

Toledo's circular railroad

The Toledo Terminal Railroad was the nation's only complete loop

Toledo, Ohio, has long been a center of industry. Nicknamed the "Glass City" for its prominence in glassmaking, the city is also home to the iconic Jeep brand and a busy Great Lakes port. Toledo Terminal Railroad used its circular route to connect the city's industrial base with national and world markets. One can still see trains of CSX Transportation on the east side, or bike up the west side. — *Brian Schmidt*

FUN FACT: Chesapeake & Ohio purchased the Pere Marquette in 1947 and purchased the Toledo Terminal the same year to connect the two.

TOLEDO TERMINAL ORIGINAL 1907 OWNERSHIP

NYC	29.04%
C&O	25.80%
B&O	16.12%
GTW	9.68%
PRR	9.68%
NKP	9.68%

FUN FACT: Toledo Union Terminal, built in 1950, was among the last major railroad stations built in the U.S. It served the NYC, WAB, C&O (PM), and B&O.

FUN FACT: The NYC "Old Road," built as the Erie & Kalamazoo, was opened in 1836, and was the first railroad west of the Allegheny Mountains.

FUN FACT: The original Wheeling & Lake Erie, the one shown here, was leased by the NKP in 1949 for 99 years. The current Wheeling & Lake Erie was spun off from Norfolk Southern in 1990.

FUN FACT: TT designated its operating directions as "A," clockwise and "B," counterclockwise. It is the only railroad in the U.S. whose main line made a complete loop.

W&LE Toledo Division First District Main Line to Bellevue, Ohio



DATE OF THIS MAP
This map can't be given a specific date other than the late 1940s due to the changes that occurred toward the end of the decade. The Chesapeake & Ohio, the Pere Marquette, and the Toledo Terminal were consolidated in 1947 and the Nickel Plate and Wheeling & Lake Erie merged in 1949. These lines are shown separately for clarity. The new Toledo Central Union Terminal was completed in 1950 and is shown here because of its significance.

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AA	Ann Arbor
B&O	Baltimore & Ohio
BT	Bay Terminal
C&O	Chesapeake & Ohio
CH&D	Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton
CL	Clover Leaf
D&TSL	Detroit & Toledo Shore Line
D&I	Detroit, Toledo & Ironton
GTW	Grand Trunk Western
HV	Hocking Valley
LSMS	Lake Shore & Michigan Southern
MC	Michigan Central
NKP	Nickel Plate
NYC	New York Central
PO&D	Pennsylvania, Ohio & Detroit
PRR	Pennsylvania, Toledo, Angola & Western
T&AW	Toledo, Angola & Western
TOC	Toledo & Ohio Central
TT	Toledo Terminal
W&LE	Wheeling & Lake Erie
WAB	Wabash

(Predecessor roads in parenthesis)

Roundhouse
Drawbridge
Station
Interlocking & block stations
Abandoned