

Furs to FACTORIES

10. L&N Depot (Etowah Depot)



In 1906 the L&N Railroad built 80 miles of railroad line from Marietta, GA to what is now Etowah, TN. The purpose was to bypass the rugged mountain railroad that was built in 1890 to serve the copper mines at Ducktown and the marble quarries in Georgia. The 1906 route became known as the “New Line,” and the 1890 route as the “Old Line.” The project included a new rail center and township for workers that became Etowah, TN. The L&N Depot was the first building erected in the new town. It soon gained the reputation of the “finest passenger station between Knoxville and Atlanta.” Today the Depot is owned by the City of Etowah and is open for free tours. There are exhibits about the history of the L&N Railroad and its impact on Etowah, TN, as well as a walking trail and picnic area. The regular passenger trains ceased in 1969, but train excursions run on the Old Line Railroad from April-November. The excursions operate under the name “Hiwassee River Rail Adventure.” A train excursions ticket office is located in the Depot. The Historic Gem Theater, which sits just across the street, presents live performances year round.

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Hours: 9:00 – 4:00 Mon-Fri (open weekends during train excursion season)