

The Diversity of Ecology and Nature Reserves as an Ecotourism Attractions in Jordan

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Abstract

This research paper aims to explore ranges of mountains in Jordan which contain various types of tourist attractions exemplified by high green mountains in the Central Region, Ajloun, which are covered by many different trees. Alongside these mountains there is a large animal reservation and a tourist lodging built by using wood. This research will examine the effects of eco-tourism on the local community economically and socially.

A completely different range of desert mountains in the South Region, in Wadi Rum, which is an eco-tourism attraction, will be tackled in this paper to discuss various components of tourist attractions such as mountain climbing, hiking and desert exploration.

The research shows the influence of such tourism in improving life standards of local community and the sustainability of tourism in both geographical areas and their proximity to archaeological sites which can be included in tourist programs.

The methodology of this research is descriptive and supported by field trips and meetings with members of local communities.

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