CULTURAL

Regional Characteristics
This area of the Highlands is bound by rivers, the Hudson and the Delaware. It lies between two fields and forests shaped in club Cultural Heritage.

Promoting & Preserving Community
Promotion:
- Tourism and Cultural Heritage
  - Both Orange and Rockland counties have strong tourism programs
  - Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area
- Bear Mountain is considered part of the Lower Hudson River Valley

Preservation:
- Both Orange and Rockland counties have active open space programs in an attempt to preserve their farming heritage.
- As a major water source, there are significant watershed conservation and protection programs around the Delaware River

Town & City Placement

User Groups at Bear Mountain:
Group Visitors
Individuals & Families
Experienced Hikers

An informal questionnaire was drawn up to collect more information about the site and the user groups.

Ethnicity & Population Data

Orange County:
- Total Population 341,367
- Population increased 11% since 1990
- 60,280 people commute to work outside of Rockland county

Rockland County:
- Total Population 286,753
- Population increased 8% since 1990
- 65,351 people commute to work outside of Rockland county

The Facilities
Many of the facilities are historical buildings built in the 1930’s. They serve as multifunctional facilities for a diversity of users.

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