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a means of lowering barriers by creating a clear interconnected experience that its users can enjoy
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Users and their Barriers
Focus User Groups
• Persons with Disabilities
• Extended Family
• Non-English Speaking Guests
• Urban Visitors

The Appalachian Trail has diverse user groups.
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Users and their Barriers

Barriers Experienced by User Groups:
• Major Road and Parking Lot Safety Issues
• Lack of Parking Spaces
• Unclear signage and entrance to Park
• Lack of Languages and Communication
• Unclear Trail Instructions
• Lack of Wheelchair Access
• Lack of transportation systems to and from points of interest
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Broad Focus:
To the Mountain
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Broad Focus- To the Mountain

Shuttle 1 Option
- Harriman Train Station
- Anthony Wayne parking lot
- Bear Mountain Inn

Shuttle 2 Option
- Manitou Train Station
- Peekskill Train Station
- Ferry stop
- Bear Mountain Inn
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Broad Focus-To the Mountain

Shuttle 3
A.T. and Nature Walk
Perkins Memorial Tower
Old Perkins Memorial Drive
Bear Mountain Inn

EXPLORING THE A.T. AT BEAR MOUNTAIN

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Intermediate Focus: The Trails
Intermediate Focus - Trails

- A.T. Route Design
- Nature Walk Trail

Accessibility Break Down

**Green** – ADA Accessible

**Yellow** – Limited to Difficult

**Red** – Avid Hiker

The Realignment of the AT would give better access to more users and create environments that benefit them. The portion the AT that runs from the Inn to the Dam is ADA accessible while the Nature Walk (Old Perkins Road) can be ADA accessible but is recommended for Limited Hikers and Day Trippers.
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Intermediate Focus

The Junctions would be part of the Assembly and Dispersal Experience. By bringing the users together, feeding them information, and then dispersing them into different areas. This occurs in numerous areas as pictured on the map.
Intermediate Focus - Trailhead

Gathering Centers

- Trailhead by Inn
- Intersection of A.T., SBM, Perkins Memorial Drive Loop, Nature Walk
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Intermediate Focus- Nature Walk Entrance

This is the Entrance to the Nature Walk. With the shuttle service having an option to stop here, it will allow users to experience an enjoyable and leisurely walk while using an already existing trail. It is possible to make this trail ADA accessible.
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Intermediate Focus- Dam Area from the Inn

This Design:

• Would be open to all users. Especially users with disabilities as a point of destination and assembly area

• Bridges the intermittent stream while providing information and coverage for users

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Specific Focus: The Facilities
This Design:

- Funnels People to Gathering Places like Welcome Center, Trailhead, and Inn
- Creates Safe Pathway for Visitors to walk through after parking car
- Plantings and Walls buffer View of Parking Lot from higher points on Bear Mountain
New Visitors Center

This Design:

- Creates a Point of Destination for motorists to aim for and then ushers them through to park
- Creates facilities like Offices, Bathrooms, and a Gift Shop for both visitors and volunteers
- Adjacent to Bear Mountain Inn and Other Facilities

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Thank you