

Abstract

Title:

Holiday and some selected movement activities of wheelchair persons in Šumava National Park and Preserved Area

Objective: The purpose of this work is to find out possibility of recreation for handicapped persons in Šumava National Park and its Preserved Area and to describe new, suitable routes for wheelchairs persons in this area. The next objective is to compare the quality of life of people with handicap and persons without it.

Methods: This is empirical study, in a view range pilot study, in which the quantitative methodological access is used. The following methods of observation were chosen:

Questionnaire: a standardized test – “Questionnaire of the quality of life SQUALA-CZ” (Dragomirecká, 1997).

Interviews: Receiving opinions on the available recreational activities an the Šumava National Park and its Preserved Area from its various workers, questioning handicapped and non-handicapped recreant groups of people spending their holiday at this specific area.

Results: We found out that sport and holiday in nature have positive effect for quality of life of all interviewed groups. Furthermore, we found out that handicapped persons receive lesser standard in terms of their quality of life during their holiday, which is closely connected with their handicap, as well as with the available recreational facilities. Positive influence of holiday in nature should reduce negative consequence of handicap as well as bring better quality of life to handicapped persons.

Key words: holiday, handicapped person, wheelchair person, quality of life, barrier-free accommodation, movement activities for wheelchair persons, Šumava National Park and Preserved Area.