

Tim Tilson's Soo Line



- 1. What is the name of your layout?** Soo Line
- 2. What scale is your layout?** HO
- 3. Does your layout have a specific era and/or location?** 1905, Upper Michigan from Trout Lake to St Ignace. Here the railroads transfers cars to a lake ferry for transport to lower Michigan.
- 4. What are the overall dimensions of your layout?** 4'x14' with a 1'x10' extension
- 5. How do you control your layout?** DC
- 6. When did you start making your layout?** Design work started in January 2019. It was built by custom Model Railroad Inc. in the spring of 2020. They did the benchwork, track and wiring. They delivered in in July 2020.
- 7. Do you host operating sessions or would you consider doing so?** Not likely. With DC you can only operate one train at a time. And it is all single track. I do foresee having the following: Through Freight from Trout Lake to St Ignace. Local Freight with stops

in the towns of Rudyard, Brimley, and a logging camp Passenger Service.

8. What type of track (sectional, flex track or hand laid) and switches are on your layout and what is its code? Peco flex track

9. If you were to brag about your layout what would you describe as its outstanding feature(s) My model railroad covers the Duluth South Shore and Atlantic line from Trout Lake to St Ignace. I call it the Soo Line even though it was technically the DSS&A. Both it and the Soo were purchased by the Canadian Pacific in the 1880s and operated as separate companies until 1960 when they were merged. Today both are simply part of the CP network and have lost their “independence.” Plus you can’t find steam engine decals for the DSS&A. On the DSS&A route from Trout Lake to St Ignace the towns were Ozark, Palms and Moran. I had no interest in modeling them, nor could you find much info on them. Instead, I moved Brimley and Rudyard to this section and added a lumber camp.



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