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THE PARTICIPATION OF BALIKESIR CITY PEOPLE IN THE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY THEY LIVE AND THE DETERMINATION OF ADEQUACY LEVELS OF LOCAL RECREATION FACILITIES

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EXTENSIVE SUMMARY

Recreation is an important phenomenon for the happiness of the community and for the individuals to participate in recreational activities in their cities in the short term or daily leisure, the development of facilities is an important issue. The aim of the study is to determine the Balıkesir city people's assessments on their participation in recreational activities in the City and adequacy levels of local recreation facilities through the survey. Individuals surveyed were selected by random sampling method, 510 valid questionnaires were evaluated and results were analyzed by using several statistical techniques. Although the findings are varied and detailed, some of them are remarkable. According to the findings striking, inadequacy perception of the newcomers to the city is much more and as long as the residence time increases, the inadequacy perception further increases. Moreover, in those with higher education and income levels, inadequacy perception is more. Being a civil servant also leads to be more inadequacy perception. Such determinations, the reasons of which have been referred to in this study, bring about some important policy implications. These implications have also been addressed in the study. While there are some obstacles that make it difficult for individuals to participate in recreational activities, the determination of the fact that the adequate recreational facilities can be regarded as "Inadequate" after eliminating obstacles and have to be reconsidered is an important finding of the study.