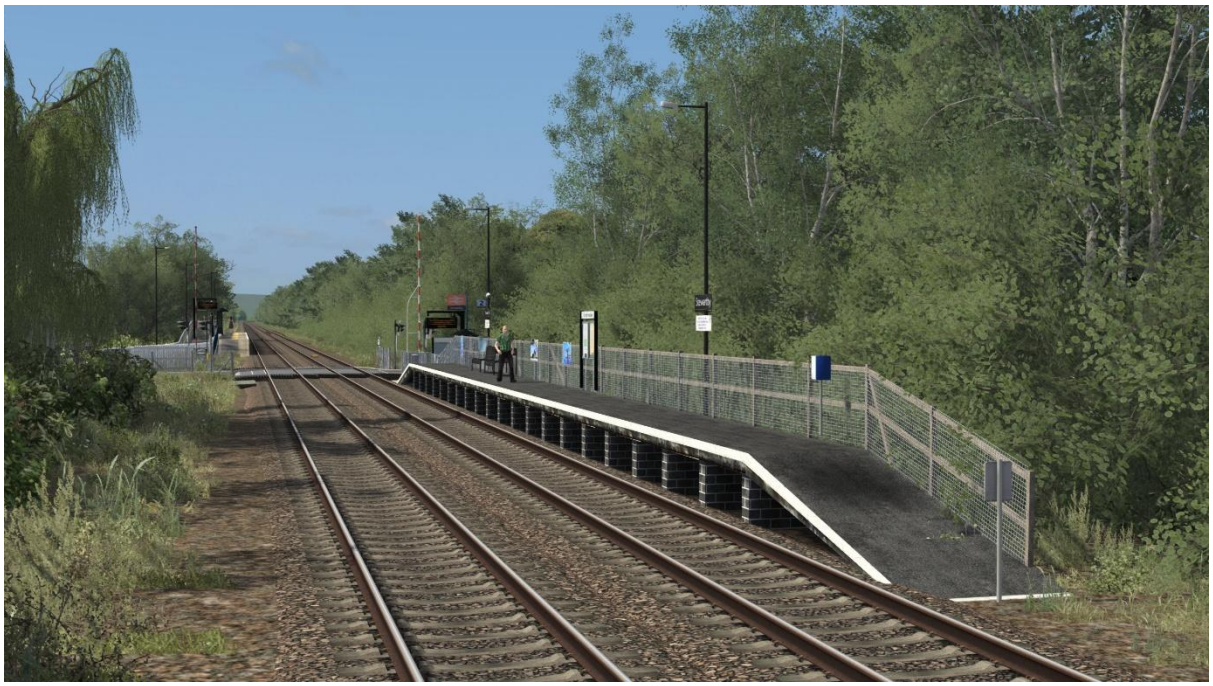
SAVE MONEY, BOOK ONLINE
Corby

Bedford St Johns

Kempston Hardwick

Stewartby

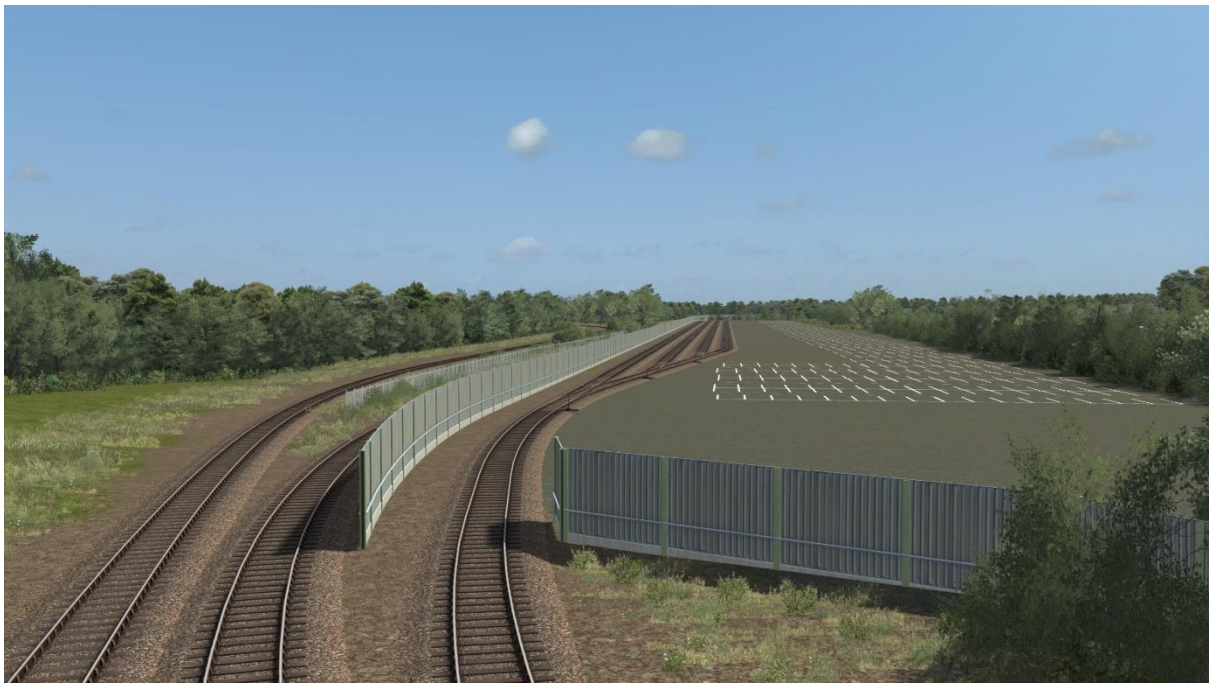


Forders Sidings

The primary reason for including the 5 miles from Bedford St Johns to Stewartby; Forders Sidings. Until 2005, the sidings with the cranes on the right of the screenshot below received household waste from Cricklewood. Until 2010, the sidings on the left were used by the Civil Engineers/Railtrack/Network Rail.

Corby Automotive Terminal

The mile long branch from Corby to Corby Automotive Terminal is included. Opened in 1996, this terminal received imported cars from Mainland Europe via the Channel Tunnel. The final train ran in the late 2000s.



Wellingborough Up Yard

After lying largely disused for a number of years, GB Railfreight revitalised this yard in 2006, using it as a base for a newly won contract to supply Metronet with materials to maintain part of the London Underground network. This contract lasted 10 years and during this time, the yard also became a hub for aggregate operations.

Bedford to Wellingborough: Slow & Fast Lines

A distinctive feature of the line between Bedford & Wellingborough is the split-level slow and fast lines. When built, this was only a two track railway but when the Midland Railway wished to expand it to four tracks, they wanted gentler gradients to allow heavier loads to be hauled. As a result, the slow lines were built to a different gradient profile, as well as deviating away from the original fast lines at Sharnbrook for 3.5 miles to take a gentler route via the 1,870 yard long Sharnbrook Tunnel.

Sharnbrook Viaduct

This imposing viaduct is one of the most impressive structures on the route.

Scenarios

[05] 1M66 19:00 St. Pancras - Corby
Route = AP - Midland Main Line
Track covered = St. Pancras International - Corby
Traction = East Midlands Trains 43083 & 43064
Date = 16th July 2014
Duration = 1 hour 15 minutes

[06] 1M56 16:50 St. Pancras - Corby
Route = AP - Midland Main Line
Track covered = St. Pancras International - Corby
Traction = East Midlands Trains 43480 & 43468
Date = 21st June 2018
Duration = 1 hour 10 minutes

[07] 1P29 10:16 Corby - St. Pancras
Route = AP - Midland Main Line
Track covered = Corby - St. Pancras International
Traction = East Midlands Trains 222015
Date = 26th November 2015
Duration = 1 hour 20 minutes

[08] 1B57 15:43 Nottingham - St. Pancras
Route = AP - Midland Main Line
Track covered = Kettering - St. Pancras International
Traction = East Midlands Trains 222001
Date = 17th September 2017
Duration = 1 hour 20 minutes

[09] 6A10 16:04 Stud Farm - Forders Sidings
Route = AP - Midland Main Line
Track covered = Kettering - Forders Sidings
Traction = Freightliner 66558
Date = 5th April 2007
Duration = 1 hour 10 minutes

[10] 6M11 13:40 Ferme Park - Wellingborough Up T.C.
Route = AP - Midland Main Line
Track covered = Carlton Road Junction - Wellingborough Up Yard
Traction = GB Railfreight/MSC 66709
Date = 1st August 2013
Duration = 1 hour 50 minutes

Credits

Toby Amiel & Pablo Martinez – Scenery creation & placement
George Hartley – Wellingborough & Kettering station buildings. Sharnbrook Viaduct.
Josh Thorpe - Scenarios [06], [07] & [08]

Third Party Restrictions

Extensions to this route or 'merges' with other routes are not permitted to be released in any form.