

COPPER VALLEY (The High Country)
Set at an elevation 6 inches above the valley floor (tabletop height), the upper reaches of the town are accessible by rail only or a steep dirt trail. Creating this lofty elevation and a rising grade for the track is easy if you use foam-board components from the Woodland Scenics SubTerrain system (woodlandscenics.com)

Copper Mountain Mine is a dangerous place to earn a day's keep. Aside from hauling mineral loads out, the railroads have the dubious task of hauling boxcars loaded with the explosives used for blasting

Copper Mountain Ranch keeps them dogies corralled when it's time to bring 'em down out of the high country

Copper Valley Depot

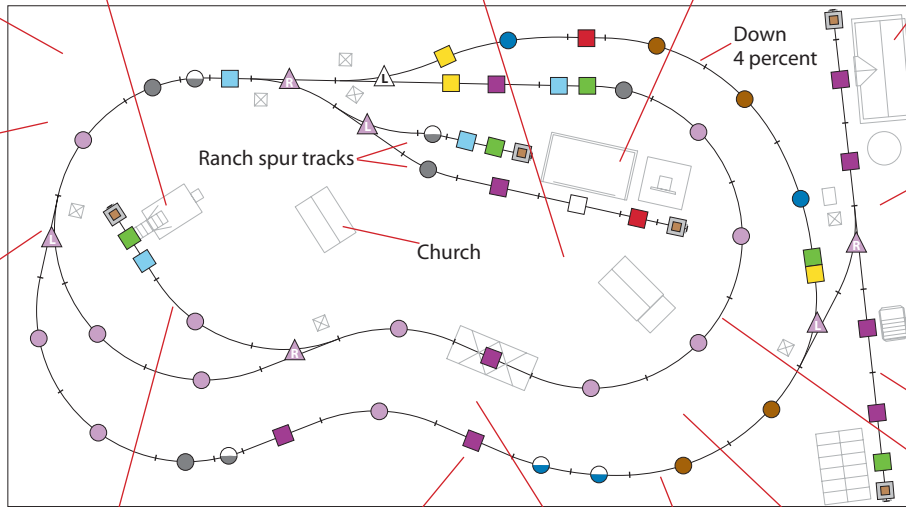
Beware of bandits!

Trains cautiously climbing or descending are particularly vulnerable to bandits waiting to jump the train as it breaches the tunnel

Portals and retaining walls

on each end of the short tunnel should be timber assemblies. Hunterline (hunterline.com) offers basswood kits for these locations, in addition to timber truss bridges, trestles, and tunnel liners

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Thanks to the endless riches Copper Mountain has offered since the mid-1800s, this frontier town continues to thrive. A pair of track switches connects the main line to the ascending high line. Remove the bumpers at the ends of the mainline route and you can expand the railroad to towns farther west or back east



Mine spur tracks

Copper Creek Trestle can be assembled from a Lionel no. 12038 FasTrack elevated trestle set or constructed using pre-assembled wooden bents and bridge decks from Grand Central Gems (grandcentralgems.com)

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Up 2 percent

Copper Mountain Trail

Main line

High line