

6. Richard Steinmann's Lake



This is Lake Estling on my Erie-Lackawanna Morris and Essex Division layout. In reality, Lake Estling is MUCH larger. It is located between Denville and Dover on the prototype, and the railroad crosses it on an embankment.

On my selectively-compressed version, I modeled the southern part of the lake, and protected the Erie-Lackawanna right-of-way with rip rap. I started with a flat bottom and painted it with successively darker colors toward the middle to suggest deeper water. The water itself is two-part Enviro-Tex casting resin. The foliage is various shades of Woodland Scenics ground foam. The foreground trees are Super Trees and background trees are polyfiber balls coated with ground foam. The bridge carries the Morris County Traction Company line over the E-L Mainline and is modeled after a prototype structure. Admittedly, the bridge and trolley line were long gone by the time I am modeling (1965) but I thought it was a neat structure to have on my layout.
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