

Special Issue

Sustainable Pathways in Geotourism and Environmental Protection

Message from the Guest Editors

The concept of sustainability is central to geotourism, and serves as a fundamental operating principle. Geotourism, which focuses on exploring Earth's geological heritage (geological processes, forms, formations, and phenomena), is inherently and closely linked to the ideas of sustainable development and conservation. We seek contributions offering a variety of methodologies. Suitable approaches include the following: empirical research; detailed case studies; conceptual analysis; critical and meta-analysis; big data analysis; text mining; bibliometric analysis; and qualitative research. Research employing geographic mapping and other methods for address carrying capacity are welcomed. Research studies using in-depth personal interviews to understand community attitudes, as well as analyses confirming stakeholder involvement, are also welcomed. Studies that incorporate environmental monitoring and the use of sustainability indicators to measure the impacts of tourism are also desirable. In conclusion, the development of geotourism sustainability reflects the need for an integrated, interdisciplinary approach to geopark management.

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