

Sense of place as generated by tourism and leisure activities in protected wildlife areas : a meta-synthesis

Luci, A. R., Bon, A. L., Carmody Lobo, S., & Santos Henriquéz, R. (2018). Sense of place as generated by tourism and leisure activities in protected wildlife areas: a meta-synthesis. PASOS: Revista de Turismo y Patrimonio Cultural, 16(3), 701-716. <10.25145/j.pasos.2018.16.050> Accessed 10 Mar 2021.

Abstract

The present article offers the results of a meta-synthesis of specialist literature on sense of place as ascribed by tourists and residents to protected wildlife areas, with the aim of comparing whether these views coincide independent of the social and environmental contexts. A review and interpretation of the existing literature on the subject was carried out to understand the social construct of sense of place. The constructs of (1) social relations, (2) nature, (3) experiences in protected wildlife areas, (4) benefits, and (5) individual, family and community identity were identified as general categories influencing sense of place for both visitors and residents to protected wildlife areas. This knowledge is basic when designing and developing experiences that strengthen the bonds of tourists with the natural environment..

Keywords

attachment behavior, leisure sociology, social bonding.