

**COOKTOWN
HISTORIC RAILWAY
PARK**

a look at how things were

LOCO SHED

Steam engines spend a lot of time in the loco shed under maintenance.



Our shed had space for two engines. After every trip they would be cleaned, greased and oiled.

TURNTABLE PIT

The turn table was turned manually - hard work! The engine could be directed into the right bay, or even turned right around.



Two black wooden posts mark the end of the line once the steam engines had gone.

SERVICE PIT

The engines would stop here to take on water. They could be checked and their fire-boxes emptied of ash and clinker



COAL STORE

The engines used a mixture of wood and coal. The soil here is still full of coal dust.



RAISED WATER TANK

The water tank was made of heavy cast iron panels imported from Britain. During an attempt to move it in the 1970s, it was dropped and shattered.



ENDEAVOUR RAILBUS

Remains of the *Endeavour* railbus, and a steam engine tender.



A STEAM ENGINE LOADED WITH LOGS TO BURN BEHIND IT YOU CAN SEE THE WATER TANK ON ITS STAND, AND YOU CAN MAKE OUT THE FILLING SPOUT THAT WE STILL HAVE - NOTE THERE ARE NO TREES TO BE SEEN

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