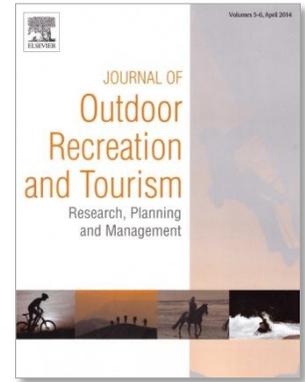


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Risk in Outdoor Recreation and nature based Tourism

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In outdoor recreation and nature based tourism the term “RISK” seems to result in two opposing behaviors: On one side, perceived risks and the associated uncertainties can prevent people from engaging in certain nature-based recreational activities or visiting specific destinations. On the other side, risk can also be an important part of the appeal of an outdoor activity and contribute considerably to the recreational experience. In this special issue of JORT, we would like to summarize the growing knowledge in the field of risk in outdoor recreation and nature-based tourism, including the examination and discussion of *user group characteristics*, *risk assessment methods*, *risk behavior patterns* and *risk management practices* among amateur recreationists, professionals engaged in these activities and recreation providers. We like to discuss questions like:

- How risky are nature based recreational activities? How can we measure the overall risks accurately and compare them to other activities? How do the measured risk levels compare with the societal perceptions of these activities?
- What drives the attractiveness of 'risky' outdoor activities? Which segments of nature-based recreationists prefers risk-neutral activities, which segment is attracted to activities with higher levels of risk?
- How do recreationists assess and manage the involved risks? How are these risks managed by professional guides and recreation providers? What are acceptable levels of risk?
- How do external influences, such as the layout of a resort, rescue infrastructure, equipment design or the presence of other groups affect recreational risk behaviour? How do societal factors, such as the extreme sport culture, affect recreational risk taking behaviour?
- Will climate change lead to new and unexpected risks with far reaching consequences on nature-based recreation opportunities and behavior?

This special issue of JORT aims to bring together the diverse perspectives from research on different nature-based recreational activities and provide a platform for examining these themes in research articles that advance our theoretical and applied understanding of the involved risks and their management.

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