

## **Recreational Habit of Izmir Metropolitan Residents and Their Association with Natural Parks around the Town**

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**Abstract:** In the present study, recreational habits and attitudes of metropolitan residents of İzmir town of Turkey were aimed to be determined using the recreational activities in the natural parks around the town. First, human profile of İzmir, the third ranking town in terms of coming migrants, was revealed and then recreational behaviours of the residents were analyzed. Using these analyses, natural parks around the town were evaluated in terms of their location, resources and availability of various recreational activities. Within the scope of the study, data from a questionnaire conducted over 1550 respondents in the town of İzmir were analyzed using SPSS software. In addition to revealing recreational habits and behaviours of the residents, differences in recreational habits among the residential areas depending upon demographic structure were also found out.

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