

Colorado Narrow Gauge

Bill Brown

Go back in time to an era where nothing in railroading was easy. Bill's Colorado Narrow Gauge Layout is mostly based in 1949...just a few years before the Rio Grande Southern ceased operations. Bill's rendition brings it back to life. Tight turns and steep grades were the norm back then and operators get to experience it firsthand. Steep mountain cliffs, deep cuts and rickety trestles are just some of the highlights. A portion of the layout takes one back even further to 1910, when tiny engines pulled and pushed freight into amazing areas. Scenery here has to be seen to be believed! Recently 4 staging tracks have been added to simulate the yards at Montrose. With the installation of the Durango engine house, turntable and yard, the layout is approaching completion.

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Layout at a glance

Name: Bill Brown
Scale: HOn3
Size: 25' x 35'
Prototype: D&RGW, Rio Grande Southern, Silverton Railroad and The Silverton Northern
Locale: Mountains of Colorado
Era: 1949 and 1910
Style: Walkaround
Mainline run: 140'
Minimum radius: 18"
Minimum turnout: #4 on Main
Maximum grade: up to 3.5% on the main and 5% in mountain districts
Benchwork: L Girder
Height: 40" to 66"
Roadbed: Homesote
Track: Code 70 on the main, 55 and 40 in sidings
Scenery: VERY mountainous
Backdrop: Photo Murals from LARC Products
Control: Digitrax DCC with Sound



Operating positions: 6 total Spots

Everyone works as pairs with engineer and brakeman.

Train crews do it all! Each crew will draw rolling stock from mines and businesses, team tracks and interchanges. You will make up your train and then proceed with your job of traversing the mainline and accomplishing your own switching along the way. Each "job might take you most of the session as you check in at each station along the way with realistic Timetable and Train Order operations....while trying to avoid cornfield meets along the way! Passenger runs attempt to avoid the freight movements as well as a Galloping Goose delivering the mail.

Comments:

You will thoroughly enjoy running trains through spectacular detailed mountain scenery in front of stunning photo mural backdrops.