Beginning the trail behind the inn, the casual visitor is introduced to an easy, accessible paved trail. The Appalachian Trail is a primitive trail with steep slopes, thin soils and severe erosion problems that require individual resourcefulness, but rewards hikers with spectacular views.

The base of Bear Mountain incorporates a wide range of contrasting spaces, bringing life to the park. Here we have a green oasis that draws the public in, transforming the Appalachian Trail from wilderness hiking to an open gathering area.

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The summit of the mountain seems larger than it is. It offers the opportunity to be in harmony with the scenery, to observe the majestic Hudson River Valley, and to even view 4 different states from the 1,306' peak.

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