European Exploration and Settlement

1609

Henry Hudson first
Sails up the river which will bear his name

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Late 1600’s

A ship commanded by Captain Anthony Hogans sailed up the river and a mate looked at the enormous size of his captain’s nose and back at the mountain and gave it the name it is known as today.
Town of Doodletown begins to develop just south of Bear Mt.
An early sketch of the west bank of the Hudson River – from Stoney Point to Fort Montgomery

Resource: http://www.hhr.highlands.com/
1776-1783: The Colonies become a Country – Revolutionary War Period

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October – Forts Montgomery and Clinton were defeated by the British, but provided enough resistance to ensure an American victory at Saratoga.
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Industrialization

1600 | 1700 | 1800 | 1900 | 2000

1800s

Peekskill

http://www.catskillarchive.com/rrextra/abnyh.html
http://www.sleepyhollowny.org/shhist.htm
http://www.solanco.k12.pa.us/clermont/fulton/images/Steamboat4.JPG

"The Gun Foundry" by John Ferguson Weir - www.pchs-fsm.org

Washington Irving
William Cullen Bryant

1809
1800s
1825
1600

Industrialization

2000
1800
1700

http://www.catskillarchive.com/cole/cole.htm

1828
1830s
1849

269x594

Peekskill

http://www.saltlibrary.net/archives/index.html
http://www.jessemansfield.com

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1900-1960: Development of A.T. and Bear Mountain Park

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The Palisades Interstate Park Commission is created to protect the area from being quarried.

1900

Haverstraw Landslide kills 20 and destroys entire town due to brick production exacerbating the poor environmental practices in the Industrial Age.

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Mary Harriman, the widow of railroad baron E.H. Harriman donated much of the land of Bear Mountain to PIPC.

PIPC border is pushed down as far south as Dunderberg Mountain.
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1921

Benton MacKaye proposes the extensive idea of a trail along the ridge crests of the Appalachian Mountain range.

Benton MacKaye
Raymond Torrey opens the first footpath that was intentionally designed as part of the AT in Bear Mountain State Park, New York.
The AT Conference convenes. A mix of volunteers consisting of Major Welch, Benton Mackaye, and Raymond Torrey are present.
In August, the AT is fully completed as a continuous 2,100 mile footpath from Maine to Georgia. The Bridle Path is constructed.
A hurricane destroys much of the AT in New England and the trail is no longer made continuous until 1951.
The National Trail System Act is passed and the AT becomes a natural scenic trail under federal protection and the NPS has the trail mapped by air.
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Development of Bear Mountain State Park


Ski Jumping

Bear Mountain Inn

River Dock

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1915
Bear Mountain Inn
Bear Mountain Bridge

1924
Perkins Memorial Tower

1934
Perkins Memorial Drive
Trailside Museum

Resources:
http://www.nysba.net/bridgepages/bmb/bmbpage/history/bmb_history4.htm
1960 - Present: Development and the Birth of Modern Environmentalism

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The legal battle begins between the citizens and ConEd over the proposal to build a Hydroelectric plant that would be built on the Hudson.
1965

Bear Mountain State Park buys the last remaining tracts of land in Doodletown.

Remnants of old church at Doodletown
Congress forms the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area “to recognize, to preserve, to protect, and to interpret the significant history and resources of the valley for the benefit of the nation.”

http://www.hudsonrivervalley.net/