



Geoheritage and Geotourism Resources

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The term geoheritage refers to a peculiar type of natural resource represented by sites of special geological significance, rarity or beauty that are representative of a region and its geological history, events and processes. These sites are also known as “geosites”. “Geotourism” is an emerging type of sustainable tourism that concentrates on geosites, furnishing visitors with knowledge, environmental education and also amusement. In this sense, geotourism may be very useful for the geological sciences. The improvement of geological knowledge is a basic resource for the social and economic development of any community. These steps are of fundamental importance for territorial planning policies that aim at controlling and mitigating the risks associated with natural disasters. Geotourism may also be useful for the promotion of protected areas (natural parks and geoparks).

The main aim of this Special Issue is to outline the role of geoheritage and geotourism as potential tools for educational and touristic development. Papers dealing with related topics are welcome.





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