

# Gateway

The Appalachian Trail (A.T.) is a gateway into the backcountry – to wild places, quiet places, and nature. The A.T. on Bear Mountain was redesigned with this in mind. It offers access to some of the most spectacular areas of the mountain, utilizing responsible and sustainable construction methods. Every time something along the Trail makes you say “Wow!” it’s because it was designed to do so. The feature here is called a gateway, which takes you through a narrow area and urges you to explore beyond it.



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**ABOVE** Trees act as a gateway by framing the trail.

**RIGHT** Rock gateways help define the direction of the trail and can add a sense of adventure.

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