

Abstract

The thesis deals with skiing, one of the major winter sports activity. The disadvantage of down hill and cross country skiing is their demandingness of localization assumptions and sufficient infrastructure. The region of Šumava is one of the parts where skiing has been developed from its early beginning. This region is specific because of its location and sociopolitical development in 20

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century in comparison with other parts in the Czech Republic.

The main objective of this thesis is to demonstrate the chronological summary of skiing in this region, to analyze present importance of winter recreation in Šumava by evaluating equipment of resorts and conditions for skiing, and to evaluate advantages and disadvantages of the region in comparison with other winter resorts in the Czech Republic. One part of the thesis is the survey that illustrates the perception of Šumava's attraction for university students. At the end the possibilities of skiing development in Šumava region are mentioned.

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