The ideal hike makes logical connections to a wide variety of environments, views, and experiences.
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Design Principles:

- Follow in spirit of the ATC
- Lead the trail through a variety of Bear Mountain’s environments and experiences.
- Respect the ecology of the sites.
- Expose views (Anthony’s Nose, Dunderburg, Hudson River, NYC, Highlands).

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Goals:

- Highlight best aspects of Bear Mountain
- Create more functional and sustainable trails
- Clear communication of information at trailheads
- Develop a consistent user base, hikers who continue to return to Bear Mountain as their access point to the AT.

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Park Arrival Sequence:

- Geared toward park visitors and drive-in hikers at the base near the Bear Mountain Inn
- Geared toward thru-hikers at north and south ends of AT within Bear Mountain

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Trail Location:

-Our trail leads through various parts of Peter Jensen’s Eastface Option 1, the old AT, the existing AT, and other new locations.

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Trail Head – AT Northern Entrance:

- Located within proximity to crosswalk
- Sign indicating arrival at Bear Mountain and the AT

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Trail Head – Base:

- Information center at base trailhead
- Model of Bear Mountain
- Hiking Basics Tutorial
- Brochures
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Trail Head – AT Southern Entrance:

-Located near Seven Lakes Drive, set back into trail across street from old parking lot (which needs repair)
"The Trail leads not merely north and south, but upwards to the body, mind and soul of man."

- Myron H. Avery