Designing for the Novice Hiker…
Tackling the design from a particular viewpoint, that of the novice hiker, our team set up a series of priorities needed to entice the users of Bear Mountain onto the trail.

0 Trailheads
• To provide the hiker with a starting and ending point and a space to gather.
• To educate the hiker through the use of multimedia information via cell phone or signage featuring a friendly cartoon character.

0 APPALACHIAN TRAIL
• To align the trail through a series of nodes and viewpoints that draw the hiker upward and onward.
• Minimizes steep slopes so that the novice can enjoy the hiking experience.
• Favors a southerly exposure in order to provide a more favorable climate for an extended hiking season.
• No active road crossings to ensure the safety of both experienced and novice hikers alike.

0 Nature Trail
• Attracts summit only visitors to have their own trail/hiking experience.
• Designed for leisure strolling and easy accessibility.

0 Challenge Trail
• A manageable challenge for the novice hiker over steeper rockier terrain.
• Great views of seasonal stream and waterfall.