Ecotourism is defined as:

• Travel that is ecologically sensitive and environmentally responsible and improves the welfare of the local people.

Addressing the ecotourism at bear mountain includes:

Park arrival sequence          Destination Spurs
Environmental Impact        Sustainability
Trail Heads and Location
Why is ecotourism important to Bear Mountain?

Who are Ecotourists?

What do they see when they get to Bear Mountain?
ECOTOURISM

REALIGNING THE A.T. AT BEAR MOUNTAIN

SEE
ECOTOURISM

ARRIVE

REALIGNING THE A.T. AT BEAR MOUNTAIN
Enclosing the parking area with native tree and shrub plantings will Define and Direct.
SEE

A bright display of native stones and plantings. An attractive taste of what is to come.
ARRIVE

Signage on erratic and a special paving pattern on the main trail will Direct.
ECOTOURISM

PARK

MAIN TRAIL HUB

Info on:
Spurs and Trails
Difficulty
Accessibility
Length
Perhaps the open backpack of a Thru-Hiker? Or a 3-D model of Bear Mountain.

Perhaps they want to hike the new A.T.?
The realignment of the A.T.

- Peter Jensen, a leader in Trail design, suggested Options for the A.T. North face “Option 1” and South face “Option 1” for the new A.T.
ECOTOURISM

Trail on Ecosystem Map

REALIGNING THE A.T. AT BEAR MOUNTAIN
Ecological Trail Spurs

• A main A.T. realignment will incorporate 14 ecologic trail spurs.

A trail with Spur Offers:

• Choice of a direct hike

• Experience of native flora and fauna, as well as views.
ECOTOURISM

Rocky Summit Grassland
An example of an entrance to an ecologic spur:
Subtle and Educational
Ecotourism is preserving and promoting.

Education
Innovative trail design
Low impact trail construction
Old trails will be re-planted and re-graded
Ecotourism minimizes negative impact on the environment and its resources thus preserving it for future travelers.

Creating:

- Arrival experiences
- Main Trail Hub
- New A.T. Realignment
- Trail Spurs

Increasing potential and patronage