

Tourist dispersion around a trail in „Wąwóz Homole” (Homole Gorge) nature reserve

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Abstract

A tourist traffic intensity study outside marked tourist paths has been carried out in the Homole Gorge nature reserve. It was found that during the summer season, the proportion of tourists wandering off the marked path amounts to ca. 13.03% of the total number of visitors to the reserve. With the increasing popularity of this area this translates into a load of between ten and twenty thousand persons per season.

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