



New York Central Piney Fork Branch

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- Style: Prototype
- Era: early 1960's
- Scale: HO
- Size: 260 feet of main line on two levels
- % Completed: 100%
- % Scenery: 75%
- Control: Digitrax Duplex
- Access: Railroad in basement access is by one flight of stairs



I have attempted to recreate the NYCRR operations through my hometown of Minerva, Ohio south into the coal fields of eastern Ohio. My era is the early to mid 1960's but I have continued the loading of coal at tipples which may have closed years before. I also created a southern connection for this line to enhance the movement of freight while operating the railroad. Some locations have compressed true fidelity to the real location, and other locations are enhanced for industry, including the rail served Lauren Steel in St. Clairsville. Staging is found on both ends of the railroad. A mix of through freights, locals, and coal mine turns account for most of the trains. Very modest passenger service may be run following a published timetable. A dispatcher uses a fast clock and writes train orders for the operator to deliver to train order stations where the crews then manage their progress over the railroad. Two color signals are for train orders only. You can see more in the August 2018 "Model Railroader" for more detailed information, track plan, and pictures. I also have a Facebook group titled NYC Piney Fork Branch which I invite you to explore.