Northampton Loop

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Blurb

Back in 2020, Dovetail Games released the WCML South, all the way from London to Birmingham. A big undertaking considering the numerous large yards, 4 and 6 track sections, and a great number of stations. There was one big omission though, the Northampton Loop.

The Loop branches from the West Coast Mainline north of Wolverton, and runs for just shy of 24 miles before connecting back near Rugby. Freight is pathed this way, as are select express services, and many stopping trains to and from Birmingham and London.

There are currently two stations on the loop, down from five it had until Kilsby and Crick, Althorp Park and Church Brampton closed in the 20th Century. Long Buckby and (to no-one's amazement) Northampton remain.

Kings Heath Siemens Depot resides just north of Northampton station, which is the main depot for all Class 350 units run by the West Midlands Franchise Operator. There's been plenty of activity over the years, from maintenance of 319s to 360s.

The line has been recreated in all its... Northampton-ness?

Requirements

In order to use this pack, you must own (and have installed) the following product. *Failure to do so will render the route unusable.*

- WCML South: London Euston - Birmingham (Steam)

Installation

- 1. Open the ATS Launcher
- 2. Navigate to 'Your Products' and hit install on this pack.

If you're unsure on this process, read the manual for the ATS Launcher.

The route will show in game as 'WCMLS Full'.

Screenshots

Kings Heath Depot



Long Buckby Station



Northamptonshire Countryside



Scenario Requirements

Alan Thomson Sim: Class 319 London Midland/London Northwestern Railway Livery Pack*

Armstrong Powerhouse: Class 66 Enhancement Pack* Class 170 Enhancement Pack* Class 319 EMU Pack Volume 1 Class 325 Enhancement Pack* Class 350 Enhancement Pack* FSA/FTA Wagon Pack Signal Enhancement Pack Sky Weather Enhancement Pack v2.0

Just Trains: Class 220/221 Voyager

Steam: EWS Class 92 WCML South Route

* Note that these products have their own individual requirements.

These scenarios are designed to be used with the 64-bit version of Train Simulator and on a system with at least 8GB of RAM.

It also essential that you have the latest versions of the required DLC installed, before running these scenarios.

Scenarios

[ATS-Loop] 4013 1854 Daventry - Southampton Maritime Container Terminal Traction = Class 66 Duration = 105 minutes

[ATS-Loop] 9S47 0850 London Euston - Birmingham New Street Traction = Class 390 Duration = 130 minutes

[ATS-Loop] 1Y06 0535 Birmingham New Street - London Euston Traction = Class 350 Duration = 135 minutes

[ATS-Loop] 2Y05 0606 Northampton - Birmingham New Street Traction = Class 350 Duration = 85 minutes

[ATS-Loop] 5B04 1750 Northampton E.M.D. - Bletchley C.S. Traction = Class 319 Duration = 50 minutes

Credits

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