The contributions made to Bear Mountain and the A.T. by current and historical volunteers are inspirational for aspiring volunteers.

Honorary Garden

1. Visit our Trail-building Demo on your way to the Appalachian Trail
See how volunteers create the trails on and around Bear Mountain

2. Discover the Rich Heritage of the Appalachian Trail
Learn how dedicated volunteers made the Appalachian Trail possible and about the history of the trail and the area

3. Take a Ranger-guided tour of a Trail-in–Progress
Watch our volunteer trail-builders in action

4. Raymond Torrey Statue
The first volunteer to work on the Appalachian Trail

5. Welcome to the Honorary Garden

6. Hike the Appalachian Trail through the Trailside Zoo
The zoo at Bear Mountain was an integral part of the original vision of the Appalachian Trail.

On the way: Hessian Lake, the Pool, Riverfront, and Bear Mountain Bridge

Museum

To support the ‘Trailway’ to Heaven program, which focuses on recruiting and honoring trail volunteers, it is vital that visitors appreciate the dynamic history of the A.T. and the surrounding region.

- Current Museum is segregated from the other design features
- Relocation to PIPC building
- New multifunction facility provides focuses on History and current involvement of volunteers

Museum Format:
- A.T. history and philosophy
- Bear Mountain history
- Emphasis on the importance of volunteer contributions in the development of Bear Mountain
- Early trail creation by Indians and the progression of changes leading to existing trails on Bear Mountain and region

Multifunctional Features of the Museum:
- Volunteer sign-ups
- Donation information
- Shuttle tickets to Summit will be available
- Shuttle leaves from Museum with interpretive guide to explain the restoration process at summit and volunteer participation
- Schedule of construction for proposed relocation of trails

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