

# White River Module Restoration

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White River is a 2'x2' module, with a straight through single track, owned by HOTRAK that was in need of some attention. These photos show the restoration of the model, starting with what it looked like before, during, and after the work.

White River has added a new passenger stop. This is very fortunate as it is a great location for camping, fishing, or just enjoying nature.

With scenery, there is always more that can be done but this is essentially what it looks like now.

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Before

*This module is very old and the first thing to do was to repair and stabilize the original plaster covering. This was done mainly with white glue.*



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*I put a coating of static grass over everything except the river and the railway track. In doing this I experimented with varying shades and colours and used layers to provide some variation in height.*



▲ *I livened up the river by planting a variety of vegetation and tried to give it a flowing effect by putting in small rapids. I found that a couple of coats of Vallejo Water Effects gave a milky effect which is appropriate for a White River.*

► *I used commercial culverts which were difficult to install because the underlying polystyrene is very thin indeed.*



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*I decided that a flashing camp fire would provide a centre of interest. I used Evans Designs' campfire kit of three flashing LEDs. Inside the wooden twigs I glued some cotton wool soaked in phosphorescent red and attached some water effect fibres to give the smoke effect.*



*The module has a number of small valleys. I used one of these to create a deep stream that flows into White River. The effect of depth is obtained by painting the bottom a mixture of black with blue and white for sky reflections. I planted thick commercial vegetation with bullrushes and used Envirotex two part epoxy for the water.*



*The campers and fishermen were provided specially for this module, the rest are items left over from other projects.*

*I thought a flag stop would improve the operating potential. The platform is North Eastern wood while the fencing and hut are left overs from other projects.*



*I powered the campfire and the light in the station hut from the DCC track bus using a bridge rectifier to produce DC current and protected the fire and the hut with 1000 ohm resistors.*





*Shrubs, bushes etc., were applied mainly from my left overs.*



*Waiting to go home at the end of a relaxing day.*



*Bird's eye view of White River.*

