

The building of the Northwoods Branch of The Pennsylvania Railroad



Backyard before Trains



Clearing the yard



ground raised and leveled



Start of tunnel



backside access to tunnel



Waterproofing tunnel



Building the mountain



At first there was no water feature



Ballast laid between landscape edgers



Temporary trestle. tracks are Aristocraft.



Track leveled with 1/8" bluestone



Start of trestle



DCC wiring underground



First test run on outer loop



Testing second loop



DCC controls in shed (Easy DCC by CVP)



Gardening

Chronology of Railroad:

Fall 2006 Area cleared and leveled

Summer 2007 track laid for 2 loops and trestle

Summer 2008 sidings constructed and waterfall added to mountain

Each winter one or two structures built from scratch

Each Spring a little ballast added to level tracks

Summer 2009 siding turnouts got remote control (all other turnouts already remote)

Mining train added to top of mountain. DC power with LGB reversing unit.

Layout Summer 2010

