Bear Mountain State Park is an oasis away from the hustle and bustle of urban life. Because of this, it sees a high number of visitors in search of a sense of nature and relaxation.
TRANSPORTATION

Access to Bear Mountain

Major Routes
• Palisades Parkway
• I-87 & I-84
• Routes 6, 9W, 16, & 17
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Public Transportation
• Trains and Rails Stations
• Bus Routes and Stops
• Boat Lines

Gateways
• Bear Mountain Bridge
• The Circle
• Palisades Parkway

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The trails at Bear Mountain, to most, are a portal into a different world. They act as guides, for both the common and through hiker, which portray the beginnings of nature and all of its systems.

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Access through Bear Mountain

Trails

- Over 115 miles of trails throughout both Bear Mountain and Harriman State Parks

Most Notable Trails

- Appalachian Trail (21 m.)
- Major Welch (3.3 m.)
- 1777 E & W (15 m.)
- Suffern-Bear Mountain (24 m.)
Conflicts

**Pedestrian & Vehicular Traffic**

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Volume & Trail Conflict

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Access Conflict

- Unclear road directions
- No shuttle from train as alternative to private transportation
- Optional bus stop at Inn is misleading
- Zoo closed in evenings for AT thru-hikers (unclear blazes to alternate route on road)
- Insufficient ADA accessibility

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Recommendations:

Collect data on numbers of visitors and exact parking spaces at park
• Improve parking lots and parking spots by trails
• Improve traffic flow in and out of parking lots by the Inn and tower
• Suggest a shuttle from train stations to the park
• Suggest a permanent bus stop of the Coach Line at the Inn
• Realign A.T. away from Perkins Memorial Drive and avoid intersections as much as possible
• Realign trails to avoid root damage
• Develop parts of trail to make them accessible to less experienced hikers, children and senior citizens
• Make sections of the trail ADA accessible, especially near Bear Mountain Inn and Perkins tower
• Make a uniform sign system
• Find creative solutions for litter collections on trail
• Use connection spaces at trail entrances and facilities for educational information about
  the trail blazes, trail maintenance, history, culture, aesthetics, geology, hydrology, ecology,
  climate and landform

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Bear Mountain State Park is a very beautiful and enjoyable place for people to visit and recreate. Because of this, though, we feel that it should be a pristine example of environmentally conscience trailways throughout the country.