Inspiring people to become stewards of the environment by Volunteering resources toward development and maintenance of trails.
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**Programs**

- Highlight the Appalachian Trail Experience
- Celebrate Trail Contributors
- Create a Model Trail-Building Program

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Highlight the Appalachian Trail Experience

A showcase trail

Re-routed trail selected based upon:

- Extraordinary construction opportunities
- Access to re-route during construction
- Location of Trailhead

Significant Construction Sites

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Extraordinary construction opportunities

Example of stone pinning to support steps
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Other trails provide access to significant construction sites during the building process.

Accessible construction sites

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Benefits of minimal construction areas: access

• Access to construction sites
• Less physically demanding
• Examples of historic construction

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Summit Restoration: developing new volunteer opportunities

- Eliminate disruptive traffic
- Improve environmental impact

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Honoring current volunteers and historical contributors

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Honorary Garden: celebrating past and present volunteers

- Establishes park program for visitors
- Acknowledges Appalachian Trail
- Provides direction in park

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Celebrate Trail Contributors

Museum: an inspiring history

History of the trails at Bear Mountain exhibit the importance of volunteers and contributors to its development.

Views from Honorary Garden to Museum in PIPC building

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Celebrate Trail Contributors

Trailhead: A commanding presence

- Trail shelters establish context for A.T. beyond Bear Mountain
- Honorary Tower foreshadows tower at summit
- Provides connection to Demonstration Area

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Create a Model Trail-building Program

Understanding trail construction through interaction

• Demonstration Area
• Education Programs

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Demonstration Area: The trail didn’t get there by itself!

Provides a permanent exhibit of trail construction

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Education Programs: Applying beyond...

- Tours of trail building in progress
- Lectures
- Day to week-long workshops
- Professional Internship programs

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‘Constructing Connections: Visitors to Volunteers’ is an ideal proposal with bold and inspiring programs that can generate interest to drive its development.