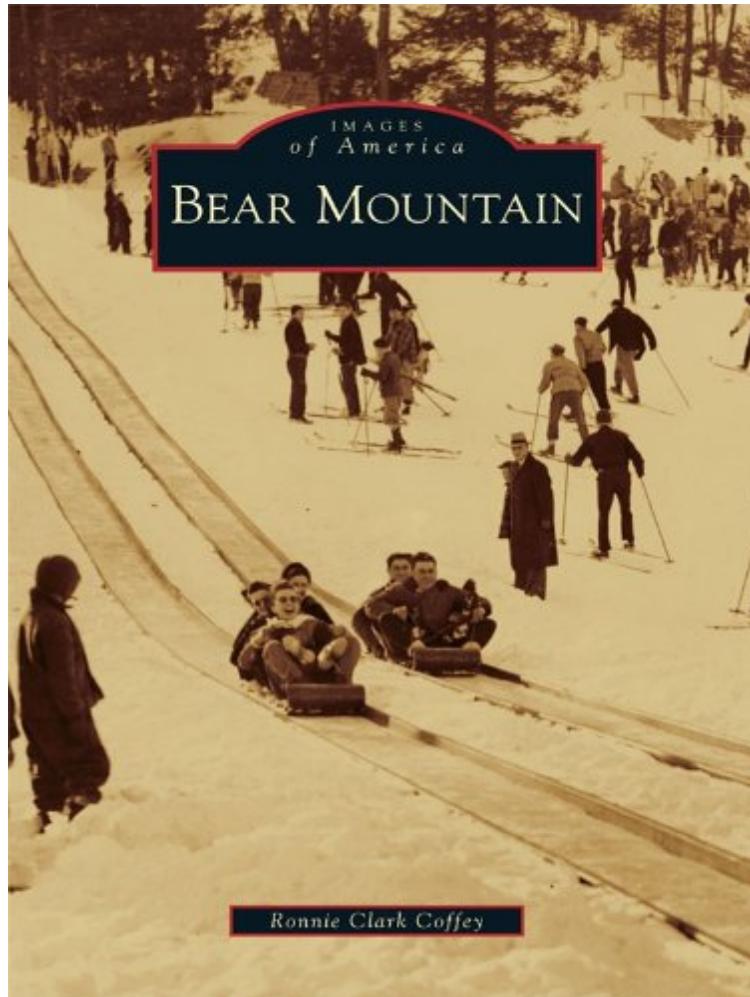


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is for you.

Bear Mountain, once home to Native Americans and early settlers, had evolved by the 20th century into one of the nations most outstanding public parks. Threatened by quarrying operations and the relocation of Sing Sing Prison, this integral section of the Hudson Highlands was saved by the combined efforts of local citizens and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission. Graced by a deep, picturesque lake at the foot of the mountain and accessible by riverboat, train, and automobile, Bear Mountain State Park became a playground for New York City residents. Visionary park management enabled the park to expand, encompassing nature exhibits, a zoo, camps, and restaurants. It continues to be a year-round recreation center featuring hiking, boating, swimming, and cross-country skiing.

About the Author Ronnie Clark Coffey is a historical researcher, teacher, and lecturer. She is a longtime resident of the Highlands and has frequented the park since her childhood. She is a member of the New York and New Jersey Trail Conference and the former executive director of the Constitution Island Association at West Point. The vintage images in this book have been compiled from public archives as well as personal collections.