



Galeton & Chestnut Lake

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- Style: Freelance
- Era: Transition
- Scale: HO
- Size: 15' X 19'
- % Trackage and Wiring Completed: 100%
- % Scenery Completed: 100%
- Control: NCE DCC
- Access: Steps down to basement



The railroad is around four walls with a liftout for entrance. Within this area is the fictitious G&CL shortline that connects Galeton and Chestnut Lake in north-central Pennsylvania. The mainline is a two-lap arrangement with two interchanges with the Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR); one at Williamsport and the other at Renovo. There are staging yards at those two locations and both have turntables. There is a branch out of Chestnut Lake to a coal transfer station where coal carried on the G&CL standard gauge railroad transfers to narrow-gauge gondolas of an unnamed railroad that disappears into a tunnel. Bituminous coal is mined near Chestnut Lake and a tipple there permits loading it into hoppers and gondolas. The Chestnut Lake Lumber Company, including a saw mill, is located midway between Chestnut Lake and Galeton. The yard and locomotive service area are located in Galeton. There are several spurs and sidings off the main that serve various customers including a brewery, a REA, a milk station, a crude oil loading station, and freight stations.